

Border Beekeepers Association

Treasurers Report 2023

It's great to report another good year for our association with regards to its financial position. However, on the other hand, maybe not so good for some of our members who have lost colonies to wasps, myself included losing 3 colonies.

Our current surplus is £10,977.93 which is an increase of £1,716.63 on the previous year.

We will have some considerable cost to come in for the beginner's course as we have some new equipment ordered to enhance the course. A new wooden hive is on order from Thornes which will be used for education purposes only and a polyhive is being considered. We also plan to have another honey spinner as one has past its sell by date. Please note, we do have equipment to loan to members so please make use of it. (Information on our website) As there is a fair distance between the car park and our store at Kelso school it has been approved to purchase a trolley making it easier moving equipment etc., to and fro.

We will continue to bulk buy both syrup and fondant enabling our members to purchase smaller quantities at competitive prices and Wendy Frost will continue to hold our stocks at Langton, near Jedburgh. Many thanks to Wendy for this.

As well as syrup and fondant, we have made 2 bulk purchases of honey jars which has again enabled our members to buy smaller quantities at very competitive rates. This we plan to do again in 2024. Thanks to John Wilkinson for organising this and the helpers who unloaded the vehicles. Again, a big thank you to Wendy as we are using her garage for this and she needs to be around for members collection.

As our finances are in good shape, I propose that the Annual Membership remains at £15.00 for 2024.

2023 Profit & Loss statement attached.

John Dow
Treasurer

Note: 2024 will be my final year as treasurer for our association. For any member wishing to join our committee and take over these reins I will be happy to show him the system as we go through the year to enable a smooth hand over.