

Kendal and South Westmorland Beekeepers' Association – 2026

Combined Application Form for Both Local and National Membership

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Membership runs for the **calendar year** and the association requires renewal of existing subscriptions by **31st January**.



- Cheques payable to 'K&SWBKA' please or transfer to Cumberland Building Society
Sort Code 16-52-21 Account No. 52022602 . Please use your name as a reference so I know who's paid.

Subscription Categories:

- **Ordinary Member:** from £35
(Please see introductory notes on calculating no. of hives)

No. of COLONIES	INSURANCE	BBKA	K&SWBKA	TOTAL
1-3 Hives	2.00	23.00	10.00	£35.00
4-5 Hives	3.20	23.00	10.00	£36.20
6-10 Hives	6.70	23.00	10.00	£39.70
11-15 Hives	9.75	23.00	10.00	£42.75
16-20 Hives	11.50	23.00	10.00	£44.50
21-25 Hives	13.10	23.00	10.00	£46.10

If you have more hives than this, please check subscription to BDI on website or contact treasurer.

Membership includes paying a capitation to the BBKA, subscription to BDI (also an additional premium for any extra hives over the basic three) and K&SWBKA subscription. This comprises of full membership of the BBKA including insurance (covering Public and Product liability) and a monthly copy BBKA news delivered. Colonies lost by notifiable diseases would be compensated for under BDI rules. Members would have full membership of K&SWBKA and receive the association's quarterly news publication, [Preveiling Wind](#), as well as access to the members section of the K&SWBKA [website](#).

- **Junior Member:** £5.00

For beekeepers who have not yet reached their eighteenth birthday. Will need to be with a registered member (e.g., a teacher).

- **Partner Member:** £15.00

This involves a **beekeeper's partner** (resident at the same address) who also is involved with beekeeping paying a reduced BBKA capitation so that they too have membership of the BBKA and insurance. They will not receive additional copies of the BBKA news. Partner members have full membership of K&SWBKA at no cost and access to the members section of the K&SWBKA [website](#).

- **Associate Member:** £10

K&SWBKA membership only. Suitable for members of other beekeeping associations who wish to keep in touch with K&SWBKA. They will receive the Preveiling Wind and access to the members section of the K&SWBKA [website](#).

- **Country Member:** £21.00 (£11.00 BBKA subscription; £10 K&SWBKA)

This type of membership is suitable for those who wish to belong to both the BBKA and K&SWBKA but do not have bees yet or who have retired from beekeeping. They will receive the BBKA news and the Preveiling Wind and access to the members section of the K&SWBKA [website](#) but **not** be insured.

- **Corporate or School Membership:** from £35.00 depending on number of hives (as Registered membership)

[Please contact me to discuss](#)

Name:	Telephone:
Address:	Mobile:
Post Code:	BBKA member no.:
Email:	Type of Membership: Number of Hives:

Important Data Protection Information (see reverse for explanation):

This association holds your contact details, as long as you are a member, for registration with the BBKA and BDI insurance and to remind you of membership expiry and any changes in terms or conditions. They will not be passed on to third parties or used for any marketing or forwarded, unless your consent is given in compliance with the UK's Data Protection Act of 25 May 2018. **To consent for your details to be made available to members of the Association, purely for the purpose of Association matters (e.g. events, website access and news), then please tick here**

Ordinary members details are forwarded to the National Bee Unit (APHA - DEFRA) Bee Inspector **unless** you tick here

If you do **NOT** want to receive **emails** from the Association, updating you on events and administration then tick the box here

The UK's Data Protection Act Of 25 May 2018 Explained With Respect To The Membership Form

Firstly, the Kendal & South Westmorland Beekeepers Association needs to emphasise that it has, and always will, protect your personal details and only give them to the appropriate, and briefed, committee members for the sole purpose of K&SWBKA or BBKA administration. Your details are only used for either the association's officers to serve you with our news and allow you access to your membership privileges, such as BDI insurance coverage, BBKA membership and access to its 'members only' section of the association's website. All members must abide by **rule 13 of the K&SWBKA constitution** which states that, "*.. all members will respect the provisions of United Kingdom's Data Protection Act of 2018.*" and can be found on the website, 'members home' and 'committee' pages. However, the data protection act now requires the association to explain this and give you the option of restricting it from contacting you via email.

