

# Chalfonts Beekeepers' Society

Registered Charity No. 1121231

## Committee Annual Report, 28<sup>th</sup> November 2017

The Committee present their report together with the financial statements for the twelve-month financial period ended 31<sup>st</sup> August 2017. The Company is a registered charity and the Committee have adopted the provisions of the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities issued in March 2005.

### **Reference and Administration Information**

Charity Name:	Chalfonts Beekeepers' Society
Charity Registration No:	1121231
Registered Office and Principal Address:	87 Bois Lane Chesham Bois Bucks HP6 6DF

### **Committee:**

The committee members in office at the date of this report are:

#### **Officers:**

Mr Edward Townsend – President  
Sister Mary Christa Stanton – Chairman  
Ms Fiona Matheson – Secretary  
Ms Cathy Woolveridge – Treasurer

#### **General Committee members:**

Mr Derek Atkinson  
Mr Paul Burke  
Ms Helen Cave  
Mr Mike Tucker  
Ms Sue Williams  
Mr Mike Walters

#### **Co-opted:**

Mr Mike Knapp

All committee members receive no fees or emoluments other than the reimbursements of expenses. The officers and general committee members are also Trustees for the purposes of charity law.

### **Structure and Governance**

The Society is a registered with the Charities Commission as a 'not-for-profit' charity to advance the education of the public, including members of the Society, in the craft of beekeeping.

The management of the Society is vested in a Committee comprised of four officers of the Society namely, President, Chairman, Treasurer and Secretary, plus not more than six additional members, all of whom shall comprise the Trustees. Four Trustees at Committee meetings comprise a quorum.

The Trustees are responsible for preparing their report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and regulations. The Trustees have reviewed all policies for the year and have put in place a revised safeguarding policy and are also in the process of reviewing and putting into place a revised Data Protection policy.

### **Year in Review**

This year was a busy year for the Chalfonts Beekeepers: we continued to develop the apiary at Stampwell Farm; held an auction in April; ran a candle making workshop; ran very successful Beginners and Developing Beekeeping Skills courses; attended local fetes and shows over the summer; all this in addition to our usual programme of monthly speakers, apiary sessions and preparations for the BBKA exams and assessments.

### **Speakers programme:**

CBS hosted a varied programme of speakers: Stephen Fleming, Drone congregation areas; Derek Mitchell, Insulating hives; Alan Roberts, Asian Hornet-a French Perspective; Adam Leith, Bee Anatomy; Sean Stephenson, Water; Gregory Sutton, Electrical Fields Bees and Flowers; Sarah Petersen, The Flow Hive; Jeff Ollerton, Pollinator Diversity.

### **Membership:**

Throughout the year there were 190 paying members in total: 162 full BBKA members, 26 Associate members, 2 Honorary members and 25 other members.

### **Education:**

*Beginners:* Twenty-five people attended the Beginners course; there were 7 sessions with a frame making session held at the Stampwell Apiary. Paul Burke was the course leader and had several helpers including: Mary Chris & Jim Liness with delivering the course.

*Developing Beekeeping Skills:* Many of the previous years' beginners, took a revamped Developing Beekeeping Skills course, led by Sue Carter. There were presentations from Jonathan Palmer the Seasonal Bee Inspector, Bill Fisher and Fiona Matheson.

*Basic Assessment:* Three beekeepers took and passed the Basic Assessment this year.

*Modules:* Ten people took Modules in November or March this year. Thanks to the module tutors for leading the group sessions and getting the candidates taking the exams through.

### **Apiaries**

The Flexmore Apiary was managed by a team of helpers; there are now four strong colonies there - two national and two commercial; we plan to move this apiary over the winter to a new site in Chesham Bois and it is hoped that next year we will be able to run a queen rearing course.

It has been another very interesting year at the Stampwell Apiary, we continue to learn new things about our bees and the Top Bar Hive has provided us with a lot of this new education.

