

MERSEYSIDE BEES & HONEYCOMB
(Charitable Company Limited by Guarantee
without share capital)

ANNUAL REPORT
and
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

for the year ended
31st August 2022



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TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT

for the

Year ended 31st August 2022

Company and Charity Information

Name: Merseyside Bees & Honeycomb

Company Registration Number: 12146680

Governing Document: The organisation is a Charity in Law [as yet unregistered] and Company Limited by Guarantee, governed by Memorandum & Articles of Association, based on the Charity Commission model, adopted on 30th July 2019 and Incorporated [registered] on 8th August 2019.

Registered Office: Flat 2
17 Sandon Street
Liverpool
L8 7NS

**Directors/Trustees
serving during the year** Harold Barrington Chang
Barbara Ainsworth
Keith Talbot

Bankers: Barclays Bank
Liverpool City Business 2
Leicester
LE87 2BB

Independent Inspector: Jan Brooker
CDC Finance Services
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MERSEYSIDE BEES & HONEYCOMB

TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT for the Year ended 31st August 2022

The Company/Charity's Trustees, who are also Directors for the purposes of the Companies Act, have pleasure in presenting their first Annual Report and Financial Statements, for the financial year ended 31st August 2022.

LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Governing Instrument

The Company is constituted as a charitable company limited by guarantee, not having a share capital and is governed by Memorandum and Articles of Association.

Membership

Membership is open to interested individuals interested in promoting the Objects of the Charity and accepted into membership by the Trustees.

Trustees/Directors

The Company's day-to-day work is delegated by the members, to a Board of Directors – who are also the charity's Trustees, who are elected by, and report to, an Annual General Meeting [AGM], that receives an Annual Report and the Financial Statements [Accounts] of the organisation.

One third of the Directors/Trustees stand down at each AGM, in rotation, by length of service, but are eligible for re-election. The Trustees meet as required to manage the business of the Company.

Between AGMs the Trustees are responsible for overseeing the running of the Company - governed by both Company and Charity law/regulations - and for obtaining funding, running projects and allocating resources. Collectively, they are responsible for the overall management of the operations of the Company/Charity.

Having not yet reached the income and expenditure level required for charitable registration, the company has yet to apply for charitable status.

Objects of the Company

The objects are: to promote for the benefit of the public the conservation, protection and improvement of the natural environment by: (a) advancing the education of the public in the subject of bee keeping and related matters and the role of bees in the environment; (b) promoting the survival of bee species and other pollinators, in particular but not exclusively the honey bee; (c) developing and promoting improved and sustainable beekeeping methods & practices for the public benefit; (d) improving the quality of life in the Merseyside area through promoting sustainable bee-keeping, healthy living & environmental improvement; (e) promoting good health and relieving distress and sickness through the appropriate use of honey and related products in diets and nutrition..

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REVIEW OF THE YEAR

Development

During the reporting year Merseyside Bees & Honeycomb received further grant funding for the purchase of equipment and to deliver the balance of a series of local beekeeping workshops, for both adults and children, in conjunction with registered Charity, Acronym Community Empowerment via grant aid that they had received.

Projects

We delivered workshops at John Archer Hall, who kindly continued to let us have free access to their rooftop garden, to house most of the beehives purchased with the grant aid, and as the location for most of the associated training sessions.

Use was also made, for some of the sessions, of the apiary already established at the former Merseyside Caribbean Centre.

The above venues were the location for two film-making crews referred to later on in this Report and also featured in a report on the project in ITV's **Granada Reports**: *"It follows a grant from Liverpool City Region Metro Mayor Steve Rotheram's Community Environment Fund to teach, train and mentor people about beekeeping"*. The project also received a second visit from the Metro Mayor.

Marketing

The organisation has promoted its work widely, and came to the attention of local and national media. We have been pleased that several different media organisations were sufficiently impressed with our collaborative work with ACE to arrange to film some of the group's work, and there have been several other reports in both newspapers and in regional news programmes, as well as reports on funders' web pages.

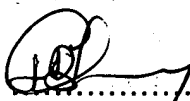
Project promotion successes. Two videos were made for Netflix, **The Bee Whisperer** <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SeBnFFk27ZA>, shown on 20 February 2022 and available on their youtube channel, and by a second independent producer.

There was a video news report [still available] on the project on ITV's **Granada Reports** on 14 September 2021: **They're all buzzing about bees in Toxteth**

<https://www.itv.com/news/granada/2021-09-14/theyre-all-buzzing-about-bees-in-toxteth>

Board

There were no changes to the make-up of the Board of Directors during the year.



Harold Barrington Chang
Director

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for the Year ended 31st August 2022

AUDIT EXEMPTION STATEMENT

For the year ending 31st August 2022, the company was entitled to exemption from audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its accounts for the year in question in accordance with section 476.

The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Act with respect to accounting records and the preparation of accounts.

These accounts have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies' regime.

RESULTS FOR THE YEAR

The results for the year are set out on the finance pages following this report.

RESERVES

The balances [mainly of unspent grant monies] at 31st August 2022 amounted to £141, not taking into account the value of fixed assets in use [which were principally beehives and associated protective clothing] written down at cost by the company.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

During the year, the balance of grant funding, £2,500 was received via the charity, Acronym Community Empowerment [ACE]. A donation of £700 was also received.

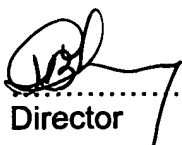
THE FUTURE.

