

SUBSCRIPTIONS 2019

A reminder to all members that subscriptions for 2019 are due by the end of December 2018 – please send your renewal subscription to our treasurer (Jean Lindsay).

FULL MEMBERSHIP

The subscription for Full membership to the Darlington Beekeepers Association is £35 per annum. From this, £2 covers the basic BDI insurance cover for up to 3 colonies, £3 is sent to the YBKA and £20 is sent to the BBKA to achieve full affiliation to both associations. Hence members are eligible to all the benefits available (see below). Through this affiliation each full member of DBKA is then covered for 3rd Party Public Liability Insurance (which covers all beekeeping activities in the UK and has a £5m limit of liability).

PARTNER MEMBERSHIP

For husbands & wives or partners both wishing to be fully active in all aspects of Beekeeping there is the option of registering one as a 'Partner' member for £25 (provided the other is a 'Full' member and both are resident at the same address)*.

FRIEND

Please note that this category of membership is applicable to new members in their first year who wish to learn a little more about beekeeping and who do not yet possess bees. It is also available for partners of full members who live at the same address but who do not need individual insurance. FRIENDSHIP MEMBERSHIP (£10 per annum) CAN BE UPGRADED AT ANY TIME BY SIMPLY PAYING THE BALANCE i.e an extra £25 upgrades to Full membership. Our basic rule is that if you have bees then you should register as a FULL member.

* If one partner wishes to adopt a 'passive' role, provided one is a 'Full' member the other could register as a 'Friend' of the association at £10 pa.

BEE DISEASES INSURANCE (BDI).

Included in your full subscription is the £2 pa subscription, which provides B.D.I. cover. This protects members for loss of equipment in cases where EFB (European Foul Brood) and AFB (American Foul Brood) are diagnosed in your Apiary. This basic cover insures 1 – 3 colonies. If you wish to insure more colonies the extra premiums payable are provided below – please clearly state on your renewal form the number of extra colonies you wish covered and add the appropriate amount to your subscription cheque.

PLEASE NOTE: THE NUMBER OF COLONIES STATED MUST BE THE MAXIMUM ANTICIPATED COLONIES YOU BELIEVE YOU WILL POSSESS THROUGHOUT 2016.

Up to 5 colonies (including the basic three) an additional £2.00

Up to 10 colonies (including the basic three) an additional £5.25

Up to 15 colonies (including the basic three) an additional £7.75

Up to 20 colonies (including the basic three) an additional £9.50

Up to 25 colonies (including the basic three) an additional £11.10

BENEFITS OF MEMBERSHIP to the BBKA and YBKA

- Newsletters to members and information strips
- Public Liability insurance - £5 million
- Bee Disease Insurance available
- Web site
- Information Leaflets
- Spring Conference at Harper-Adams University
- Annual conference at York 6th Form College
- Annual Honey Shows at Stoneleigh and Harrogate
- Examination program linked to the BBKA Examinations Board
- Legal support and advice
- Representation and Lobbying of government
- Links with Yorkshire Agricultural Society at the Great Yorkshire Showground, Harrogate.

MAGAZINES.

We recommend one magazine to members – a monthly one produced by BEE CRAFT . This magazine is an excellent read and a must have for more serious beekeepers. It can be purchased as part of your annual subscription to the DBKA and this is by far the cheapest way to do it as they do give a discount to Beekeeping Associations. The cost of BEE CRAFT is £28 pa (12 months) or £16.60 pa (Digital). Copies of the magazine are available for members to look at – please ask if you require further information.

Please indicate when you renew your membership and add the appropriate subscription amount to your cheque.

SHOWS, FAIRS and FESTIVALS

As well as the Courses we run and our work in Schools we regularly attend local Shows and Fairs. This helps to raise our profile and stimulates further interest among the general public. **We are presently compiling a list for 2019** : PLEASE LET DEREK LINDSAY KNOW IF YOU ARE WILLING TO HELP RUN THE STALLS. We also give regular talks to local community groups such as the W.I., the U3A and Village Community Groups. Many of the people we talk to elect to take a more active part in Beekeeping and further help promote our activities. One of our successes has been the increased

involvement of local allotment holders - already they have seen the benefit which honey bees can have on the growth and development of fruit and vegetables on the allotment sites.

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