

# MEMBERSHIP GUIDE

## to the Kent Beekeepers' Association

This is a guide to the membership category you need to belong to.

Normally if you have bees you will become a Registered Member. If you don't have bees, are a member of another association apart from Kent or start late in the year join as a Friend. If you are a partner of a registered member or Friend living at the same address and willing to share the correspondence then join as an Partner member.

**Registered** members get 12 copies of Beecraft starting in February, Public and Products Liability insurance for up to £10,000,000 for their activities and their products, honey etc, and Bee Disease Insurance (BDI) for up to three hives as well as the BBKA newsletter each month, Kent newsletter 6 times a year and possibly a local newsletter from their local branch. If you want to insure more than three hives (including nucs) under the Bee Disease Insurance Scheme there are additional premiums payable.

**Friends** get a copy of the Kent Newsletter and possibly a local newsletter from their local branch.

- If you want Beecraft which starts in February there is an additional subscription for 12 copies. If you join as a Friend after January you may be able to get the appropriate number of copies by paying a reduced rate.. Please speak to your local branch Treasurer or Membership secretary. This reduced rate will be recorded in the other payments section on the form.
- If you want to be a member of the British Beekeepers Association and receive their informative monthly newsletter pay the additional rate for a **Country** member (this does not include insurance).

### Junior Member

If you are under 18 you can become a member and receive Beecraft but this does not include any insurance.

### Partner Member

If you are living at the same address as a registered member or a Friend you can join as an associate member but you will not be covered for insurance and will not receive your own copy of newsletters etc. If the associate member also wants to be covered for Public and Products Liability insurance then an additional payment needs to be made.

### Voting and Officers

All classes of membership including Friends can be Branch Officers and vote at Branch meetings. ONLY Registered (Ordinary) members can be County Officers, Council Reps i.e. directors of KBKA and vote at the County AGM.

| Class  | Canterbury newsletter (monthly) | Kent BKA Newsletter (bi-monthly) | BBKA Newsletter (bi-monthly) | Beecraft Magazine (monthly) | BBKA 3rd party Insurance | Bee Diseases Insurance | Branch Voting & Officer | County Voting & Officer |
|--|---------------------------------|----------------------------------|------------------------------|-----------------------------|--------------------------|------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|
| Ordinary   | ✓                               | ✓                                | ✓                            | ✓                           | ✓                        | ✓                      | ✓                       | ✓                       |
| Associate  |                                 |                                  |                              |                             |                          | ✓                      |                         |                         |
| Associate with 3 <sup>rd</sup> party Insurance (Partner) |                                 |                                  |                              | ✓                           |                          | ✓                      |                         |                         |
| Junior   | ✓                               | ✓                                | ✓                            |                             |                          | ✓                      |                         |                         |
| Friend   | ✓                               | ✓                                |                              |                             |                          | ✓                      |                         |                         |
| Friend with Beecraft                                     | ✓                               | ✓                                |                              | ✓                           |                          | ✓                      |                         |                         |
| Extra for Friend who wants BBKA Country membership       |                                 |                                  | ✓                            |                             |                          |                        |                         |                         |