

# OSCR

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Trustees' Annual Report for the period							
Period start date				Period end date			
	Day	Month	Year		Day	Month	Year
From	1	October	2023	To	30	September	2024

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

Dunblane and Stirling Beekeepers' Association (SCIO)
SC048615
[REDACTED]

**Trustee name**

Office (if any)

**Dates acted if  
not for whole year**

**Name of person  
(or body) entitled to  
appoint trustee (if any)**

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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

## 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.

## Achievements and performance

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

The New Beekeepers course was changed this year to reduce participants to 20 in order to provide a more inclusive experience in the theory lectures but also in the hands on element where more time could be spent with each participant. This has proved to be popular with both participants and the apiary team so this experiment will continue into 2026 before reviewing. The reduction in New Beekeeper participants has allowed the Apiary team to also 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 some participants taking and passing the exams.

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.

During this year a "Bee Health Group" was set up in order to provide up to date and best practice information on bee health. They also organised a bee health day where members from the Dunblane and Stirling Beekeepers' Association (DSBA) as well as other associations could attend to learn about bee health.

The apiary was upgraded during the year with an old hedge which was in a poor state being replaced with a new modern fence which was met with gratitude by the landowners where the association apiary is sited.

The website continues to be popular with the features already on the site being supplemented by a regular "Bee Health" bulletin as well as a "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 23/24 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

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>	<div></div>	
Full name(s)	<div></div>	
Position (e.g. Chair)	<div>Treasurer</div>	Chair
Date	04 JUNE 2025	4 June 2025

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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
	1	October	2023		30	September	2024

## 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 £
<b>A1 Receipts</b>						
Donations	384				384	2,532
Legacies					-	
Grants					-	
Receipts from fundraising activities	2,482				2,482	7,921
Gross trading receipts	13,948				13,948	10,187
Income from investments other than land and buildings					-	
Rents from land & buildings					-	
Gross receipts from other charitable activities					-	
					-	
<b>A1 Sub total</b>	<b>16,814</b>	-	-	-	<b>16,814</b>	<b>20,640</b>
<b>A2 Receipts from asset &amp; investment sales</b>						
Proceeds from sale of fixed assets					-	
Proceeds from sale of investments					-	
<b>A2 Sub total</b>	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total receipts</b>	<b>16,814</b>	-	-	-	<b>16,814</b>	<b>20,640</b>
<b>A3 Payments</b>						
Expenses for fundraising activities					-	
Gross trading payments	17,550				17,550	17,287
Investment management costs					-	
Payments relating directly to charitable activities					-	
Grants and donations					-	
Governance costs:					-	
Audit / independent examination					-	
Preparation of annual accounts					-	
Legal costs					-	
Other					-	
					-	
<b>A3 Sub total</b>	<b>17,550</b>	-	-	-	<b>17,550</b>	<b>17,287</b>
<b>A4 Payments relating to asset and investment movements</b>						
Purchases of fixed assets					-	
Purchase of investments					-	
<b>A4 Sub total</b>	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total payments</b>	<b>17,550</b>	-	-	-	<b>17,550</b>	<b>17,287</b>
<b>Net receipts / (payments)</b>	<b>(736)</b>	-	-	-	<b>(736)</b>	<b>3,353</b>
<b>A5 Transfers to / (from) funds</b>						
					-	
<b>Surplus / (deficit) for year</b>	<b>(736)</b>	-	-	-	<b>(736)</b>	<b>3,353</b>

## 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 £
<b>B1 Cash funds</b>	Cash and bank balances at start of year	11,091				11,091	7,738
	Surplus / (deficit) shown on receipts and payments account	(736)				(736)	3,353
						-	
						-	
	Cash and bank balances at end of year	10,355	-	-	-	10,355	11,091
	(Agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))						

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

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

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

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

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

Signature\*

Print Name

Date of  
approval

				04 June 2025
				4/6/25

## Section C Notes to the Accounts

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

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## C2 Grants

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### C3a Trustee remuneration

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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### C3b Trustee remuneration - details

Authority under which paid	£

#### C4a Trustee expenses

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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#### C4b Trustee expenses - details

	Number of trustees	£

### C5 Transactions with trustees and connected persons

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

### C6 Other information

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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	384				384	2,532
					-	
					-	
					-	
Total	384	-	-	-	384	2,532

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## 2 Grants

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

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## 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	-	-	-	-	-	-

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## 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	-	-	-	-	-	-

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## 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
<b>Receipts</b>						
Donations	384				384	2,532
Legacies					-	
Grants					-	
Receipts from fundraising activities	2,482				2,482	7,921
Gross trading receipts	5,069	1,513	7,366		13,948	10,187
Income from investments other than land and buildings					-	
Rents from land & buildings					-	
Gross receipts from other charitable activities					-	
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>7,935</b>	<b>1,513</b>	<b>7,366</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>16,814</b>	<b>20,640</b>
<b>Receipts from asset &amp; investment sales</b>						
Proceeds from sale of fixed assets					-	
Proceeds from sale of investments					-	
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total receipts</b>	<b>7,935</b>	<b>1,513</b>	<b>7,366</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>16,814</b>	<b>20,640</b>
<b>Payments</b>						
Expenses for fundraising activities					-	
Gross trading payments	8,798	1,856	6,896		17,550	17,287
Investment management costs					-	
Payments relating directly to charitable activities					-	
Grants and donations					-	
Governance costs:					-	
Audit / independent examination					-	
Preparation of annual accounts					-	
Legal costs					-	
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>8,798</b>	<b>1,856</b>	<b>6,896</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>17,550</b>	<b>17,287</b>
<b>Payments relating to asset and investment movements</b>						
Purchases of fixed assets					-	
Purchase of investments					-	
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total payments</b>	<b>8,798</b>	<b>1,856</b>	<b>6,896</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>17,550</b>	<b>17,287</b>
<b>Net receipts / (payments)</b>	<b>(863)</b>	<b>(343)</b>	<b>470</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>(736)</b>	<b>3,353</b>
<b>Transfers to / (from) funds</b>					-	
<b>Surplus / (deficit) for year</b>	<b>(863)</b>	<b>(343)</b>	<b>470</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>(736)</b>	<b>3,353</b>
<b>Nature and purpose of funds</b>						

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## 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
<b>Receipts</b>						
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					-	
<b>Sub total</b>	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Receipts from asset &amp; investment sales</b>						
Proceeds from sale of fixed assets					-	
Proceeds from sale of investments					-	
<b>Sub total</b>	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total receipts</b>	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Payments</b>						
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					-	
<b>Sub total</b>	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Payments relating to asset and investment movements</b>						
Purchases of fixed assets					-	
Purchase of investments					-	
<b>Sub total</b>	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total payments</b>	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Net receipts / (payments)</b>	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Transfers to / (from) funds</b>						
<b>Surplus / (deficit) for year</b>	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Nature and purpose of funds</b>						

Report to the  
trustees/members of

Registered charity  
number

On the accounts of the  
charity for the period

Set out on pages

## Independent examiner's report on the accounts

Dunblane and Stirling Beekeepers' Association

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**Period start date**

*Day*

*Month*

*Year*

01

October

2023

to

**Period end date**

*Day*

*Month*

*Year*

30

September

2024

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

1. 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

2. to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed:

Date:

13<sup>th</sup> June 2025

Name:

Relevant professional  
qualification(s) or body  
(if any):

BSc PhD

Address: