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You are invited to join / re-join Mendip Beekeepers Association for 2024.

For 2024, Mendip BKA subscription remains at £6.50, BBKA subscription remains at £21.00, and the Bee Disease Insurance (BDI) remains at 2023 rates.

Somerset BKA subscription has increased to £15.00. This increase is to build funds, to ensure adequate provision of equipment and resources to support the County's response to the increasing threat from the Asian Hornet.

The 2024 subscriptions are as follows;

Basic Full Membership. This includes registered membership of BBKA, Somerset BKA, and Mendip BKA and <u>BDI for three hives</u>	£44.50
Associate Member of Mendip BKA when with Full Member	£1.00
Individual Associate Member of Mendip BKA (suitable for membership with no bees)	£6.50
Voluntary Bee Research Donation	£2.00
Junior Member	Free
BDI for Additional hives	
Up to 2 additional hives	£1.20
Up to 7 additional hives	£4.70
Up to 12 additional hives	£7.75
Up to 17 additional hives	£9.50
Up to 22 additional hives	£11.10
Up to 27 additional hives	£13.60
Up to 32 additional hives	£16.10
Up to 36 additional hives	£18.10

Associate members must reside at the same address as the full member with whom they are associated. They do not receive the monthly BBKA newsletter.

Voluntary Bee Research

The Voluntary Bee Research fee is optional and is collected by Somerset BKA. This year, donations will continue supporting the European Foul Brood (EFB) PhD programme, researching the particular strain we have in Somerset.

Insurance

Membership of BBKA includes insurance cover for activities arising from members' beekeeping activities and the provision of beekeeping products. Information is available on the BBKA website members' area.

Bee Disease Insurance is supplied by BDI Limited and is not included in the BBKA subscription. Bee Disease Insurance Ltd. (BDI) is an insurance company set up and run for beekeepers by beekeepers. It promotes research, education and disease control methods for honey bee disease. It also compensates subscribing beekeepers and their bee colonies in England and Wales in respect of losses caused by statutorily notifiable honeybee diseases and pests. Currently these are American Foul Brood, European Foul Brood, Small Hive Beetle and Tropilaelaps Mites. Information is available online at BeeBase.

If payment for insurance is not received by the end of March 2024 your insurance ceases. Late payment then causes a 40 day delay before your insurance is activated.

The chain of administrators from Mendip, through Somerset and the BBKA would welcome prompt payment!

N.B. Make sure you are correctly insured. If, in the event of a claim, you are found to be under insured and have more hives than specified by your subscription, the complete cover is invalid. Also if you share an apiary with other beekeepers make sure they are all insured as an uninsured beekeeper in an apiary invalidates your insurance.

Taxpayers

If you are a UK taxpayer, please sign the Gift Aid Declaration, as this increases the value of your subscription. We are unable to claim Gift Aid if your tax status is not declared.

Data Privacy

In order to comply with the current Data Protection Regulations, there is a form attached that also needs to be completed as part of your membership renewal.

Please could this form also be completed by any Associate Members living at the same address.

Swarm Collector Request

Please could you indicate on the renewal form if you would like to be registered as a Swarm Collector.

Please be advised that your postcode and contact details will be visible on the BBKA and SBKA websites if you select this option.

Honey Sales

Please could you indicate on the renewal form if you would like to be registered as a Honey Seller.

Please be advised that your postcode and contact details will be visible on the BBKA and SBKA websites if you select this option, so potential customers can contact you directly.

Beekeeping Courses and Qualifications

Please could you indicate any beekeeping courses and / or qualifications you may hold. This will ensure that the Somerset Yearbook and Mendip BKA records are kept upto date.

Beebase Sharing of Data

Please could you indicate if you are willing to share your details with Beebase.

Until now there has been no automatic sharing of data from local associations to BeeBase through the eR2 membership database. This link will enable consenting member's details to be shared with the National Bee Unit (NBU).

BeeBase is a valuable beekeeping resource maintained by the NBU. In addition to providing information to beekeepers, it maintains a voluntary register of Beekeepers.

This register enables the Regional and Seasonal Bee Inspectors to know where Beekeepers and their apiaries are located and allows them to make contact in the case of a disease outbreak, with a view, if necessary, to undertaking a disease inspection. The Inspectors are experienced Beekeepers and their visits often provide valuable training for the individual Beekeeper.

Should a Beekeeper have an outbreak of a notifiable disease, and have cover provided by BDI, the Inspector will validate the insurance claim on their visit.

Please indicate the postcode of your apiary, if it isn't at your home address.

Asian Hornet Action Team (AHAT)

There has been an increasing prevalence of Asian Hornet confirmed sightings during 2023. Each Division needs an Asian Hornet Action Team (AHAT), which forms part of the Somerset AHAT.

If you haven't done so already, please consider volunteering. The main task would be to help identify and locate any sightings reported locally. Please consider volunteering for this. It does not require any direct contact with Asian Hornets. It is the responsibility of the Bee Inspectors to destroy any confirmed colonies that are located.

To become part of the Team and have Insurance Cover, a short online exercise needs to be completed. The link to Asian Hornet Action Team exercise is below;

<https://www.bbka.org.uk/asian-hornet-team>

If you have completed the on-line training, please indicate this on the renewal form.

Contact Preferences and Payment Options

If you do have an email address please let me know, this helps with administration, and you will receive an electronic receipt for your payment.

This email address will also be used, to send reminders for meetings and any other correspondence, which is faster and considerably cheaper than using conventional mailing methods.

For payment of your membership, payment by Bank Transfer would be preferred.

If you wish to pay by Cheque, please make your Cheque payable to MBKA.

Cash is becoming increasingly difficult to bank, due to closure of all of the HSBC branches within the Mendip Area, so unfortunately, I will only be able to accept Cash payments by exception.

If you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact me.

Thank You

Darren Angell

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Mendip BKA Subscriptions Form - 2024

Name

Address

Telephone Number

Email Address

Select the number of hives you have to insure:

Full Membership	Including BDI for up to 3 hives	£44.50	
Full Membership	Including BDI for up to 5 hives	£45.70	
Full Membership	Including BDI for up to 10 hives	£49.20	
Full Membership	Including BDI for up to 15 hives	£52.25	
Full Membership	Including BDI for up to 20 hives	£54.00	
Full Membership	Including BDI for up to 25 hives	£55.60	
Additional payments			
Research Fund	Optional	£2.00	
Associate Member (Mendip BKA only)	No Hives	£6.50	
Associate Member	With Full Member	£1.00	
	TOTAL		

I would like to be listed as a Swarm Collector	Yes / No
I would like to be listed as a Honey Seller	Yes / No
I would prefer to receive future communications by post	Yes / No
I am willing to share my details with Beebase + Postcode, if not home address	Yes / No
I have completed the on line AHAT Training Course	Yes / No
Courses / Beekeeping Qualifications _____	

Please return your completed form to me at;

darrensfangell@btinternet.com

If you are paying by Bank Transfer, the details are;

Sort code - 40 52 40

Account number – 00008352

Please give your surname and the initial of your first name as the payment reference.

Alternatively, if you wish to pay by cheque, please make the cheque payable to **MBKA**, and send it to me, with your completed form to the following address;

1, Clovelly, Gillets Hill Lane, Temple Cloud, Bristol, BS39 5BN

Gift Aid Declaration

I no longer pay Income Tax / I still pay Income Tax (Please delete where necessary)

Boost your donation by 25p of Gift Aid for every £1 you donate.

Gift Aid is reclaimed by the charity from the tax you pay for the current tax year. Your address is needed to identify you as a current UK taxpayer.

I want to Gift Aid my donation and any donations I make in the future or have made in the past 4 years to:

Mendip Beekeeping Association

I am a UK taxpayer and understand that if I pay less Income Tax and / or Capital Gains Tax than the amount of Gift Aid claimed on all my donations in that tax year it is my responsibility to pay any difference.

Donor's Details

Title _____ First name or Initial(s) _____

Surname _____

Full Home Address _____

Postcode _____

Signature _____

Date _____

Please notify Mendip BKA if you:

- *Want to cancel this declaration*
- *Change your name or home address*
- *No longer pay sufficient tax on your income and/or capital gains.*

If you pay Income Tax at the higher or additional rate and want to receive the additional tax relief due to you, you must include all your Gift Aid donations on your Self-Assessment tax return or ask HM Revenue and Customs to adjust your tax code.

Data Privacy

Somerset Beekeepers Association and its divisions (SBKA) will maintain your personal details, as provided by you for your membership, such as your name, address and email, for the purpose of keeping records and keeping members informed of relevant events and activities.

Details will automatically be passed to the BBKA as part of their records of all registered, partner, county and junior beekeepers and to BDI to provide cover for your bee disease insurance and other third parties who manage part of your membership subscription e.g. Beebase, Beecraft etc. In certain circumstances information may be passed to any other relevant authority.

In addition, your details will be published in the SBKA year book and / or made available on a member only computerised member database. Your contact details may also be published to other members of the division.

If you do not wish your details to be published, you must advise the Divisional Treasurer in writing, or complete the section below.

A full copy of the SBKA Data Privacy Policy is available on the website or on request from the Divisional Treasurer.

Please note that if we do not receive your consent we are unable to process your data we will not be able to maintain your membership.

I agree to my personal details being held and processed as detailed in the SBKA Data Privacy Policy.

Member(s) Name _____

Signed _____

Date _____

NON-PUBLICATION *Please only complete if relevant*

I **DO NOT** wish my details to be published in the SBKA Yearbook or available for access by members only on a computerised database or provided to other divisional members.

Member(s) Name _____

Signed _____

Date _____