

Treasurer's Report AGM 2025

The RBKA balance as of 1st November 2025 stands at £6844.42 split between £621.02 in the Nat West Current Account, £3094.40 in a 35 day notice savings account opened with Nat West plus £3129 in a 12 month fixed rate savings account @4.3% with the Charities Aid Foundation Bank. These savings accounts opened last year have earned £203.20 in interest over the last year at no risk to the Association's capital.

A **Gift Aid claim** for the previous 3 years was processed by YBKA on behalf of RBKA and realised £429.19. It is strongly encouraged that all eligible members opt in to this HMRC mechanism by completing the Gift Aid form on the website and sending to the Treasurer at renewal of membership.

The Gift Aid scheme allows recovery of tax from HM Customs & Revenue that has been paid on a gift. An application to HMRC is made and they pay the refund. RBKA hope that all those who are eligible will sign up to the scheme.

As anticipated in my last AGM report, interest earned reduced in line with bank rates offered but this was offset by the Gift Aid claim and a small margin of bulk purchases.

The Committee successfully applied for a further **grant from the Allison Willis Trust** and received a generous donation of £100 towards the Observation Hive and a further £50 gift was received in relation to our Yellow Legged Asian Hornet awareness and monitoring campaign. The Observation Hive has proven a great attraction at Let's Learn Moor and the Ryedale and Farndale shows this year.

The RBKA balance for the year is broadly the same as at the end of the last financial year. An increase of £496.79 with the financial summary set out in Annex 1 to this report.

It is proposed to keep RBKA membership fees at £6 per member (all classes except Junior and Honorary which continue to be at no charge) to ensure a predictable revenue stream against our known annual **operating** costs.

The capital balance continues to be available for use to encourage new beekeepers and to benefit existing members. A list of **current assets** is given in Annex 2 to this report and includes the Observation Hive and small heather press that were purchased this year.

Please let any member of the Committee know if there are items of equipment that it would be helpful for RBKA to purchase to loan or rent out, so as to save individuals having to buy items they may use only occasionally.

The Beekeeper Beginner's course was a further source of funds with a net contribution this financial year of £166.91. Thank you Rhona and John! Simon is now leading the work to prepare the training syllabus, course materials and speakers for the next time this will be run. Expressions of interest in attending the course can be registered via the website.

Bulk purchase orders for sugar syrup this year cost £1123.04. These costs are paid by RBKA and then invoiced to individual members prior to collection. All cans of Syrup purchased were sold realising a net contribution to the Association of £76.96 despite the price of a jerry can being reduced from £21 to £20. There were insufficient orders from members to warrant purchasing a pallet of fondant this year. YBKA have offered bulk purchase pricing on Yellow Legged Asian Hornet traps and Trappit bait ordered directly from their website and tamper labels ordered via this Association.

The committee would urge members to use these services for their needs. It is a tangible member benefit, offering a significant saving per unit on increasingly expensive feed etc. as well as savings on delivery and transport costs. The savings on one can of syrup more than offset the RBKA element of the membership fee.

Membership numbers have decreased slightly this year to 55 Registered Full Members (including 2 Lifetime), 7 partner and 3 associate members. RBKA typically gain new members: directly via the website; from existing member recommendations; and via the Beekeeping Beginner's Course.

RBKA spent £400.00 on our association **meetings**, including hall rental and speaker fees where applicable, and £284.89 on **administration**, including web hosting, table rental for Farndale and market insurance.

These operating costs of are (approximately) matched by the Ryedale association fees plus earned interest on the capital balance and margin on bulk sales.

Membership runs annually November to November in line with the RBKA AGM.

Full Registered Membership provides a range of benefits including membership of BBKA and YBKA, entitlement to vote, insured for 3rd party liability; as well as the monthly BBKA magazine and access to RBKA, BBKA and YBKA meetings, webinars and training and our Apiary visits.

A Partner Member must live at the same address as the Registered Member and receives the same benefits albeit without duplicate copies of BBKA magazine and direct communications.

Associate members are registered for RBKA only.

Junior membership is a category for anyone under 18 years of age with the same benefits as a Registered Member but at a reduced subscription rate.

BDI premiums and both YBKA and RBKA membership subscription are unchanged for the coming year.

However BBKA have increased their membership rates for Registered Members by £2, for Partner Members by £1.50 and reduced junior membership by £4.50.

