



# Becoming a member

Lancaster Beekeepers advisory leaflet No 6 (2016-2017)

Lancaster Beekeepers is a friendly and growing group of hobbyist beekeepers who meet regularly throughout the year to share experiences and develop their beekeeping skills.

The Club offers all newcomers a comprehensive development package, including practical training at our own apiary, to ensure that they become competent beekeepers.

Throughout the colder months at the beginning and end of each year we hold a diverse range of talks and lectures on a wide range of topics suitable for both novice and experienced beekeepers. This culminates at the end of the season with the annual dinner. During the summer months a number of practical workshops and social meetings are held.

The benefits of membership do not end here. Experienced Club members are always available to provide guidance and practical assistance when necessary.

Club membership also entitles you to acquire one of the British Beekeepers Association membership packages at significantly reduced rates. These can include public liability insurance, bee disease insurance, the monthly magazine and invitations to the shows and conventions of other beekeeping clubs in the region.

Lancaster Beekeepers has an extensive website, [www.lancaster-beekeepers.org.uk](http://www.lancaster-beekeepers.org.uk) which provides information on a wide range of beekeeping topics and keeps members up to date with all the latest news and developments.

**Our membership year runs from 1<sup>st</sup> February to 31<sup>st</sup> January.**

## CLASSES OF MEMBERSHIP

**LBK - Member of Lancaster Beekeepers** Membership of Lancaster Beekeepers is open to anyone, whether or not you keep bees. The cost for LBK membership for 2016-17 is £16.00. For this, you will be able to attend our full programme of meetings and workshops with many excellent speakers, improve your beekeeping skills at the club apiary and borrow club equipment. (There may be a small cover charge for some events).

**RM - Registered BBKA Member** If you keep bees you are strongly recommended to become a Registered Member of the BBKA. You will get the benefit of public liability insurance, bee diseases insurance (BDI) for up to three colonies and receive BBKA News. As a member of Lancaster Beekeepers you are entitled to join BBKA at the discounted rate of £19.00.

**BBKA Public liability insurance runs from 1<sup>st</sup> April to 31<sup>st</sup> March.**

**PM - Partner BBKA Member** If you jointly keep bees with another person residing at the same address (spouse, partner, child, lodger etc) and **handle them in your own right**, you are recommended to opt for Partner Membership. This provides all the benefits of Registered Member except receipt of BBKA News. The discounted rate for this is £12.50

If you do not handle bees in your own right, but only assist a BBKA registered member and want to come to our meetings you may simply choose to be a member of Lancaster Beekeepers.

**CM - Country BBKA Member** If you do not keep bees, you may join BBKA as a Country Member. This provides all the benefits of Registered Member except public liability insurance at the discounted rate of £9.50

**Additional BDI cover** If you have more than three colonies or are likely to increase in the summer to more than three, you should add the additional BDI premiums as shown on the membership application form.

**Gift Aid** Lancaster Beekeepers Ltd is a registered Charity (No 1128919) and can reclaim the tax that you have paid on any subscriptions and donations if you are a tax payer. If you pay tax, please sign the Gift Aid declaration. It's worth at least an extra £3.50 for every Member.

**Data Protection Policy** Membership details are maintained on a computer and will not be disclosed to anyone other than club members and the national register of beekeepers (BeeBase). We require your specific agreement to this to enable us to claim exemption from the need to register with the Data Protection Registrar. We hope you will help us to do this by signing the declaration on the membership application form.

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**Lancaster Beekeepers is an Area Association of  
the British Beekeepers' Association**

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<b>MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION FORM</b>	
I wish to become a member of Lancaster Beekeepers.	
Name:	Title:
Address	
Post Code:	Telephone No
Email address:	
<b>Class of memberships required: (please tick)</b>	
Membership of Lancaster beekeepers	16.00
BBKA Registered Membership @£19.00	
BBKA Partner Membership @£12.50	
BBKA Country Membership @£9.50	
<b>Bee Disease Insurance – optional addition cover</b>	
Four to five hives in total @£2.00	
Six to ten hives in total @ £5.25	
Eleven to fifteen hives in total @ £7.75	
Please enquire for premium details for more than 15 hives	
<b>Total</b>	
Method of payment	Cheque/BACS/Cash (Please delete as appropriate)
<b>Please quote your name as the payment reference to help us identify the payments.</b>	<b>Bank details for BACS payment</b> Lancaster Beekeepers Account number – 00018416 Sort code 40-52-40
<p><b>Gift Aid</b> - Please treat my subscription past, present and future donations as a Gift Aid donation. I confirm I have paid or will pay an amount of Income Tax and/or Capital Gains Tax for the current tax year as needed to pay the same amount or more of UK Income Tax and/or Capital Gains Tax as all charities and CASCs will claim on my gifts in the current tax year and that I accept responsible for any tax shortfall</p> <p>Signed: _____ Date: _____</p>	
I agree that my details may be included with those of other Club members in the Club Directories (please tick box)	
Signed:	Date:

**Please return completed forms to:  
The Treasurer, 3, Hall Park, Lancaster, LA1 4SH**