

Stockport Beekeepers Association

Annual General Meeting 12th February 2025

Treasurers Report

Year Ending 31st December 2024

This year's report will be presented in 2 parts. Part 1 will be the normal overview of receipts and payments. Part 2 will provide a more detailed analysis of member benefits during 2024.

Part 1

During 2024 there was a net surplus in cash funds of £4,583 which was a substantial improvement on last year's deficit of (£2,957).

Receipts

Overall receipts of £15,649 were obtained compared to £8,537 in the previous year. This improvement can be accounted for by Training fees being included twice. That is the theory course fees for both this year and next year. £9,072 was raised compared with £3,737 previously.

Also we had a good honey harvest raising £1,722 compared to £266 previously.

Payments

Overall payments of £11,066 were similar to last year's £11,494.

A new venue for the theory course led to a reduction in room hire from £1,575 to £840 costs.

As part of our initiative to provide more membership benefits, we spent £1,074 on honey jars and £3,172 on syrup and fondant.

Donations include £391 for a budget Bee hive to Cheadle High and Cheadle Preparatory school and £131 to Bees Abroad.

Miscellaneous costs (explained) includes £468 for Stockport's share of a book on the history of Cheshire Bee Keepers.

Part 2

This part of the report is intended to provide an update on our efforts to provide tangible benefits to our membership in the form of reduced price syrup, fondant and glass jars.

One of the difficulties In providing this facility last year was the lack of a robust control of the monitoring of sales and stock. We have attempted to correct this problem by opening up the facility of on line sales on our website. There is, however, a transaction fee. WIX charges 2.5% of the order cost and 20p per transaction for bank processing. We have decided to cover the 2.5% charge ourselves and increase the product price to cover the 20p.

At the start of 2024 we had no tubs of ambrosia syrup and 42kg of fondant.. In August we spent £3,172 on 840 kg of fondant and 80 tubs of syrup. We now have 468kg of fondant left of which 24kg has been put on one side for branch use. .Also 44 tubs of syrup remain of which 10 have been put on one side for Stockport apiary use.

With regard to jars we started the year with 35 trays of 8oz hex and 47 trays of 12oz hex. Then in September we paid £1,074 for 64 trays of 12oz hex jars. .Our remaining stock is zero 8oz jars and 4 trays of 12 oz jars