Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From	Period start date			To	Period end date		
	01	January	2025		31st	December	2025

Section A Reference and administration details

Charity name	South Staffordshire & District Beekeepers Association
Other names charity is known by	
Registered charity number (if any)	519681
Charity's principal address	9 Woodhaven, Woodseaves, Stafford
Postcode	**ST20 0LL**

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	Wendy Woodward	Chair		
2	Rev DAVID PRIMROSE	Education Lead		
3	Allan Paul Twibill	President		
5	Penelope Anne Darlington-Twibill	Secretary		
6	Alasdair Lewis	Membership Secretary		
7	Alan Rodney Brewin	Joint Apiary Co-ordinator		
8	Mary Ann Christine Brewin	Joint Apiary Co-ordinator		
9	Edward James Bennett	Treasurer		
10	Dr. Martin Davies	Health & Safety lead		
11	Kevin Rowe			
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Names of the trustees for the charity, if any, (for example, any custodian trustees)

Name	Dates acted if not for whole year

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address

Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)

Section B Structure, governance and management

Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document (eg. trust deed, constitution)	Constitution
How the charity is constituted (eg. trust, association, company)	Unincorporated Association
Trustee selection methods (eg. appointed by, elected by)	Trustees eligible for re-election or new trustees are elected at the AGM held in March each year

Additional governance issues (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant, about:

- policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees;
- the charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works;
- relationship with any related parties;
- trustees' consideration of major risks and the system and procedures to manage them.

Membership of the Trust, obtained through various categories of membership, is open to anyone, usually in the South Staffs area, who has an interest in beekeeping. The trustees oversee the day to day running of the association. The trustees seek the view of the members in deciding the activities to run. This is often through newsletters that are sent to members every month.
All the trustees give their time voluntarily and receive no renumeration or other benefits.

The association has a

- data protection and privacy policy.
- Internal charity financial controls policy and procedures
- Risk management
- Safeguarding policy and procedures
- Safeguarding vulnerable beneficiaries
- Trustee conflicts of interest policy and procedures
- Volunteer management

It is affiliated to the British Beekeepers Association.

Section C Objectives and activities

Summary of the objects of the charity set out in its governing document

TO PROMOTE AND FURTHER THE CRAFT OF BEEKEEPING

We adopt a staged approach to implement this by, firstly:

- Sustaining our membership by training people who express an interest becoming beekeepers.
- Recruiting newly trained beekeepers to join the Association so they can further develop their expertise.
- Offering the Association's membership continued learning opportunities to enhance their practice
- Disseminating to the membership revisions in legislation and government guidance, new research and practice updates as it impacts beekeeping.

And secondly, by:

- Working with partners, e.g. the National Trust, and Forest of Mercia CIC to ensure the Association's apiaries are in suitable and safe locations within their sites and that their visitors are not unnecessarily adversely impacted by the presence of honeybees.
- Promoting the craft of beekeeping and the role of honeybees in sustaining the environment within the wider public arena and educational institutions.

Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit in relation to these objects (include within this section the statutory declaration that trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit)

In planning the associations activities for the year, we kept in mind the Charity Commission guidance on public benefit at our trustee meetings.

The main activities are to further the activity of beekeeping to new and existing members through courses, mentoring and mutual support. We pride ourselves in being a very friendly club with a heritage going back 110 years. In summary the association provides for the public:

- Buildings/facilities/open Space.
- Advocacy/advice/information.
- Environmental considerations and help to increase bee population
- The removal of honey bee swarms from public places

We welcome new members every year through our beekeeping experience days and beginner beekeeping course. New members can often bring a new skill set to the association committee.

Additional details of objectives and activities (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include further statements, where relevant, about:

- policy on grantmaking;
- policy programme related investment;
- contribution made by volunteers.

Section D Achievements and performance

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

The association has had another successful year.

At the end of the year membership stood at 176 active members across the various categories.

Key achievements across both apiaries include:

- Managing the health and wellbeing of over 30 colonies.
- Successfully bringing the majority of colonies through the winter, ensuring regular checks, feeding, and treatments were implemented.
- Maintaining an environment with experienced beekeepers that provides support and learning opportunities for new beekeepers.
- Learning and developing new beekeeping practices, particularly Varroa Sensitive Hygiene (VSH), as part of our gradual move towards treatment-free beekeeping.
- Harvesting and extracting two honey crops yielding approximately 675 lbs (306 kgs.)
- Continuing to contribute to and support simultaneous Beginner Beekeeping Courses across both apiaries.
- Supporting the Education Team to deliver advice, teaching, examinations, and Honeybee Experience events.
- Proactively participating in the yellow legged Asian hornet advisory groups.
- Visiting schools and education institutions to widen young people's knowledge about honeybees and their role in sustaining a balanced and healthy environment.
- Continuing to deliver a honey bee swarm collection service at a zero costs to the public.

Regarding events we hold weekly bee talks in the spring and summer to support our members. We also have a stall at the Staffordshire County Show to promote the art of bee keeping and widen the general public's awareness of the benefits of the honeybee to the environment. We joined a National Trust Heritage day to bring awareness of our apiary on the Shugborough site to raise public awareness and partnered with the National Trust for their annual Christmas event to promote the work of the Association and the threat posed by the incursion of the invasive species, the Yellow Legged Hornet.

We also ran the Annual Association Honey Show so our members can display their bee keeping products for formal judging and which acts as a precursor for some members to enter the Annual National Honey Show

Various reports are prepared by the committee members and presented to the AGM. These give more detail on the activities of the association during the year

Section E Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves	The charity maintains general funds in the form of cash in its two CAF accounts. The balance at 31/12/25 was £53,268. These funds would cover 2.5 years of current association outlays.
Details of any funds materially in deficit	None

Further financial review details (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant about: • the charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising); • how expenditure has supported the key objectives of the charity; • investment policy and objectives including any ethical investment policy adopted.	The charity had another successful year, increasing its general funds by £10,218 to £53,268. See the detailed Treasury report presented as part of the pack at the AGM. The principle source of funding is member subscriptions, payments for bee keeping courses put on by the association and some fundraising.

Section F Other optional information

Section G Declaration

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)	P A Darlyk-Twist	
Full name(s)	PENNY DARLINGTON-TWIST	
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	SECRETARY	

Date 17/12/2026

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Appendix A - Receipts and payments accounts for Year Ended 31st December 2025

CHARITY COMMISSION FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Charity Name	No (if any)
SOUTH STAFFORDSHIRE AND DISTRICT BEEKEEPERS	519681

Receipts and payments accounts — CC16a

For the period from	Period start date 01/01/2024	To	Period end date 31/12/2025

Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Ancillary Income	8,089	-	-	8,089	11,959
Membership	7,919	-	-	7,919	7,623
Beginners	4,611	-	-	4,611	4,850
Fundraising Income	4,183	-	-	4,183	3,294
Honey Bee Experience	2,560	-	-	2,560	1,600
Interest	864	-	-	864	860
Events	178	-	-	178	411
Donation	113	-	-	113	299
***Sub total** (Gross income for AR)*	28,516	-	-	28,516	30,896
A2 Asset and investment sales					
None	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	28,516	-	-	28,516	30,896
A3 Payments					
Apiary Consumables / Ancillary Costs	7,084	-	-	7,084	9,033
BBKA Capitation	3,951	-	-	3,951	3,895
Apiary Equipment	1,978	-	-	1,978	1,485
Apiary Consumables	1,091	-	-	1,091	1,072
Bee Disease Insurance	813	-	-	813	785
Technology	758	-	-	758	344
Storage	720	-	-	720	655
Honey Production	533	-	-	533	614
Beginners	300	-	-	300	300
Events	209	-	-	209	528
Admin	195	-	-	195	650
Education	185	-	-	185	415
Apiary Maintenance	184	-	-	184	75
Rent	145	-	-	145	145
Merchandise Costs	90	-	-	90	1,114
Bank Charges	60	-	-	60	60
Sub total	18,298	-	-	18,298	21,168
A4 Asset and investment purchases	-	-	-	-	
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	18,298	-	-	18,298	21,168
Net of receipts/(payments)	10,218	-	-	10,218	9,728
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	43,050	-	-	43,050	33,322
Cash funds this year end	53,268	-	-	53,268	43,050