Membership cost = RBKA + YBKA + BBKA + BDI basic (+ any additional BDI for >3 colonies)

Total membership costs for 2025 will be:

Full Member = £6 + £3 + £23 + £2 = **£34.00**

Partner Member = £6 + £3 + £15.00 + £0 = **£24.00** (colonies kept are as for the associate Full Member)

Associate Member = £6 + £0 + £0 + £0 = **£6.00**

Junior Member = £0 + £0 + £5.00 + £2¹ = **£7.00** (colonies kept are as for the parent / guardian)

¹ Bees kept by Junior Members whose parents do not keep bees, or who have not insured the Junior's bees on their behalf, can have insurance taken out on their behalf with BDI. Beekeepers under the age of 16 years are unable to take out insurance policies and any policy has to be arranged by a parent or guardian.

BDI Insurance premiums are 'banded' by the number of colonies.

Up to 3 colonies: included in the basic £2.00 subscription above.

The Committee **STRONGLY** recommends that members insure for the **MAXIMUM** number of colonies, including splits, swarm catches etc. that your apiary may grow to at the peak of the season. **ALL colonies on a site must be covered by BDI for the insurance to be valid.** Details of the insurance and compensation rates (which are dependent on the condition of the equipment destroyed!) are available to read at <https://www.beediseasesinsurance.co.uk/join/bdi-premiums-and-cover>

Additional cover is available by paying the additional BDI premium:

Up to 5 colonies in total: £1.20; Up to 10 colonies in total: £4.70
Up to 15 colonies in total: £7.75; Up to 20 colonies in total: £9.50
Up to 25 colonies in total: £11.10; Up to 30 colonies in total: £13.60
Up to 35 colonies in total: £16.10; Up to 39 colonies in total: £18.10

Tim Phillips

RBKA Treasurer

1.11.2025

ANNEX 1	
Financial summary of Ryedale Beekeepers Accounts 24/25	
02-Nov-25	
Balance at 1/11/24	£6,347.63
Nat West Current Account Balance	£621.02
Cash Box	£0.00
Nat West Savings Account Balance	£3,094.40
CAF 1 Year Savings Account	£3,129.00
Increase/(Decrease) of balance on period	£496.79
Summary of Bank Accounts and Cash Box – 2024/25	
Natwest Bank [a/c 501551908]	
<i>Starting Balance – 01/11/24</i>	£1,817.43
Expenditure	£6,934.31
Income	£5,737.90
Transfer from Cash Box	£0.00
Current Balance	£621.02
INCOME/EXPENDITURE - Cash Box	
<i>Starting Balance – 01/11/24</i>	£0.00
Expenditure	£0.00
Transfer to Natwest Bank a/c	£0.00
Income	£0.00
Current Balance	£0.00
Natwest Bank [a/c 50175092]	
<i>Starting Balance – 01/11/24</i>	£1,530.20
Expenditure	
Income	£64.20
Transfer from Current Account	£1,500.00
Current Balance	£3,094.40
CAF 1 YR Savings Account	
<i>Starting Balance – 01/11/24</i>	£3,000.00
Expenditure	
Income	£129.00
Transfer from Current Account	£0.00
Current Balance	£3,129.00

ANNEX 2 – Asset List

Asset #	Description	Location	Purchase Date	Value	Notes
1	Projector	Tim P	2000's	£0.00	Written Down
2	Screen	Stuart	2000's	£0.00	Written Down
3	Refractometer	Simon	1990's	£0.00	Written Down
4	10x YLH Traps	Tim P	3/24	£180.00	
5	YLH Banner #1	Kay	3/24	£40.00	
6	YLH Banner #2	Kay	3/24	£40.00	
7	Pin Boards	Tim P	2000's	£0.00	Written Down
8	Child Bee Suit #1	Tim P	6/24	£40.00	
9	Child Bee Suit #2	Tim P	6/24	£40.00	
10	Child Bee Suit #3	Tim P	6/24	£40.00	
11	Child Bee Suit #4	Tim P	6/24	£40.00	
12	Child Bee Suit #5	Tim P	6/24	£40.00	
13	Child Bee Suit #6	Tim P	6/24	£40.00	
14	4 x RBKA Road Signs	Simon	-	£0.00	Written Down
15	Box of YLH Leaflets	Tim P	4/24	£0.00	
16	Set of stainless sieves	Simon	2000's	£0.00	Written Down
17	Glasses for honey showing	Simon	1990's	£0.00	Written Down
18	Extractor Thornes basic	Tim P	1990's	£0.00	Written Down
19	3 x Bee related DVDs	Tim P	2000's	£0.00	Written Down
20	Heather Press	Tim P	11/2024	£75.00	Purchased used
21	5 x 12.5kg box of fondant	Tim P	11/2024	£105.00	Unsold fondant
22	Observation Hive	Stephen	4/25	£106.20	Thornes ICB
23	Natural Honey Banner	Tim P	4/25	£40.00	
24	Waterproof RBKA Poster x2	Tim P	8/25	£28.00	