Surrey BKA

BeeCraft report 2026

Shareholders

There are approximately 100 shareholders with Kent holding 20% and Surrey 7% (460 shares) the remaining shares are held by various divisions of the BBKA. The shares have a nominal value of £1 each. The company operates as a non-profit organisation with all profits being retained in the company for continued investment in the products. Kent have rights under the articles of association to appoint a director.

Directors and team

Currently there are 6 directors none of which are paid - Steve Clarkson (Company Secretary), Felicity Brown, Chris Cornthwaite (Kent representative), Mike O'Neill (Finance director), Helen Rogers and John Hendrie. They are supported by a team of 10 consultants who are all self-employed, six of whom produce the editorial for the magazine and books published by the company.

The Results

There was a small loss for the year of £(535) compared to 2024 £(440)

That left reserves standing at £50,793 compared to 2024 £ 51,331

The Magazine

The company has continued publishing a high quality, bright and informative magazine together with a small range of beekeeping books.

Kent and Surrey have a special scheme which gives them a high discount as all their members have to take the magazine.

The disruptions following last year's implementation of a new accounting and subscription management system have very slowly improved but there are still a few problems which are being fixed as they arise.

It was disappointing that the Finance Director was not present at the AGM to answer any questions about the issues raised over the system changeover. Instead, all questions were fielded by the Company Secretary.

Although Surrey have no specific right to appoint a director it has been agreed that we can put a member up to stand for a directorship.

There was an increase in the subscription cost for 2026.

Michael Main