

North Shropshire Beekeepers' Association

New Members Welcome Pack

Welcome to the North Shropshire Beekeepers' Association (NSBKA) which was founded on Friday 23 August 1945 and is, since our inception, a fully affiliated member of the British Beekeepers' Association (BBKA). We have members spread far and wide but predominantly across the northern part of the County.

The aims of the Association are to encourage and develop the art and science of bee keeping through group meetings, practical out apiary events and educational support programs in which members can participate and contribute.

Throughout the winter months (October – March), evening meetings are held where the very best speakers on bee keeping and associated activities are invited to share their specialist skills and knowledge at our monthly meeting, usually held at a local village hall. During the spring and summer months we gather at our Association apiary at the organic farm at Pim Hill to perform general hive management tasks, observe and practice bee handling techniques and share our latest bee keeping tales in order that we can all improve our understanding of bees, their behaviour and maximize our efficacy in their ongoing health and performance.

We try to run the Association with minimal formality and the only recorded event is our AGM in November of each year. We have a central committee of three (Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer) re-elected annually with a tenure of no more than four consecutive years. The officers of the committee are supported by a number of additional committee roles. These positions are currently held by:

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| Chairman and BBKA Delegate | Paul Curtis |
| Vice Chairman | Frank Owen |
| Treasurer | Julia Neale |
| General Secretary | Simon Irvin |
| Apiary Manager | Jo Schup |
| Apiary Assistants | Darren Peate, Kieron Williams, Derek Raine |
| Education Officer | Jo Schup |
| Events Coordinator(s) | Dave & Anne Stratton |
| Librarian/Publicist | Val Suffolk |
| Membership Secretary | Lyndon Loweth |
| Newsletter Compiler | Darren Peate |
| Newsletter Editor | Kieron Williams |
| Webmaster | Alex Ellis |

Finally, on behalf of the Committee and the membership we welcome you to bee keeping and hope you find it as fascinating, compulsive and rewarding as the rest of us.

Please feel free to come along to a few meetings to get to know us and to see if you like bees before you join up. We have spare beesuits for you to borrow at our out apiaries.

Paul Curtis
Chairman, North Shropshire BKA

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Membership

We have divided the membership subscription form into 4 sections,

- NSBKA
- BBKA
- BDI (only required if you have bees)
- Optional Bee Craft subscription

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Beekeeping Member - for the purpose of purely local club activities, spouses/other family members are treated as included under this single member subscription.

Affiliated membership - this covers beekeepers that keep their bees under the auspices of another beekeepers' association and pay for BBKA and BDI Insurance via that association, or for those interested in the craft of beekeeping who do not keep bees.

The British Beekeepers' Association BBKA

Membership of the BBKA is compulsory for NSBKA members keeping bees under the auspices of this society (for insurance reasons), but not for Affiliated Members who do not keep bees. To help you choose the correct level of membership, consult the table below.

- Registered Member – a regular beekeeper member - will cover the majority of members.
- Partner Member – as the name suggests, lives at the same address as the registered member.
- Country Member – non-beekeepers who nonetheless wish to support the BBKA (similar to NSBKA Affiliated Members).

Bee Disease Insurance Limited (BDI)

*Purchase is a condition of membership of BBKA for Registered **and** Partner Members and therefore, each member must pay at least the minimum basic premium.*

Scheme A covers beekeepers with up to 39 colonies. Beekeepers **must** ensure they pay sufficient to insure all hives (excluding 'Apidea' or similar hives) containing bees regardless of size of the colony to ensure the insurance is not invalidated.

Bee Craft

The official journal of the BBKA is available through the NSBKA at a reduced subscription (-10%). The subscription year runs from January to December. Whilst this is optional, we recommend that all members, and especially those new to beekeeping, take out this subscription.

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MEMBERSHIP DETAILS

| | | |
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| Surname | First Names (preferred name in brackets) | |
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| Address | Home Number | Email Address |
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| | Mobile Number | |

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| <p>We will publish your name and address on our contact list which is only distributed to members of the NSBKA. This is to make it easy for us all to keep in touch. If you do not wish to have this information made public to the rest of the Association please indicate 'No' on this form and we will honour your request.</p> | Yes/No* |
| <p>Are you agreeable to receiving your newsletter by e-mail?</p> | Yes/No* |
| <p>We occasionally use photographs of members on our website and in our literature, are you agreeable to us using pictures that have you in them?</p> | Yes/No* |
| <p>We will make your details available to the Seasonal and Regional Bee Inspectors, are you agreeable to us doing this?</p> | Yes/No* |
| <p>Do you wish to be added to our published list of people available to collect swarms? If yes please advise area you can cover and contact phone no: </p> | Yes/No* |

* Delete as applicable

Please return cheque and pages 3 and 4 to the membership secretary,
 Lyndon Loweth, Lower Meadow, 21 Tilstock, Whitchurch, Shropshire SY13 3NS.

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NSBKA MEMBERSHIP – Please select one

| Class of Membership | Costs | Selection (please tick) |
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| <i>Beekeeper Member – those who keep bees under the auspices of this association. For local club activities this covers partners and all family members (must also be a BBKA member and hold the appropriate BDI)</i> | £7.00 | |
| <i>Affiliated Member A – those who keep bees under the auspices of another beekeepers' association and pay for BBKA and BDI via that association (please attach copy of BBKA and BDI details for association records)</i> | £7.00 | |
| <i>Affiliated Member B – those interested in the craft of beekeeping but do not keep bees</i> | £7.00 | |

BBKA MEMBERSHIP – Please select one

| Class of Membership | BBKA News | 3 rd party Public Liability & Product Insurance | Events and Advice | Representation & Facilities | Costs | Selection (please tick) |
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| <i>Registered Member</i> | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | £14.00 | |
| <i>Partner Member</i> | No | Yes | Yes | Yes | £9.24 | |
| <i>Country Member</i> | Yes | No | Yes | Yes | £7.00 | |

BDI MEMBERSHIP – Please select as appropriate for the number of colonies to be insured

| Details | Cost | Selection |
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| Minimum payable by each member if keeping bees | £2.00 | |
| 4 to 5 colonies – additional fee | £2.00 | |
| 4 to 10 colonies – additional fee | £5.25 | |
| 4 to 15 colonies – additional fee | £7.75 | |
| 4 to 20 colonies – additional fee | £9.50 | |
| 4 to 25 colonies – additional fee | £11.10 | |
| More than 25 colonies please contact the Association Treasurer | Ask | |

BEECRAFT SUBSCRIPTION – Please confirm Yes/No

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| 1 year subscription | £21.60 | Yes / No |
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| Please makes cheques payable to NSBKA | Total | £ |
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