Post Balance sheet events.

The Directors will continue to consider further project proposals to enable it to meet its objects and will develop partnerships and working relationships with other local community organisations to meet our aims and objectives.

A Company Secretary was appointed in September, after this reporting period.

Signed on behalf of the Board of Trustees on 20th May 2023


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Director

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
for the Year Ended
31st August 2022

	Notes	Restricted Funds 2020-21	Unrestricted Funds 2020-21	Restricted Funds 2021-22	Unrestricted Funds 2021-22	Totals 2021-22
		£	£	£	£	£
<u>Incoming Resources</u>	1					
Grants }		5,000	-	2,500	0	2,500
Misc }	2	-	-	-	-	0
Donations }	2	-	-	-	700	700
Bank Interest	3	-	-	-	-	0
Total Incoming Resources		5,000	-	2,500	700	3,200
<u>Resources expended</u>						
Charitable expenditure	4	5,000	-	2,500	412	2,912
Support Costs	5	-	-	-	164	164
Total resources expended		5,000	0	2,500	576	3,076
<u>Net incoming resources</u>		-	-	0	124	124
<u>Net Movement in Funds</u>		0	0	0	0	0
Total funds brought forward		0	17	0	0	17
Unaccounted for surplus (shortfall)		-	-	-	-	-
Total funds carried forward		0	17	0	124	141

All activities of the Company are continuing.

Note 1

Restricted funds

Restricted funds are funds which have been given for particular purposes and projects. The purpose of the restricted funds currently established are as listed.

Unrestricted funds

Unrestricted funds are donations and other incoming resources receivable or generated for the objects of the Company without further specified purpose and are available as general funds.

MERSEYSIDE BEES & HONEYCOMB**BALANCE SHEET**

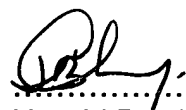
as at

31st August 2022


	Notes	31/08/2022	
		£	£
Current assets			
Cash at bank and in hand		141	
Total current assets		<u>141</u>	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year		250	
Net current assets (liabilities)			
Total assets less current liabilities			<u>(109)</u>
Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year			0
Provisions for liabilities and charges			0
Accruals and deferred income			0
Total net assets (liabilities)			<u>(109)</u>
Capital and reserves			0
Capital assets			0
Other reserves			0
Surplus and deficit account			<u>(109)</u>
Total funds			<u>(109)</u>

- a. For the year ending 30 September 2019 the company was entitled to exemption from audit under section 477(2) of the Companies Act 2006 relating to the small companies regime.
- b. The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of in accordance with section 476 of the Companies Act 2006.
- c. The directors acknowledge their responsibility for:
- ensuring the company keeps accounting records which comply with Section 386; and
 - preparing accounts which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the company as at the end of the financial year, and of its profit or loss for the financial year, in accordance with the requirements of section 393, and which otherwise comply with the requirements of the Companies Act relating to accounts, so far as is applicable to the company.
- d. These accounts have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies regime.

Approved by the Board on 20th May 2023, and signed on their behalf by:



 Harold Barrington Chang
 Director



 Barbara Ainsworth
 Director

MERSEYSIDE BEES & HONEYCOMB**NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS**

for the Year Ended

31st August 2022

	Restricted Funds 2021-22 £	Unrestricted Funds 2021-22 £	Total 2021-22 £
2. Voluntary Income			
<u>Grant Aid:</u>			
via Liverpool City Region	2,500	-	2,500
Donations, etc	-	700	700
	<u>2,500</u>	<u>700</u>	<u>3,200</u>
3. Investment income			
Interest on UK bank deposits	-	-	0
	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>0</u>
4. Charitable Expenditure			
Sessional staff	1,980	-	1,980
Office costs/room and venue hire etc	-	-	-
Equipment & supplies	520	350	870
Travel, Trips, Events etc	-	-	-
Stationery, post, etc	-	14	14
Publicity & Marketing	-	-	-
Misc. Costs (sugar)	-	62	62
Admin, Finance & Accountancy	-	150	150
	<u>2,500</u>	<u>576</u>	<u>3,076</u>
5. Support Costs	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
6. Trustees' Expenses	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>

No remuneration was paid to the trustees; other than for the delivery by a Director with specialist expertise, to run the beekeeping training sessions, delivered at comparable local rates and as allowed by para 6.(4)(C) of the Articles of Association of the Company. No other expenses were claimed and/or reimbursed.

7. Debtors	2022 £
Grants Due	-
Gift Aid Recoverable	-
	<u>-</u>
8. Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	£
Other creditors	0
	<u>0</u>

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Independent Examiner's Report on the Accounts

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Merseyside Bees & Honeycomb

I report on the accounts of the Charity for the year ended 31st August 2022, which are set out on pages 1 to 7.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year (under section 43(2) of the Charities Act 1993 (the Act)) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts (under section 43 of the Act, as amended);
- follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners (under section 43(7)(b) of the Act, as amended); and
- state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's statement

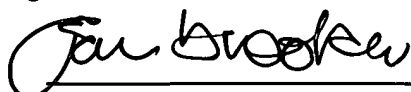
My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking 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 trustees have not met the requirements, to ensure that:
 - proper accounting records are kept [in accordance with section 41 of the Act]; and
 - accounts are prepared which agree with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Act; or
- (2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached [but see amended Note 4].

Signed:



Name: Jan Brooker; Community Development Consultancy
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Address: 40 Arundel Avenue, Liverpool L17 2AU

Date:

