

Kennet Beekeepers Association (KBKA) Membership Form 2025-2026

If this completed form is not mailed/emailed to the Membership Secretary *and acknowledged*, your membership cannot be processed, even if you paid online, as we have no way of tracing your contact details.

Title		First name		Surname	
Address					
Postcode		Email			
Phone		Mobile			

Membership	Type of membership	Notes	Fee	Total	
See Explanatory Notes on next page	Yes, I want to SHARE my details on BeeBase for disease & pest monitoring and control⁷				Y or N
	Registered (full) ¹	Keeps bees. Includes BDI for up to 3 hives.	£43.00	£	
	School ⁶	Keeps bees. Includes BDI for up to 3 hives	£43.00	£	
	Country ³	Does not keep bees.	£30.00	£	
	Partner	At the same address. Name	£33.50	£	
	Junior ⁴	DOB .../.../... Name	£0.00	£	
	Local ³	Does not keep bees nor receive <i>BBKA News</i>	£16.00	£	
	Late renewal fee payable by members who renew AFTER 1 November 2025.			£5.00	£
	Introduction to beekeeping course			£50.00	£
	Number of <i>additional</i> hives (the first three are included in Registered membership)				
<i>Additional</i> BDI fee ¹				£	
TOTAL PAYABLE				£	

Swarm collection	I have at least 2 years beekeeping experience and I would like to be considered as a swarm collector in my area. If accepted, I understand my name, phone and/or mobile and preferred postcode will be published online: Preferred Postcode (leave blank if it is your home postcode)	Y or N
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Helping out at the branch. Kennet is run by members for members. There are many ways to help; please tick at least one box.

Chair. Vice Chair. Treasurer. Secretary. Membership Sec. Apiary Manager At the apiary. Honey manager/assistant Training. Webmaster. Being a mentor. Swarm officer. Club librarian. Yellow legged hornet team. At fetes/honey shows. Club night teas.

<input type="checkbox"/> I enclose a cheque payable to Kennet Beekeepers. Mail to: Sophie Butcher, Membership Secretary, Hither Dairy, Stanley, Chippenham SN15 3RE OR <input type="checkbox"/> I paid online on date: Pay Kennet Beekeepers, Acc: 43907768; Sort code: 309263. In the reference field, please put your full name or we won't know who paid. Email this to: membership@kennet-beekeepers.co.uk Queries? Call Sophie Butcher on 07711 951 343	Your personal details will be held in accordance with the EU General Data Protection Regulation 2018 & UK Data Protection Act, detailed in our Privacy Policy, which is available on our website: www.kennet-beekeepers.co.uk NB Annual membership of KBKA runs from 1 Oct - 30 Sep. Sign / type your name Date/...../202.....
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Gift Aid it! Boost your donation by 25p of Gift Aid for every £1 you donate

Wiltshire BKA is a Registered Charity [No 1198735], and is able to use a government scheme called Gift Aid. This means we can boost any donation to the branch made by a qualifying taxpayer by 25p for every pound donated. **Your membership fee qualifies as a donation** (excluding any additional BDI insurance or training fee). To enable us to claim your gift aid donation, you must be a qualifying UK taxpayer and complete the statement below.

[...] **Tick this box.** I want to Gift Aid my membership subscription and/or my donation to Kennet BKA, a branch of Wiltshire BKA. As per my membership details above, I am a UK tax payer and understand that if I pay less Income Tax and/or Capital Gains Tax in the current tax year than the amount of Gift Aid claimed on all my donations, it is my responsibility to pay any difference.

Sign/type in your name..... Date/...../.....

Please notify membership@kennet-beekeepers.co.uk if you wish to:

- Cancel this declaration for any reason, which may include that you no longer pay sufficient tax on your income/capital gains;
- Change your name and/or home address.

If you pay income tax at the higher/additional rate and want to receive the additional tax relief due to you, you must include your Gift Aid donations on your Self Assessment tax return or ask HM Revenue & Custom to adjust your tax code.

Application to Kennet's Introduction to Beekeeping course 2025-2026

The first course takes place on a few Thursday evenings from 26 February to 2 April 2026 - 6.45pm - 9.00pm at Bishops Canning Village Hall

Open to KBKA members. Either <input type="checkbox"/> I am already a member of Kennet KBA ... Or <input type="checkbox"/> I am joining Kennet Beekeepers Association	
Have you any known allergic reaction to honeybee stings? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	Apart from unforeseen contingencies, do you expect to attend all of the sessions? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
Do you own bees? No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> How many hives? [] How many years? []	Emergency contact Phone

