## Notes to 2023 accounts

- The 2023 accounts have been independently examined.
- Income for 2023 was higher than in 2022 (£71,086 v. £59,554) due to the generous and much-appreciated donations received.
- Event income, at £17,397 was slightly lower than in 2022 (£20,391), but event expenses were also lower, producing a profit on events of £2,730.
- Sale of merchandise decreased from £6,675 in 2022 to £3,589. This is likely to be because there was no honey for sale and because there was no new merchandise.
- Newsletter costs increased, largely as a result of the rising cost of paper.
- Grants to the park, at £30,314, were considered satisfactory. The higher figure of £62,244 in 2022 was due to 2021 donated money being spent on the Quiet Garden.
- The Gift Aid refund for 2023 was £2,629.
- Net income was £,11,713.
- Total funds carried forward stood at £183,530, a slight increase on £171,817 in 2022. The challenge has been delays in approval of projects.