With respect to the **membership form**, the act requires you to tick the **first box**, to say you have understood how the association will protect your details and gives your consent for that process.

The **second box** refers to whether you want the National Bee Unit to know that you are a member of the association and give it an idea of the number of colonies or hives you have. This helps the Bee Unit know the capacity of their requirements to manage disease and bee-welfare in the area, and in turn help you to manage potentially hazardous situations with your colonies and we would encourage you to register on BeeBase.

The **third box** that is required to be there by the act and is designed to prevent unwanted emails known as SPAM. If you believe the association is likely to overload you with unwanted emails, then tick this box. In reality however, the only person in this association who's likely to email you is the secretary, or very occasionally the treasurer, with information about your membership, association's insurance, the association's newsletter ('Preveiling Wind' in pdf form) and association's events. This would be probably no more than one or two emails a month. In practical terms, it would be difficult for the association to contact you if you do tick this box as very little is done via post as it increases the workload of the secretary.

What most practical membership applications would look like is as follows:

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If for some reason you do **not** wish to tick the first box then it will be exceedingly difficult to have a functional membership as the association cannot effectively process your application. If you tick the second box then the association and National Bee Unit will respect your decision and privacy on the matter but this is an *opt-out* choice as your details will normally be given *automatically* to the NBU by the BDI/BBKA database and the membership secretary needs to manually withhold permission for this. If you tick the third box then the association will not email you, however there will be limited communications and your access to events and news will be limited to checking the association's website, members only section. There will also be no membership renewal reminder.

Thank you for spending the time to read this and I hope this has gone some way towards clearing up any misunderstandings and confusion caused by an act designed to stop unscrupulous commercial companies using your details for marketing and advertising. Please feel free to contact us if you have any specific data related concerns or questions.

Happy Beekeeping

BDI Premiums 2026

Dear Members,

Just a few notes to refresh members' memories as to what BDI covers and how to calculate your premium which must be paid by **all registered** beekeeping members; **partner** members do not pay a subscription to BDI.

BDI premiums, like BBKA capitation, are paid in respect of the calendar year, 1 January to 31 December. Insurance cover becomes effective only once K&SWBKA receive your membership subscription and any additional premium if you have more than 3 colonies. If payment is made after 31 March, cover will not commence until 40 days have elapsed from the date of payment. In view of this condition, please get your subscriptions to me asap and before the last week of March when I have to make all the returns.

BDI compensates members for losses of hive components and honey caused by statutorily notifiable diseases i.e., AFB, EFB, Small Hive Beetle and Tropilaelaps mites. Hive bodies and bees are not covered. It is a condition of the Association's membership that beekeepers permit inspection of their hives if requested by the NBU Bee Inspector. Compensation would be paid subject to condition of the equipment as assessed by the Bee Inspector. A guide to compensation amounts is available on the BDI website.

Registered members need to use the table on the form to calculate their subscriptions. Even if you have no bees as yet this season; if you wish to be a registered member you will still be required to pay the £2 BDI subscription. If you think it unlikely that you will keep bees this year, another category of membership e.g. Country might be appropriate; this can be upgraded if you do then obtain bees during the season but the relevant BDI premium would then be payable depending on the number of colonies and the 40-day rule would apply.

If you keep bees with another member who is not resident at the same address, both beekeepers need to be registered members of the BBKA and therefore pay BDI premiums or else the unregistered member would be uninsured should any incident occur involving a third party when they were responsible for the bees by themselves on any occasion. If you always open the hives together, this will not apply as the Registered member would be insured for any incident.

Partner members do not pay a subscription to BDI, the registered member needs to ensure all colonies, including nuclei that will be kept this year. As with all insurance, under insurance would make any claim void.

In calculating the number of colonies to insure, members need to anticipate the increase in colony numbers they may make during the season and insure for that quantity, not the number of colonies they have over-wintered. Nuclei count as a colony as they have frames but Apideas and mini-nucs are not covered.

If you need any help in calculating your subscription and premium please contact me. As I stated earlier, an early reply would be appreciated and will ensure you are covered for the whole of 2026.

Thanks a lot,

Pat