



Charity number: 1170487

31st October 2018

Dear Member,

2019-2020 Subscriptions are due for Penrith and District Beekeepers Association from 1st January 2019.

For **Beekeepers** who require insurance cover : **£42**

- £18 is retained by the Penrith Branch,
- £2 pays for Brood Diseases Insurance (BDI) up to 3 colonies and the remaining
- £22 covers membership of Cumbria Beekeepers Association (£3) and the British Beekeepers Association (£19).

The rate for non-beekeepers is £18, which covers membership of Penrith Branch only. Non-Beekeepers also have the option to join the **Cumbria Beekeepers Association : £3**

Membership Renewal: Your membership of BBKA will lapse if subs are not paid by the 1st January 2019. To ensure continuity of registration with ***BBKA and BDI Insurance**, prior to the commencement of the summer season, members are, therefore, advised to renew their membership by **January 31st**. **For further details see page 3.*

Since becoming a Charity, PDBKA is able to claim tax relief on a portion of each member's subscription. To enable us to do this we need you to sign the **Gift Aid Declaration** on the membership application form if this is applicable to your situation.

PDBKA is required to comply with the **General Data Protection** Regulations which were introduced in May 2018. In order to allow us to use your contact details for administrative purposes, it is necessary for you to also **sign** the box on the application form which indicates that you have agreed to the 'Terms and Conditions of Membership'.

Failure to do this, will mean that PDBKA will be unable to pass on your details to BBKA/CBKA/ and other members. This is likely to have serious consequences for renewing your membership with BBKA, which provides product and public liability insurance and the BDI Insurance cover and participation in the PDBKA Bee Buddy scheme.

The form can still be returned either by post or scanned and attached to an E mail.

In order to make the payment of subscriptions more convenient, PDBKA is offering different payment options: **cash; cheques; BACs**. See further information on the form attached.

Receipts: Please note that the **BDI Certificate** and **full membership subscription receipts** are now issued electronically direct from BDI to those who receive E mail. Members without E mail will continue to receive their certificate and membership receipts by post. **Branch only subscriptions** will continue to be acknowledged by the Treasurer via E mail/post as appropriate.

Membership Cards: PBKA Membership Cards (2019) will be available for collection at the AGM (Sunday 24th March) and after this at the Branch Meetings at Acorn Bank. The first Branch Meeting at the Apiary has been scheduled for **Sunday 5th May**. This, and dates of subsequent meetings throughout the summer season, are shown with the bee symbol on our 2019 calendar. The full Summer Programme will be sent out during February.

BBKA Membership Cards are issued centrally and distributed to each member via their monthly newsletter.

Charitable donations: several members are opting to donate to '*Bees Abroad*' which supports beekeeping projects in developing countries. It is more beneficial to this charity if donations are made by individuals, rather than through our club accounts, because your donations can be 'gift aided'. If you would like to make a donation, further information is available on the web site: www.beesabroad.org.uk or by contacting info@beesabroad.org.uk

If you have any queries about the renewal of your membership, please ring me on

01768 894404 or send an e-mail to mr4cnr@gmail.com .

I look forward to receiving your subscription.



Margaret Riches (PBKA Treasurer)

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Benefits of BBKA membership include:

1. Information and advice on beekeeping
2. On line resources –education /training, forum etc.
3. £10m Third Party Public Liability
4. £10m Products Liability Insurance
5. Monthly Membership Magazine: The BBKA News
6. Beekeeping Examinations to the highest level
7. Representation at a National and International level
8. Annual Spring Convention and Exhibition at Harper Adams University, Newport, Shropshire (11th-14th April 2019)
9. Audio Visual Aids and Slide Libraries
10. Membership Card entitling you to additional benefits.

Brood Diseases Insurance (through BDI Ltd) covers beekeepers for losses arising from disease. This insurance is available at Branch level only, meaning that if a branch opts in then all members must obtain cover. This branch has opted in, and the £2 basic premium has been added to your membership fee.

It is important that you anticipate the number of colonies that you are likely to have during the season. If you have more colonies than you have paid the premium for then you lose all cover.

The rates of compensation for property insured, are indicated on the web site:

www.beediseasesinsurance.co.uk

BDI Premiums:

- Up to 3 colonies - £2 (Already included with your membership)

Additional premiums payable for more than 3 colonies:

- Up to 5 colonies in total - £2
- Up to 10 colonies in total - £5.25
- Up to 15 colonies in total - £7.75
- Up to 20 colonies in total - £9.50
- Up to 25 colonies in total - £11.10
- Up to 30 colonies in total- £13.60
- Up to 35 colonies in total- £16.10
- Up to 39 colonies in total - £18.10

Additional Insurance : If you require insurance cover for hives and other equipment, which might be 'lost' due to fire/ theft, then it is possible to obtain insurance from: **BBKA**: www.bbka.org.uk / **Buckland Harvester Insurance Brokers Ltd. Tel: 0161 834 1884.**

