



# WOKINGHAM & DISTRICT BEEKEEPERS ASSOCIATION

Helping honeybees & beekeepers since 1946



website:  
[www.wdbka.org.uk](http://www.wdbka.org.uk)  
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## Combined Membership Application / Renewal Form

Membership is open to anyone who is interested in honeybees and beekeeping, regardless of whether they have a colony of bees. The CIO annual subscription shall not become payable for the coming year until the rates have been approved at the AGM. Members are not entitled to benefits until their subscription has been paid.

Benefits for all levels of membership include:

- Networking opportunities throughout the year:
- bi-monthly summer meetings, April through September
- 6 monthly winter meetings, including educational events and guest speakers, and practical apiary sessions, weekly April through September.
- Discounted prices for honey jars and syrup feed (when we make annual bulk purchases)
- Access to hire one of our radial honey extractors and Pratley tray
- Access to the association swarm list if you are seeking bees (conditions apply)
- Access to our association microscope (with appropriate knowledge)
- Access to the association's library

Full members (active beekeepers) also get:

- Membership of the British Beekeepers Association (BBKA), our national association, with a monthly BBKA magazine
- Access to BBKA resources including the BBKA Examination Scheme
- Public & Products liability Insurance up to £5 million.
- \*Brood Disease Insurance from BDI (an extra fee is due if more than three colonies, see the Membership Fees section below)

### MEMBERSHIP GRADES (as at September 2023)

- Full Member: Normally an active beekeeper. Includes: 3rd party public liability & product insurance. BDI insurance for up to 3 hives.
- Partner Member: Individuals who reside at the same address as a Registered Member of the BBKA
- Family Member: Fee: N/A. Family of a full member living in the same household. No membership of the BBKA, or insurance for them personally.
- Junior Member: Persons up to the age of 18 years, receiving the same benefits as full members. Contact us before you apply.
- Friend or Associate: Does not have bees or is a member of another district's association. Does not include: membership of BBKA, or insurance.

### Notes:

- Membership of the Association, membership of the BBKA and Brood Disease Insurance (BDI) all run from 1<sup>st</sup> September till 31<sup>st</sup> August
- The BBKA and BDI elements of the membership fee are not pro-rata (i.e. they are paid in full and expire 31st August)
- W&DBKA fees are not pro-rata

NOTES ON INSURANCE: Read the BDI's terms and conditions before subscribing to ensure the cover meets your needs.

- BDI provides insurance for the replacement of beekeeping equipment should it have to be destroyed due to an incidence of a notifiable disease, such as European or American Foul Brood. Further information about how Bee Diseases Insurance Ltd operates can be found on their website.
- The minimum payable by each Member Association to BDI Ltd as a condition of membership is a subscription of £2 per annum for each of its full members. This insures up to three colonies.
- A Full Member is responsible for insuring all colonies owned by themselves and their Family Members.
- Beekeepers under the age of 16 years are unable to take out insurance policies in their name and any policy has to be arranged by a parent or guardian.
- You should take out insurance before you receive your first colony.
- Note: If paid after 31st March, BDI cover will not commence until 40 days after receipt of subscription.

**Privacy:** Subscribing means that the Association will hold your name and address. Full and Junior Members, by definition, will go on the list of registered beekeepers held by the BBKA.



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SUBSCRIPTIONS/RENEWALS – One form per person						
Application for	Full Member	Please tick	Friend or Associate	Please tick	Junior Member	Please tick
Full name						
Address						
	Postcode					
Telephone	Home			Mobile		
Email address						
New member or renewal	New Member			Renewal		
Number of colonies	State the number of colonies covered by the membership (see table below)					
Membership fee included	Please refer to the table below for the table of fees. £ _____					
Payment method	**Online money transfer			By cheque (enclosed)		
<b>Gift Aid:</b> If you pay income tax in the UK, your subscription and any donations can be treated as Gift Aid, which will maximize the Association's income and better enable us to meet the costs of running the Association. Tick the option below that applies.						
I want to Gift Aid			I can't / don't want to Gift Aid			
By selecting 'I want to Gift Aid', I agree that Wokingham & District Beekeepers Association will claim Gift Aid on all qualifying gifts of money I make in the future or have made in the past 4 years. 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. (Currently 25p in every £1).						
Signature			Date			

\*\* Online money transfer is OUR preferred method of payment. Us your name plus the word 'Fees' as the reference.

## Membership Fees

\* Full Membership Fees: (set at the October 2023 Annual General Meeting)

Up to 3 Colonies £38.00 (the standard fee)	4 to 5 Colonies £39.20
6 to 10 Colonies £42.70	11 to 15 Colonies £45.75
16 to 20 Colonies £47.50	21 to 25 Colonies £49.10
26 to 30 Colonies £51.60	31 to 35 Colonies £54.20
36 to 39 Colonies £56.10	

Partner Member: £13.50

Junior Member: £20.00

Friend: £15.00

## NOTES ON PAYMENT:

- New applications or renewals of membership should be made to the Membership Secretary
- Payments are made either by:
  - \*online money transfer from your account to:
    - Account Name: WOKINGHAM AND DISTRICT BEEKEEPERS ASSOCIATION
    - Sort Code: 30-98-97,
    - Account No: 23530563,
  - Or by posting a cheque (payable to WOKINGHAM AND DISTRICT BEEKEEPERS ASSOCIATION) along with your form
  - If you have any questions or problems, please contact the membership secretary using the website contact form OR via [wokinghambeekeepers@gmail.com](mailto:wokinghambeekeepers@gmail.com)

Send your form (one per person) and cheque (if applicable) to:

W&DBKA, C/O Peter Butcher, 38 Sandhurst Road, Wokingham, Berkshire, RG40 3JD.