Thank you

We thank sincerely all the people, clubs, associations and organisations who support our work. Many of you donate proceeds from honey sales, swarm collections, talks, celebrations and many more activities, and we thank you for your generosity. We have space to mention here only some of this year’s main donors:

- Charles Hayward Foundation
- BuzzClub Stroud
- The Bee Team & Partners in Mission
- The British Wax Refining Company Ltd
- Ballance Charitable Trust
- Artemis
- The Allen Trust

Our Online Library is used by people from 93 countries. We have Journal readers in 125 countries. We send Resource Boxes to 26 countries.

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- Restricted grants £127,997
- Charitable Trusts and Foundations £35,000
- Gifts from individuals and associations £118,883
- BBC Radio 4 Charity Appeal £55,268
- Big Give Christmas Challenge £24,610
- Total: £361,758

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- Apiary Centres of Excellence £360,000
- Project work in Cameroon £131,511
- Project work in Ethiopia £123,118
- Project work in Ghana £235,455
- Project work in Uganda £71,149
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**Message from The Director**

The Millennium Development Goals were global aims to reduce extreme poverty by 2015. As the year arrived, the UN recorded some successes, yet revealed that the poorest and most vulnerable people are still left far behind. It is these people we are working to help. New Sustainable Development Goals were established in 2016, including targets to end poverty and hunger, and to protect forests. These Goals confirmed that our work remains relevant: beekeeping gives the poor a feasible way to earn income and bees provide pollination - a vital ecosystem service that maintains biodiversity.

Dr Nicola Bradbear

**Information Resources**

We invest heavily in education and knowledge. Every year we publish and distribute our quarterly magazine, Bees for Development Journal. Send Resource Boxes of training materials to beekeepers in developing countries, and publish educational guides. Our Online Library contains more than 4,000 articles, reports and fact sheets about beekeeping in difficult environments. Much of our information is not available elsewhere. Over 95% of our information users put the knowledge they gain into practical action, training and informing others.

Dr Nicola Bradbear

**Impact Report 2016/17**

Bees provide better futures for people living in desperate poverty.

**Bees for Development**

1. Gives beekeeping skills and knowledge: a cost-effective approach to development
2. Helps people in poor countries to develop viable, self-sustaining income
3. Works in partnership with like-minded organisations world-wide
4. Focusses on environmental sustainability: essential for the future of bees and people
5. Delivers high quality training in beekeeping in difficult environments
6. Has 25 years’ experience of beekeeping in developing countries

**Our Online Resource Centre**

Provides access to a wealth of learning and training materials.

**Bees for Development Journal**

We publish a quarterly magazine, the Bees for Development Journal, giving beekeepers and others an up-to-date account of our work in developing countries.

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Achievements in Ethiopia

Bees for Development Ethiopia is working to address chronic poverty by means of beekeeping. Our 2015 study in Amhara revealed that women-headed households and landless youth earned average annual incomes of US$ 250 and US$ 350 respectively: our focus is on helping them. Bees for Development Ethiopia has developed a good model for helping people to get started. It includes a series of training modules covering beekeeping, apiculture and colony management, and honey and beewax harvesting and sale. New beekeepers now report that they are selling honey and using the income earned to buy seeds, children’s clothes, and to improve their houses.

FACTS AND FIGURES 2015 - 2017
- 650 beneficiaries trained
- Top-bar hives introduced
- Better harvesting methods in place to ensure quality
- Successful beekeeper to beekeeper training model established
- New beekeepers selling 10-50 kg of honey each year
- Annual household incomes raised on average by 8%

“A good honey harvest gives poor families a new source of income to buy food and to support their family’s wellbeing.”

In 2016 we worked with Cameroon Gender and Environment Watch, a Cameroon organisation which puts social and environmental justice at the centre of development. Together we have trained 85 farmers living near Kilim-Ijum Forest to keep bees. This work achieves the double-benefit of income generation and forest protection. We are especially proud of our forest education work: 85 local youngsters have learned about beekeeping, the importance of bees as pollinators, and are gaining entrepreneurial spirit.

Hives being set-up in a cashew orchard in Ghana. Honey bees increase cashew nut yields by ensuring optimal pollination of the flowers.

Achievements in Ghana and Cameroon

Bees for Development Ghana is now established in partnership with our long-term colleague, Dr Kwame Aidoo. So far six school Buzz Clubs with apiaries have been created, 12 teachers and 60 school children have learned how to keep bees. Research has shown that keeping honey bee colonies near to cashew trees increases the yield of valuable cashew nuts through pollination. Our new Project Bees and Cashews is well underway with Bees for Development Ghana’s Master Beekeeper Michael Apoh working in the cashew growing area. Better cashew nut harvests plus income from honey sales too!

Honey selling is an essential source of income for women in Ghana and Cameroon.

In 2016 we launched an Appeal to support a group of Community-Based Beekeeper Trainers who are mentoring people in their communities. More than 200 people have become fully independent beekeepers. In 2017 many farmers lost their maize crops to the exotic pest Fall armyworm, and have been able to rely on their bees to sustain their families.

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Achievements in Uganda and Vietnam

Bees and Cashews provides an income to beekeepers in the very poor Province of Ha Tinh, Vietnam, experienced terrible floods in 2016. Livestock were lost, homes damaged and bee hives were swept away. People in this Province know beekeeping well, and rely on this source of livelihood. Beekeeping is one of the enterprises that they can re-start quickly.

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In December 2016 we launched an Appeal to help. Generous beekeepers around the world donated £12,500. This enabled our partner, the Vietnam Bee Research and Development Centre to provide 250 Asian honey bee Apis cerana colonies and equipment to beekeepers in the two most badly affected communities.

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