See over for special offer on BeeCraft magazine for Kennet members

Kennet Beekeepers Association (KBKA) membership explanatory notes 2025-2026

Membership categories		Benefits						Fee
		BBKA affiliat'n ²	BBKA News magazine	BBKA public liability insurance	Honey Bee Times online	KBKA	BDI ¹	
Registered (full) ¹	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Keeps/intends to keep bees this year Min: 18 years Right to vote at KBKA general meeting 	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y ¹	£43.00
Or Schools ^{1,6}	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Keeps/intends to keep bees this year Min: 18 years No voting rights 	Y	Y	-	Y	Y	Y ¹	£43.00
Or Country ³	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Does not keep bees Right to vote at KBKA general meeting 	Y	Y	-	Y	Y	-	£30.00
Partner	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Individual beekeeper at the same address as Registered member Right to vote at KBKA general meeting 	Y	-	Y	Y	Y	-	£33.50
Junior ⁴	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9-17-years-old No voting rights Is affiliated to a Registered member Must attend events with a nominated guardian 	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	-	Free
Or Local ^{3,5}	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Does not keep bees; No voting rights 	-	-	-	Y	Y	-	£16.00
<p>1. BDI (Bee Disease Insurance) and Additional Colonies. BDI (Bee Disease Insurance). BDI covers the insured for the statutory destruction of bees, honey and equipment for American or European Foul Brood. For BDI to be valid, all colonies owned by the beekeeper must be included on this form. You can add to this number later, but note that BDI is valid from the date Kennet BKA receives your payment, and BDI paid after 31 March only comes into force 40 days after Kennet BKA receives your payment. Details on the BDI certificate of insurance. Registered (full) KBKA Members are automatically insured for BDI for 3 colonies each. Ideally make allowance for any increase of colonies you may have during the season and make the extra payment for those colonies.</p>				Up to 2 more, total 5		£1.20		
				Up to 7 more, total 10		£4.70		
				Up to 12 more, total 15		£7.75		
				Up to 17 more, total 20		£9.50		
				Up to 22 more, total 25		£11.10		
				Up to 27 more, total 30		£13.60		
				Up to 32 more, total 35		£16.10		
		Up to 36 more, total 39		£18.10				
<p>2. BBKA membership. By becoming a member of Kennet Beekeepers Association, all members (except for Local members) automatically become a member of the British Beekeepers Association (BBKA).</p>								
<p>3. If you don't keep bees, Country/Local memberships are your membership options. Any member of KBKA that keeps bees must be a <i>Registered</i> member of the KBKA or another BKA.</p>								
<p>4. Junior members join for free; Kennet BKA will underwrite their subscription to the BBKA.</p>								
<p>5. Kennet Introduction to Beekeeping Course. If you intend to take this and do NOT (yet) keep bees, you may join as a Local member for now and upgrade your membership in due course. As a Local member, however, you will not benefit from receiving BBKA NEWS - full of great advice for new beekeepers. You will need to upgrade your membership as soon as you plan to keep bees to ensure that you are covered by insurances. BDI paid after 31 March only comes into force 40 days after Kennet BKA receives your payment.</p>								
<p>6. Schools members. One person from the school (member of staff, caretaker etc) will be the main contact and their details, with the school address and a school email are entered onto the membership database in just the same way as a Registered member. The school is not covered by the BBKA insurance. Schools will already have Third Party Public Liability Insurance cover in place. If they are planning to keep bees on the school premises they should notify their insurers. Several schools that the BBKA is in contact with have already done this and we have not heard of any issues. As with all members of the BBKA, there is free access to Bees in the Curriculum on the BBKA website. This Key Stage 2 resource was written for the BBKA by beekeepers from the teaching profession and is useful to both teachers and also beekeepers giving talks at schools, Brownies and Cubs etc.</p>								
<p>7. Sharing your data with BeeBase (National Bee Unit, part of the Government's Animal and Plant Health Agency): If you tick this box, we will share your name, address, email, telephone, membership number and branch details to help them monitor and control pests and diseases. For the NBU's privacy policy click here: https://bit.ly/nbuprivacy</p>								
<p>BeeCraft magazine is a national monthly magazine written by beekeepers for beekeepers of all levels of experience. It contains articles on current beekeeping practice, equipment, features from across the UK and around the world and the latest bee science and research. Kennet members can receive <i>up to £12 off the annual subscription price. You'll receive the discount code upon renewal.</i></p>								
<p>Wiltshire Beekeepers Association is a registered charity. It has four branches (Kennet BKA, Melksham BKA, Swindon BKA and West Wilts BKA) and is a member of the British Beekeepers Association. It represents and organises events and education for beekeepers in Wiltshire. Registered Charity Number 1198735.</p>								
<p>Data Privacy. Kennet Beekeepers Association will use your data to administer your membership and to communicate information about events, training courses, assessments and exams. This information will be recorded in our membership database, which is stored in compliance with the GDPR and UK Data Protection Act. Your membership data is shared with the British Beekeepers Association (BBKA), Wiltshire County Association officers and the BDI. Your personal data is not passed on by us for use by any other third parties whether or not connected with beekeeping. See details at www.kennet-beekeepers.co.uk/index.php/privacy-notice/</p>								