**Citation for Chris Harries for the West Country Honey Farm Awards**

Chris Harries has been a member of Somerset Bee keepers Association (SBKA) since 1974. For many years he has been the Spray Liaison Officer for SBKA, he is listed as far back as the 1991 year book as the spray liaison contact for the county.

He has served as a member of the Taunton & District Beekeepers division (TDBK) committee for more than 25 years. He served as Vice Chairman and Chairman for three years respectively. Chris completed his three-year term as President for TDBK in 2019. He also served as Apiary Manager for the TDBK teaching apiary for two years. He has hosted many visits at his own apiary in Charlton Orchards during the spring bloom.

Chris was the driving force behind the start of the Ruishton Annual Auction which has now been running for more than 28 years. Since it started Chris has been the auctioneer and has helped organise the event. The auction has been a great asset to beekeepers in Somerset and surrounding counties, as it enables beekeepers to sell excess equipment and provides new beekeeper with a chance to buy more affordable equipment. Chris has always been responsible for booking in equipment for the sale and has even picked up equipment in his Land Rover for elderly beekeepers who haven’t had suitable transport.

Chris holds the British Beekeepers Association (BBKA) Intermediate Certificate for Beekeeping and has carried out numerous educational apiary demonstrations on such subjects as swarm control, queen marking and making up nuclei.

Chris holds the BBKA Intermediate certificate for Honey Judging and has judged at many Somerset honey shows. He has given many talks to County Divisions on preparing honey for show. He has regularly helped to stage the County Honey Show in Vivary Park which is a tremendous amount of work in preparation and packing up after the event.