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Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	Cash Account	609	-	-
	Gold Account	52,659	-	-
	Total cash funds	53,268	-	-

(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))

	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets	None	-	-	-

	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B3 Investment assets	None		-	-

	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use	Container @ NT Shugborough	Unrestricted	-	-
	Marquees x 2	Unrestricted	-	-
	Silverware	Unrestricted	-	-
	Apiary / Sales Stock Shugborough	Unrestricted	-	-
	Apiary Stock Hilton Green	Unrestricted	-	-

	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
B5 Liabilities	2026 Memberships	Unrestricted	3,583	
	2026 Beginners Course	Unrestricted	2,160	
	2026 Honey Bee Experience Day	Unrestricted	1,120	

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
G Bennett	Ed Bennett	17/02/2026

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Appendix B - Explanatory notes to the accounts

Receipt Notes	Item	Notes – for items > £1k
1	Ancillary Income	£8k main items: Jars £3.7k, Liquid feed £1.5k, Nuc of bees £1.2k
2	Membership	£7.9k see Membership report
3	Beginners	£5.1k see Education report
4	Fundraising Income	£4.1k see Events report
5	Honey Bee Experience	£2.5k
6	Interest	None – Further info available upon request.
7	Events	
8	Donation	
Payment Notes	**Item**	**Notes – for items > £1k**
9	Apiary Consumables / Ancillary Costs	£7k main items: Jars £3.3k, Fondant £1.3k, Liquid feed £1.4k
10	BBKA Capitation	£3.9k see Membership report
11	Apiary Equipment	Largest items: £600 gazebo, £500 Nucs.
12	Apiary Consumables	Wax foundation £580
13	Bee Disease Insurance	None – Further info available upon request.
14	Technology	
15	Storage	
16	Honey Production	
17	Beginners	
18	Events	
19	Admin	
20	Education	
21	Apiary Maintenance	
22	Rent	
23	Merchandise Costs	
24	Bank Charges	

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Appendix C - Receipts & Payments categories

The categories for capturing receipts and payments are outlined below. There may be ad-hoc categories added as necessary.

Category	Category Description	Examples
Receipts		
Ancillary Income	Sale of bee equipment / products to members	Nucs, feed
Membership	Membership Payments received from Members	
Beginners	Beginners Course - Fees Received	
Fundraising Income		Honey & Merchandise Sales
Honey Bee Experience	Honey Bee Experience Day - Fees Received	
Interest	Interest From CAF Account	CAF Bank
Events		
Donation	Donations Received	At membership renewal & sales
Payments		
Admin	Necessities In Running the Society	Postage, Paper, Printer Cartridges, Printer, Room Hire
Apiary Consumables	Short-life or single use at apiary site	Gloves, Tea, Coffee, Wax Foundation, Cleaning products.
Apiary Consumables / Ancillary Income	Purchases made for apiary use and resale to members	
Apiary Equipment	Equipment used for bees and apiary management	Hive Parts (All Inc. Frames Etc), Wax Extractor, Shed, Bee-Suits, Shed
Apiary Maintenance	Costs of maintaining apiaries	Petrol For Mower, Screws, Hammer
Bank Charges	Monthly fee	CAF Bank
BBKA Capitation	Payments Received from Members	Annual Payment to BBKA
Bee Disease Insurance	Payments Received from Members	Annual Payment to Bee Disease Insurance
Beginners	Costs associated with running the beginners course	
Education	Costs associated with running the educational programme	
Events		
Honey Production	Costs for extraction and jarring of Honey	Holt Hall Apiary
Merchandise Costs	Cost	
Rent	Rent for Hilton Green Apiary	Hilton Green
Storage	Cost Of Storage or Rental Space	SureStore & Hilton Green
Technology	Virtual Services	Zoom, Google, Web Hosting

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Independent examiner's report to the trustees of the South Staffordshire and District Beekeepers Associations

I report on the accounts for the charity for year ending 31st December 2025, which are set out above (on pages 1-6).

As the charity trustees, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 (the Act).

I report in respect of my examination of the Trusts accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145 (5) (b) of the Act.

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

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