

HALIFAX & DISTRICT BEEKEEPERS ASSOCIATION

TREASURER’S REPORT

2024/2025

Hopefully some of you have had chance to have a look at the Receipts and Payments Account for the year to the 30th September 2025 which is on the HBKA website. I have brought a few copies of the Account with me if anyone would like a copy.

If anyone has any questions about the Account please do ask me at the end of the meeting, or email me and I will do my best to answer your questions.

**INCOME**

Our main sources of income during the year have been membership subscriptions, from both existing and new members and the Beginners Course. The net value of these income items was £1,187.00 and £1,060.60 respectively.

The Halifax Show day was a busy day and demonstrates how popular the HBKA tent is in the showground. Income from the Show amounted to £5,754.09 and payments to the sellers of honey totaled £4,947.30. If anyone is interested in a more detailed account of the income and expenditure for the show please let me know at the end of the meeting and I will email you a copy of the report.

The Gift Aid claim, which increased our income by £1,002.00, is made on our behalf annually by YBKA which has charitable status. This is a valuable source of income for our Association. The online membership renewal form includes a box where members can agree to, or decline, Gift Aid being claimed on their membership subscription. Please do choose “Yes” on the form if your circumstances allow.

We received a belated Grant from YBKA of £100 in relation to the Bee Health Day which was held in the previous year. As previously agreed, 50% of this Grant was transferred to Huddersfield BKA

**EXPENDITURE**

Our main item of expenditure is our capitation fees which totaled £3,148.00. This figure includes our payments to both BBKA and YBKA. The vast majority of our capitation - £21.00 for a registered member – is paid to BBKA, and this figure is increasing to £23.00 next year.

We also paid £539.90 in Bee Disease Insurance Premiums.

Sarah and Matthew Baldry have continued to make improvements at the Southowram Apiary. A total of £1,499.30 was spent at the Apiary this year. This amount includes the purchase of 2 nucs, 2 Poly Hives, a National Hive and frames and foundation. We also now have an official rental agreement in place with Marshalls for the rent of the Apiary land and this costs us £150.00 for the year.

In April we made a £200 donation to the Halifax Show.

The Room Rental figure of £418.75 includes £75.00 which was the cost of hiring St Michael’s Church Hall for our meeting in December when the Good Shepherd’s room was not available.

**ASSETS**

In December 2024 we transferred £6,700 out of the Lloyds Bank Deposit into the United Trust Bank which is managed by YBKA. This increased our balance in this Account to £10,000. The money is invested in a Charity 1 year Bond which pays a 4.61% Fixed Rate.

**MEMBERSHIP**

Our membership at the end of the year was 141 members – which was 23 members less than the previous year. We had 117 Registered members, 18 Partner Members, 2 Junior, 3 Associate and 1 Honorary member.

We have received 55 renewals for the current beekeeping year – it was nearly 70 this time last year - and I would urge anyone who wishes to renew but hasn’t yet done so to renew before the 7th November and take advantage of the reduced price.

Thank you.