The number of people visiting the apiary from April to October this year was 223 and a special thanks must go to Jim Liness for all the time he has put into working almost every week on Wednesdays & Saturdays, and thanks also to other bee keepers who have attended and helped us during the year: Chris Read, Mary Bains, Lorna Cox, Deborah Gerrard, Dorothea Jones and David Bascombe.

The current situation:

Hives:	1 Top Bar Hive with 2 colonies
	1 WBC
	2 National
	2 Commercial
	2 Deep National
Nuclei	1 Commercial
	8 National

A total of 9 swarms were collected and housed in Nuc boxes all with new queens from our own stock and will be over wintered to either replace losses or sell on to members of the society.

Honey production was 70lbs generating an income of £350. [120 lbs & £605 income in 2016]

Total expenses for the year were £281.60. A surplus of £68.40

As all hives had a brood break during the year the mite count on all the hives was very low, 2 mites per day over a one week period on two hives - the other hives were all zero. Despite the low count we undertook a demonstration for beginners on two of the hives using Api-Bioxal.

Demonstrations during 2017 included the following:

- Mite Drop Count
- Treatment with Api-Bioxal & Apiguard
- Winter Preparation of hives
- Feeding Hives at different times of the year
- Honey Extraction
- Catching and Marking Queen Bees
- Shock Swarm procedure
- Bailey Comb Change
- Brood Box Combining
- Raising Queens from Queen Cells

For 2018 we plan to sell cut comb from the Top Bar Hive, sell nuclei's and increase the numbers visiting the apiary.

### **Shows**

We attended 5 local village shows to educate the public and sell honey and hive products; the observation hive is a great draw for children. The Honey Show was held at Chalfont St Giles Village Day, with Sue Lang as the judge. We also participated with the other Bucks associations in the Bucks County Agricultural Show and the Bucks County Beekeepers Honey Show.

### **Auction Day**

We held a successful auction of equipment supplied by several members and others who were downsizing. Paul Burke was the auctioneer and did a very good job.

### ***Candlemaking Workshop***

The candlemaking workshop held in March was again a great success with attendees learning how to clean wax and making a dipped candle, a rolled candle, a moulded candle, polish and lip balm. Everyone enjoyed it and many thanks to Sue Carter and Bill Fisher for all the preparations.

### ***Christmas Social***

There was lots of fun to be had at the Christmas social held at St Joseph's with partners, which included live music. The event was very well organised by Gillian Jones and attendance was high showing the importance of getting together to have fun.

### ***Other Events***

Three members gave a well-received talk on the life of the honey bee to the Chorleywood U3A Gardeners group and received a donation for Club funds.

### **Financial Review**

The Society made a small profit this year of £1,836 – largely as a result of contributions made by trading income, 10% donation of auction proceeds from the sale of second hand equipment and for the first time, the apiaries made a net contribution from honey sales. As the Stampwell Apiary is mainly used for teaching, this is a testament to the efforts of Paul Burke.

The aim of the Society is to raise sufficient funds from membership and other activities to support its objectives – teaching the skill of bee-keeping. To this end the Society has a trading arm which supplies its members with bee-keeping equipment. Any surplus made is put back into the Society.

The Society shows a small increase in total reserves, and the bank balances total £13,921. Some of these funds will be used to facilitate the transfer of the Flexmore Apiary to Chesham Bois – to include fencing and the creation of new hedges. This work is anticipated to be completed before the start of the 2018 season.

### **Future Strategy**

In line with the objectives of the Society the Chalfont Beekeepers plan to continue to educate new beginners, develop existing beekeepers husbandry skills, support the undertaking of formal study in the BBKA education system and encourage junior beekeepers to take up the craft.

We plan to move our second apiary to a better location over the winter of 2017/18 and will be able to offer more advanced husbandry training in the next season from the new apiary.

### **Annual General Meeting**

The 2017 Annual General Meeting of the Members of the Society will be held on 28<sup>th</sup> November 2017 at 7.30pm at St Joseph's Parish Centre, Austenwood Lane, Chalfont St Peter SL9 8RY.

