Treasurer's Report AGM 2026

The RBKA balance as of 1st November 2026 stands at £7608.72 split between £678.69 held in the Nat West Current Account, £3666.48 in a 35 day notice savings account with Nat West plus £3263.55 in a 12 month fixed rate savings account earning @4.27% interest with Unity Trust Bank. These savings accounts have earned £206.63 in interest over the last year at no risk to the Association's capital.

A **Gift Aid claim** for last year was processed by YBKA on behalf of RBKA and realised £223.50. 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.

Other income sources were: a small margin of £65.61 on bulk purchase sales of syrup, frames and tamper labels and ~£600 from running the Beekeeping for Beginners course.

There have been sufficient expressions of interest to run the Beekeeper Beginner's course again next year. Simon will continue to lead the work on the training syllabus, course materials and identifying speakers. Support from other members would be most appreciated. Expressions of interest in attending the course are now registered via a webform on the Ryedale Beekeepers website.

The RBKA balance for the year is broadly the same as at the end of the last financial year. An increase over the year of £764.06 is flattered by £620 of payments received for fondant prior to the invoice being paid at the close of accounts date. The financial summary is 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 new gazebo and RBKA signage 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.

Bulk purchase orders were made to offer members substantial discounts this year on:

Ambrosia Syrup x60 - all sold @£20/can

DN4 x150 and SN4 x150 frame seconds - all sold @£7.50/10

Fondant x 64 – 31 sold @£20/box. Please contact the Treasurer if you have any late orders. The balance of the pallet will be stored and sold next year.

Tamper labels x13 -7 sold @£3.75. Please contact the Treasurer if you wish to buy a roll of 250 YBKA branded labels.

Yellow Legged Asian Hornet Traps x 20 – to be distributed at no cost to active monitors.

These costs are paid by RBKA and then invoiced to individual members prior to collection

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 or box of fondant more than offset the RBKA element of the membership fee.

Membership numbers have increased this year to 62 Registered Full Members (including 2 Lifetime), 6 partner and 6 associate members. RBKA typically gain new members: directly via the website; from existing member recommendations; and via the Beekeeping Beginner's Course.

RBKA spent £320.00 on our association **meetings**, including hall rental and speaker fees where applicable, and £251.29 on **administration,** including web hosting and market insurance.

These operating costs of are covered 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.

YBKA and RBKA membership subscription are unchanged for the coming year. However BBKA have increased their membership rates for Registered Members by £1 and for Partner Members by £1. BDI have made small increases to the insurance premiums for all bands of colony numbers.

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

Total membership costs for 2026/7 will be:

Full Member = £6 + £3 + £24 + £2.10 = **£35.10**
Partner Member = £6 + £3 + £16.00 + £0 = **£25.00** (colonies kept are as for the associate Full Member)
Associate Member = £6 + £0 + £0 + £0 = **£6.00**
Junior Member = £0 + £0 + £5.00 + £0[1] = **£5.00** (colonies kept are as for the parent / guardian)

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

[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. Contact the Treasurer for details. 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.

Up to 3 colonies: included in the basic £2.10 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 extra BDI premium:

Up to 5 colonies in total: £1.30; Up to 10 colonies in total: £4.90
Up to 15 colonies in total: £8.10; Up to 20 colonies in total: £10.00
Up to 25 colonies in total: £11.70; Up to 30 colonies in total: £14.30
Up to 35 colonies in total: £16.90; Up to 39 colonies in total: £19.00

Tim Phillips

RBKA Treasurer

10.11.2026

Financial summary of Ryedale Beekeepers Accounts 2025/26		
02-Nov-26		
Balance at 1/11/25	£6,844.42	
Nat West Current Account Balance	£678.69	
Cash Box	£0.00	
Nat West Savings Account Balance	£3,666.48	
CAF 1 Year Savings Account	£3,263.55	
Balance on period	**£764.30**	11.17%
Summary of Bank Accounts and Cash Box – 2025/26		
Natwest Bank [a/c 501551908]		
Starting Balance – 01/11/25	*£621.02*	
Expenditure	£5,295.48	
Transfer to Natwest Bank savings a/c	inc in expend.	
Income	£5,353.15	
Transfer from Cash Box	£0.00	
Current Balance	**£678.69**	
INCOME/EXPENDITURE - Cash Box		
Starting Balance – 01/11/25	*£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]		
Starting Balance – 01/11/25	*£3,094.40*	
Expenditure		
Income	£72.08	
Transfer from Current Account	£500.00	
Current Balance	**£3,666.48**	
CAF 1 YR Savings Account		
Starting Balance – 01/11/25	*£3,129.00*	
Expenditure		
Income	£134.55	
Transfer from Current Account	£0.00	
Current Balance	**£3,263.55**	

ANNEX 2 – Asset List

Asset #	Description	Location	Purchase Date	Value	Notes
1	Projector	Tim P	2000's	£0.00	Written Down
2	Screen	Stuart D	2000's	£0.00	Written Down
3	Refractometer	Simon L	1990's	£0.00	Written Down
4	10x Gard D'apis YLH Traps	Various	3/24	£0.00	Written Down
5	YLH Banner #1	Tim P	3/24	£0.00	Written Down
6	YLH Banner #2	Tim P	3/24	£0.00	Written Down
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	Tim P	-	£0.00	Written Down
16	Set of stainless sieves	Simon L	2000's	£0.00	Written Down
17	Glasses for honey showing	Simon L	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	Finn V	11/24	£75.00	Purchased used
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	
25	4m x 4m Green Gazebo	Tim P	1/26	£260.00	
26	Ryedale banner	Tim P	3/26	£40.00	
27	20 YLAH traps	Julie T	4/26	£60.00	
28	33 x 12.5Kg box of fondant	Stephen H	10/26	£660.00	@Sell price
29	7 x tamper label rolls	Tim P	3/26	£26.25	@Sell price
30	150 SN4 frames (seconds)	Tim P	10/26	TBC	
31	100 DN4 + 50 DN5 frames (seconds)	Tim P	10/26	TBC	