



Twickenham and Thames Valley Beekeepers' Association
The Apiary
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TTVBKA Membership Information

Twickenham and Thames Valley Beekeepers' Association membership is open to beekeepers (new & experienced), anyone who is considering keeping bees and those who have an interest in bees and beekeeping.

We have two apiary sites, Twickenham & Mole. The Mole apiary in West Molesey, is a member's apiary where hive stands can be rented (subject to availability). Our Twickenham site, conveniently located a few minutes' walk from Twickenham train station, is a teaching apiary where we run all our practical sessions.

The Twickenham apiary is suitable for persons with disabilities; the toilets, Discovery Centre, Miller Hall, garden and shop are wheelchair accessible. We endeavour to support all special needs, please contact our [Membership Secretary](#) to discuss your requirements.

We have several categories of membership available for those with, or proposing to have, a colony(ies) of bees, non-beekeepers, schools & organisations and other supporters. Our membership runs from April to March.

To join the TTVBKA or for more information on our Membership & Subscriptions, please contact the Membership Secretary at membership@twickerbees.co.uk

Available Membership Types

Registered Membership

- Access to talks, workshops & events and weekly apiary sessions (Apr – Sep)
- Access to the Associations' extensive library & use of laboratory
- Access to the Association members only equipment trading scheme
- Loan use of specialist equipment including Honey Extractor and Preparation room
- Educational & practical support for BBKA certificates & modules
- Knowledge, experience, support & mentorship
- British Beekeepers Association (BBKA) membership Including BBKA product and Public Liability insurance
- Subscription to monthly BBKA News magazine and access to BBKA online resources
- Bee Diseases Insurance (BDI), for up to 3 hives

Partner Membership

Partner Membership is open to beekeepers living at the same address as a Registered Member. Partner Members have all the association benefits of a Registered Membership. Subscriptions to BBKA news and BDI are shared with their partner.

Junior Membership

Junior Membership shall be open to beekeepers under the age of 18.

Junior Members have:

- British Beekeepers Association (BBKA) junior membership
- Knowledge, experience, support & mentorship
- Access to talks, workshops & events and weekly apiary sessions (Apr – Sep)
- Access to the Associations' extensive library & use of laboratory
- Access to the Association members only equipment trading scheme

Associate Membership

Associate Membership is open to Registered Members of other beekeeping associations which are affiliated to the BBKA and have paid the BBKA Capitation fee on behalf of that member. Associate Membership includes:

- Access to talks, workshops & events
- Access to the Associations' extensive library & use of laboratory
- Access to the Association members only equipment trading scheme
- Associate members do not have access to Honey Extractor and Preparation room

Country Membership

Country Membership shall be open those who do not keep bees but who wish to support the TTVBKA. BBKA Country membership is included with access to BBKA online resources and BBKA News magazine.

Country Members can:

- Access to talks, workshops & events
- Access to the Associations' extensive library

Corporate/Schools Membership

Corporate Membership is available to commercial, educational & other types of organisations that have an interest in bees & beekeeping. The (named) representative has the same benefits of Registered Members which is extended to the corporate body via their representative but does not receive and BBKA liability insurance products.

Some educational establishments can access BBKA Junior Certificate assessments for their students free of charge.

Schools Individual Membership

Schools Individual Members is open to individuals who are employed by an educational establishment who is a corporate member of the TTVBKA and are not keeping bees outside of the School Member. This membership includes registered membership of the BBKA and allows these members to achieve individual BBKA assessments & exams. TTVBKA training & support is provided and personal access to some Apiary facilities including the Honey Extractor & Preparation room is provided on a limited basis.

Family Membership

Family Membership is open to non-beekeepers of a Registered Member's family.

This allows family members access Twickenham facilities on behalf of/with the member.

2026 Membership Subscriptions:

Registered	£52.00
Partner	£42.00
Country	£32.00
Junior	£15.00
Corporate/Schools	£52.00
Associate	£20.00
Schools individual	£40.00
Corporate	£52.00
Family	£5.00

About British Beekeeping Association (BBKA) membership

- Access to the members only part of their website which is a mine of useful information, including an online forum for beekeeping support
- Subscription to the monthly BBKA magazine to keep you up to date of the latest bee news, beekeeping advice, research updates and more, posted to your address
- Annual Spring Convention and Exhibition with a full range of lectures and seminars
- £10m third party public & product liability insurance (only for UK & Channel Island residents)

About BDI & Additional Insurance Rates

Bee Diseases Insurance (BDI) provides insurance coverage specifically for beekeepers in England and Wales. The coverage offered by BDI compensates beekeepers who have had their equipment destroyed by a Bee Inspector as a result of their colony or colonies being infected by a notifiable disease, currently European Foulbrood (EFB) and American Foulbrood (AFB).

Beekeeping members can insure more colonies for the following additional premiums (numbers including their first three hives):

- Up to 5 colonies in total: £1.20
- Up to 10 colonies in total: £4.70
- 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: £16.20
- Up to 39 colonies in total: £18.10

Membership Benefits

Type	Annual Subscription	BBKA	BD Insurance	TTVBKA Voting	Conditions
Full (Registered)	£52.00	YES Full membership with liability Insurance	YES	YES	
Partner	£42.00	YES Shared with Partner	Shared with Partner	YES	Linked to and residing at the same address of a Full member
Junior	£15.00	YES Limited	NO	NO	Under 18 Years old
Corporate/Schools	£52.00	YES BBKA Schools membership (No BBKA Liability Ins)	YES	YES	
Associate	£20.00	NO	NO	NO	Reserved for Full BBKA members of other associations
Country	£32.00	YES Special membership with BBKA News, but no insurance	NO	NO	For Members who do not keep bees
Schools Individual	£40.00	YES Full membership with liability Insurance	YES	NO	For employees of a School that has schools' membership
Family Member	£5 each	NO	NO	NO	Non -beekeeping family members of a registered member

TTVBKA Members have access to the facilities at our Twickenham Apiary.

These include the Trading Scheme, Laboratory and Library. Honey extraction facilities are only available to TTVBKA voting members.

All candidates for Full, Partner, Junior, Corporate, Country, Schools Individual or Associate Membership must be approved by the Committee.