



## **Somerset Beekeepers' Association 2019 PILOT SCHEME**

### **EFB – replacement bees compensation fund**

Introduction:

SBKA is committed to eliminating the incidence of EFB in Somerset; we hold education and training events and publish information on our website. In 2019 we are running a member-awareness campaign and we plan to support relevant EFB research.

SBKA has great sympathy for affected members and has set aside a £2,000 fund to support any member who loses all their colonies in all their apiaries to EFB in 2019.

Terms and conditions:

1. Must be a fully-paid up and registered member of SBKA, be registered on BeeBase, keep one or more colonies of bees in Somerset and to have lost all their colonies in all their apiaries to EFB in 2019.
2. EFB must be confirmed by a NBU bee inspector and infected bees and equipment destroyed under his/her instruction.
3. The NBU-issued Standstill Notice must be lifted by the bee inspector.
4. Free replacement sources of local bees eg from the member's Division, fellow beekeepers etc, must be exhausted before a claim is made.
5. One nuc/colony per member, irrespective of the number of colonies destroyed.
6. Applications will be taken on a first come, first served basis and the decision to grant or decline an application will be made by the SBKA Executive, whose decision will be final.

7. SBKA has set aside a maximum of £2,000 to support members with EFB in 2019; if claims are received after the fund has been exhausted, unfortunately they will be refused.
8. Replacement bees are subject to availability.
9. Applications to this fund should be made through the member's Divisional delegate.