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Trustees' Annual Report for the period							
Period start date				Period end date			
	Day	Month	Year		Day	Month	Year
From	01	Oct	2024	To	30	Sep	2025

Reference and administration details

Charity name
Other names charity is known by
Registered charity number
Charity's principal address

Dunblane and Stirling Beekeepers' Association (SCIO)
SC048615
Bridgend Cottage
Cromlix
Dunblane
Postcode FK15 9JU

Names of the charity trustees on date of approval of Trustees' Annual Report

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	David McCrae	Chair		
2	Sheila Gordon	Secretary		
3	Ian Woodburn	Vice-chair		
4	Andrew Kindness	Treasurer		
5	Morag Fraser		From 04/11/2025	
6	Ellen Hall		From 04/11/2025	
7	Scott Thomson			
8	Craig Webb			
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Reference and administration details

Names of all other charity trustees during the period, if any, (for example, those who resigned part way through the financial period)

Name	Dates acted if not for whole year
Carol Kirkpatrick	Stood down 04/11/2025
David Sherard	Stood down 04/11/2025

Structure, governance and management

Type of governing document

The Charity is controlled by its Governing Document, a Deed of Trust, and constitutes a Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation (SCIO).

It is a two-tier structure SCIO and as such the Trustees are appointed by the membership of the Trust.

Trustee recruitment and appointment

All the Trustees are appointed or reappointed by the members at our Annual General Meeting (AGM) held within 15 months of the previous AGM.

Objectives and activities

Charitable purposes

The Charity's main purposes are

- The advancement of education.
- The advancement of the arts, heritage, culture or science.
- The advancement of environmental protection or improvement.
- The advancement of animal welfare.

Specifically, the Charity seeks to advance the heritage, culture and science of apiculture, and to advance the education of apiculture by providing training courses and by producing educational materials on the subject. It also seeks to conserve the natural environment by promoting the importance of bees in the environment.

Summary of the main activities in relation to these objects

The Charity's main aims for the reporting year were to:

- Continue to examine and appraise the various ways in which the Charity operates.
- Ensure there are suitable processes and procedures to allow the charity to continue with OSCR guidelines.
- Improvement work on the association apiary.
- Attract excellent speakers.

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Achievements and performance

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the financial period

The New Beekeepers course participant cap had been reduced to 20 last year to provide a more inclusive experience in the theory lectures but also in the hands on beekeeping element where more time could be spent with each participant. This continued in 2025 and continued to be popular with both lecturers and participants giving positive feedback. This experiment is carrying on in 2026 and will be reviewed at the end of summer. The reduction in New Beekeeper participants has allowed the Apiary team to continue to offer sessions to members with limited experience to gain educational support and guidance “over the hive”.

The Scottish Beekeepers’ Association (SBA) module study group continues to be popular with a full number of participants at both the spring and autumn lectures, with a growing cohort of participants taking and passing the exams. In order to promote the exams and knowledge within the Association, a decision was made to reimburse members their module fee if they sit an exam, this has proved popular with members.

This year we again thank the lecturers very much for their dedication as the Association would not be able to run such a successful new beekeeper’s course or SBA module study group without their voluntary efforts.

The “Bee Health Group” continues to issue best advice on a regular basis to members on bee health, with the Association newsletters highlighting to members where this can be accessed on the Association website.

Apiary maintenance continued during the year with the exterior of the cabin being made good and painted.

As last year, the website continues to be popular with features on the site such as the “Bee Health” bulletin and the “Swarm Collection Service” which provides a service to people in the Stirlingshire area to allow members of the public to report suspected swarms of bees which will then lead to a beekeeper investigating and removing the bees if necessary. The website supports the delivery of a range of resources to members, at competitive costs.

During Winter 24/25 there was again a successful series of discussions, speakers and webinars provided for members.

The Mentoring Service continues to be in demand and is cementing its reputation as a reliable and dependable source of information.

Financial review

Brief statement of the charity’s policy on reserves

The Trustee’s policy is to retain sufficient funds to ensure the long-term future viability of the SCIO and apiary.

