



# Membership

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 AGM and social event. 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.

Lancaster Beekeepers is a branch of the Lancashire & North West Beekeepers Association (LNWBKA) and by joining, you will be entitled to attend the county events, for example the Honey Show and events hosted by other branches.

Joining as one of the BBKA recognised membership categories entitles you to membership of the British Beekeepers Association at a heavily discounted rate and, depending on the category chosen, these can include public liability insurance, bee diseases insurance, the monthly magazine.

**If you choose to join as a Lancaster Only Member, you will not get the wider benefits of being part of LNWBKA or BBKA, so you may choose to join as a Partner or Country Member instead.**

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> November to 31<sup>st</sup> October each year.**

**Lancaster Beekeepers is a branch of Lancashire and North West Beekeepers Association of the British Beekeepers' Association which has the registered charity number 506167**

**[www.lancaster-beekeepers.org.uk](http://www.lancaster-beekeepers.org.uk)**

## CLASSES OF MEMBERSHIP

### Registered Member - cost £35.00

If you keep bees you are strongly recommended to become a Registered Member of the BBKA. You will get the benefit of:

- Information and advice on beekeeping
- Online resources - education/training, forum etc
- £10m third party public liability insurance and product liability insurance
- Monthly membership magazine - BBKA News
- Beekeeping examinations to the highest level
- Representation at national and international levels
- Annual Spring Convention and Exhibition

The cost includes the Bee Diseases Insurance (BDI) basic premium for up to 3 colonies. There is an additional premium payable if you have four or more colonies.

### School Member - cost £35.00

Identical benefits to a Registered Member but available to schools wishing to keep bees.

### Partner Member – cost £25.00

If you jointly keep bees with another person **residing at the same address** you are recommended to opt for Partner Membership. This provides all the benefits of a Registered Member except receipt of BBKA News. There is no requirement to pay for BDI as the colonies are insured by the Registered Member.

### Junior Member – cost £20.50

If you keep bees and are aged under 18 on 1<sup>st</sup> November, you may join as a Junior Member. This provides all the benefits of a Registered Member but excludes the basic BDI premium. Bees kept by Junior Members whose parents do not keep bees, or who have not insured the Junior's bees on their behalf can have insurance taken out on their behalf with BDI. Beekeepers under the age of 16 years are unable to take out insurance policies and any policy has to be arranged by a parent or guardian.

**Please contact the Membership Secretary for further information if this applies.**

### Country Member – cost £21.00

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 and BDI.

### Member of Lancaster Beekeepers only – cost £10.00

Membership of Lancaster Beekeepers is open to anyone, whether or not you keep bees. 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). **You will not receive the wider benefits of being part of LNWBKA or BBKA, so you may choose to join as a Partner or Country Member instead.**

#### 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.