Approved by the Committee on Tuesday November 14<sup>th</sup> 2017 and signed on its behalf by

Sister Mary Christa Stanton  
Chairman

# The Chalfonts Beekeepers' Society

## Income and Expenditure Account for the Year ended 31st August 2017

	£	£	£	£
	2016		2017	
<b>TRADING ACCOUNT</b>				
<b>Total sales</b>		14,064		11,132
Opening Stock	9,766		7,920	
Plus purchases	11,302		10,909	
<b>Less: Stock at end of year</b>	<u>-7,920</u>		<u>-8,543</u>	
Cost of Sales		13,148		10,286
<b>Trading surplus</b>		<u><u>916</u></u>		<u><u>847</u></u>
<b>ADMINISTRATION</b>				
<b>Income</b>				
CBS Subscriptions	2,090		2,068	
Beginners course	1,610		1,152	
Other courses - DBS	1,215		700	
Member donations to CBS	149		172	
Non-member donations to CBS (incl. swarms)	108		310	
Donations to BBKA/BDI	201		128	
Social events	620		522	
Subscriptions (BBKA, BQ, Beecraft, BDI)	5,265		4,997	
Auction	2,571		7,211	
Gift Aid	3,278		1,302	
Apiary income	1,118		1,041	
Apiary grant from CDC	500		0	
Interest	10		7	
Miscellaneous	312		152	
	<u>19,048</u>		<u>19,762</u>	
<b>Expenditure</b>				
Hall hire / apiary rental	1,020		880	
Speakers	1,158		648	
Trophy engraving	0		69	
Shows and fetes	148		205	
Course materials & books	1,154		683	
Library books & materials	145		105	
Apiary equipment	936		381	
Apiary consumables	884		681	
Subscriptions (BBKA, BQ, Beecraft, BDI)	5,880		5,703	
Social Events	328		600	
Auction	2,300		6,428	
Donations			500	
Gifts and prizes	13		80	
Bank Charges	0		50	
Miscellaneous	284		212	
Gift Aid to BCBKA	1,497		712	
	<u>15,747</u>		<u>17,936</u>	
	<u>3,301</u>		<u>1,825</u>	
<b>Surplus/-deficit before depreciation</b>		4,217		£2,672
<b>Less: Depreciation of fixed assets</b>		<u>£396</u>		<u>547</u>
<b>SURPLUS/-LOSS FOR THE YEAR AFTER DEPRECIATION</b>		<u><u>£3,821</u></u>		<u><u>£2,125</u></u>

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## Balance Sheet as at 31st August 2017

	£	£	£	£
	2016		2017	
<b>MEMBER'S INTEREST IN THE SOCIETY</b>				
Balance brought forward from last year		18,447		22,268
Surplus for year		3,821		2,125
Balance carried forward to next year		<u>£22,268</u>		<u>£24,393</u>
<b>REPRESENTING:</b>				
<b>FIXED ASSETS</b>		1,586		2,186
<u>Less: Depreciation</u>		396		547
		<u>1,189</u>		<u>1,640</u>
<b>CURRENT ASSETS:</b>				
Cash	81		98	
Deposit account CBS	1,001		1,001	
Deposit account Trading	2,001		2,008	
Current account CBS	3,792		5,039	
Current account Trading	6,284		5,831	
Debtors	0		234	
Stocks of equipment for sale	7,920		8,543	
		<u>21,078</u>		<u>22,754</u>
<u>Less: Creditors</u>		0		0
Net Current Assets		<u>21,078</u>		<u>22,754</u>
<b>NET ASSETS</b>		<u>£22,268</u>		<u>£24,393</u>

I have examined the accounts and underlying processes adopted in preparing these financial statements and found them to be competently and accurately compiled. The Society appears to be properly managed and is not carrying surplus cash reserves that might cause its Charitable status to be questioned.

*Steve Adkins*

Steve Adkins  
16 November 2017