Details of any deficit

None

Donated facilities and services (if any)

None

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Other optional information

Declaration

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

Signed on behalf of the charity’s trustees

Signature(s) <i>OSCR will accept digital or typed signatures</i>	Andrew Kindness	David McCrae
Full name(s)	Andrew Kindness	David McCrae
Position (e.g. Chair)	Treasurer	Chair
Date	18 th May 2026	18 th May 2026

Dunblane and Stirling Beekeepers' Association

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Receipts and payments accounts							
For the period from	Period start date			to	Period end date		
	Day	Month	Year		Day	Month	Year
	01	October	2024		30	September	2025

Section A Statement of receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Expendable endowment funds to nearest £	Permanent endowment funds to nearest £	Total funds current period to nearest £	Total funds last period to nearest £
A1 Receipts						
Donations	325				325	384
Legacies					-	-
Grants					-	-
Receipts from fundraising activities	5,587				5,587	2,482
Gross trading receipts	13,181				13,181	13,948
Income from investments other than land and buildings					-	
Rents from land & buildings					-	
Gross receipts from other charitable activities					-	
					-	
A1 Sub total	19,093	-	-	-	19,093	16,814
A2 Receipts from asset & investment sales						
Proceeds from sale of fixed assets					-	
Proceeds from sale of investments					-	
A2 Sub total	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	19,093	-	-	-	19,093	16,814
A3 Payments						
Expenses for fundraising activities					-	
Gross trading payments	13,911				13,911	17,550
Investment management costs					-	
Payments relating directly to charitable activities					-	
Grants and donations					-	
Governance costs:					-	
Audit / independent examination					-	
Preparation of annual accounts					-	
Legal costs					-	
Other					-	
					-	
A3 Sub total	13,911	-	-	-	13,911	17,550
A4 Payments relating to asset and investment movements						
Purchases of fixed assets					-	
Purchase of investments					-	
A4 Sub total	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	13,911	-	-	-	13,911	17,550
Net receipts / (payments)	5,182	-	-	-	5,182	(736)
A5 Transfers to / (from) funds						
					-	
Surplus / (deficit) for year	5,182	-	-	-	5,182	(736)

Section B Statement of balances

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Expendable endowment funds to nearest £	Permanent endowment funds to nearest £	Total current period to nearest £	Total last period to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	Cash and bank balances at start of year	10,355				10,355	11,091
	Surplus / (deficit) shown on receipts and payments account	5,182				5,182	(736)
						-	
						-	
	Cash and bank balances at end of year (Agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	15,537	-	-	-	15,537	10,355
		-	-	-	-	-	-

	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Market valuation to nearest £	Last year to nearest £
B2 Investments				
		Total	-	-

	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (if available) to nearest £	Current value (if available) to nearest £	Last year to nearest £
B3 Other assets					
		Total	-	-	-

	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due to nearest £	Last year to nearest £
B4 Liabilities				
		Total	-	-

	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (estimate) to nearest £	Last year to nearest £
B5 Contingent liabilities				
		Total	-	-

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

Signature*

Print Name

Date of
approval

Andrew Kindness
David McCrae

Andrew Kindness
David McCrae

18th May 2026
18th May 2026

* Please note - OSCR will accept digital or typed signatures

C1 Nature and purpose of funds (may be stated on analysis of funds worksheets)

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If no remuneration was paid during the period to any charity trustee or person connected to a trustee cross this box (otherwise complete section 3b)	X
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Authority under which paid	£

If no expenses were paid to any charity trustee during the period then cross this box (otherwise complete section 4b)	X
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	Number of trustees	£

Nature of relationship	Nature of transaction	Transaction amount (£)	Balance outstanding at period end (£)

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Additional analysis (1)**Analysis of receipts and payments****1 Donations**

	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Expendable endowment funds to nearest £	Permanent endowment funds to nearest £	Total current period to nearest £	Total last period to nearest £
Donations	325				325	384
					-	
					-	
					-	
Total	325	-	-	-	325	384
	-	-	-	-	-	-

2 Grants

	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £			Total current period to nearest £	Total last period to nearest £
					-	
					-	
					-	
					-	
Total	-	-			-	-
	-	-			-	-

3 Gross receipts from other charitable activities

	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Expendable endowment funds to nearest £	Permanent endowment funds to nearest £	Total current period to nearest £	Total last period to nearest £
					-	
					-	
					-	
					-	
					-	
					-	
					-	
Total	-	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-	-

4 Payments relating directly to charitable activities

	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Expendable endowment funds to nearest £	Permanent endowment funds to nearest £	Total current period to nearest £	Total last period to nearest £
					-	
					-	
					-	
					-	
					-	
					-	
					-	
					-	
Total	-	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-	-

Additional analysis (2)

5 Breakdown of unrestricted funds

	Unrestricted fund 1 - enter name of fund below General	Unrestricted fund 2 - enter name of fund below Designated	Unrestricted fund 3 - enter name of fund below Supplies	Unrestricted fund 4 - enter name of fund below	Total unrestricted funds	Total unrestricted funds last period
Receipts						
Donations	325				325	384
Legacies					-	
Grants					-	
Receipts from fundraising activities	5,587				5,587	2,482
Gross trading receipts	5,278	1,512	6,391		13,181	13,948
Income from investments other than land and buildings					-	
Rents from land & buildings					-	
Gross receipts from other charitable activities					-	
Sub total	11,190	1,512	6,391	-	19,093	16,814
Receipts from asset & investment sales						
Proceeds from sale of fixed assets					-	
Proceeds from sale of investments					-	
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	11,190	1,512	6,391	-	19,093	16,814
Payments						
Expenses for fundraising activities					-	
Gross trading payments	7,337	1,227	5,347		13,911	17,550
Investment management costs					-	
Payments relating directly to charitable activities					-	
Grants and donations					-	
Governance costs:					-	
Audit / independent examination					-	
Preparation of annual accounts					-	
Legal costs					-	
Sub total	7,337	1,227	5,347	-	13,911	17,550
Payments relating to asset and investment movements						
Purchases of fixed assets					-	
Purchase of investments					-	
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	7,337	1,227	5,347	-	13,911	17,550
Net receipts / (payments)	3,853	285	1,044	-	5,182	(736)
Transfers to / (from) funds					-	
Surplus / (deficit) for year	3,853	285	1,044	-	5,182	(736)
Nature and purpose of funds						

Additional analysis (3)**6 Breakdown of restricted funds**

	Restricted fund 1 - enter name of fund below	Restricted fund 2 - enter name of fund below	Restricted fund 3 - enter name of fund below	Restricted fund 4 - enter name of fund below	Total restricted funds	Total restricted funds last period
Receipts						
Donations					-	
Legacies					-	
Grants					-	
Receipts from fundraising activities					-	
Gross trading receipts					-	
Income from investments other than land and buildings					-	
Rents from land & buildings					-	
Gross receipts from other charitable activities					-	
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-	-
Receipts from asset & investment sales						
Proceeds from sale of fixed assets					-	
Proceeds from sale of investments					-	
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	-	-	-	-	-	-
Payments						
Expenses for fundraising activities					-	
Gross trading payments					-	
Investment management costs					-	
Payments relating directly to charitable activities					-	
Grants and donations					-	
Governance costs:					-	
Audit / independent examination					-	
Preparation of annual accounts					-	
Legal costs					-	
					-	
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-	-
Payments relating to asset and investment movements						
Purchases of fixed assets					-	
Purchase of investments					-	
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	-	-	-	-	-	-
Net receipts / (payments)	-	-	-	-	-	-
Transfers to / (from) funds					-	
Surplus / (deficit) for year	-	-	-	-	-	-

Nature and purpose of funds

Independent examiner's report on the accounts						
Dunblane and Stirling Beekeepers' Association						
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Period start date				Period end date		
Day	Month	Year		Day	Month	Year
01	October	2024	to	30	September	2025
Set out on pages				5 to 10		
Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner		The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the terms of the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) 2005 Act and the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006. The charity trustees consider that the audit requirement of Regulation 10(1) (d) of the Accounts Regulations does not apply. It is my responsibility to examine the accounts as required under section 44(1) (c) of the Act and to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.				
Basis of independent examiner's statement		My examination is carried out in accordance with Regulation 11 of the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts and seeks explanations from the trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and, consequently, I do not express an audit opinion on the accounts.				
Independent examiner's statement		In the course of my examination, no matter has come to my attention - which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements: - to keep accounting records in accordance with section 44(1) (a) of the 2005 Act and Regulation 4 of the 2006 Accounts Regulations, and - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with Regulation 9 of the 2006 Accounts Regulations have not been met, or - to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.				
Signed:				Date:	19 th May 2026	
Name:		Dr J L BOWIE				
Relevant professional qualification(s) or body (if any):		BSc PhD				
Address:		Braehead Gartmore Stirling FK8 3RW				