



The Library Convener's Report, 2011:

Work in the Moir Library has continued much as before. Some recently-published books are added to the stock each year and reviews of them are printed in the Scottish Beekeeper.

Otherwise the focus has been on sorting out and dealing with the backlog of books and magazines. Those books deemed to be 'surplus to requirements' were advertised in the July edition of the magazine and members were invited to offer a donation for those they wanted. This raised £266.95 which has been earmarked for buying duplicates of recently-purchased books which will again be added to the selections in the Moir Lending Boxes. Duplicate magazines were taken to the AGM and Council Meeting and members were encouraged to take what they wanted, again in exchange for a donation.

Members who have been using the Library consider it to be an asset beyond compare. For those unable to visit in person, requests to borrow books have come to the Convener by letter, phone call or email. The borrower pays only the cost of returning the books.

Two Local Associations have arranged for a group visit to the Moir in the coming months to enable them to see the collection for themselves and hear how it came about.

The Convener is indebted to the Library Committee for their help and support. Three meetings were held during the year, all of which were well attended and constructive in their deliberations. As part of the Centenary Celebrations the Library Committee is hoping to hear about potential archival material [photographic, paper-based and beekeeping equipment of yester-year] and notices asking for information have appeared in The Scottish Beekeeper during the year.

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