



OSWESTRY BEEKEEPERS ASSOCIATION



Notes for reference

Annual Membership fees for 2023/24 are now due.

If you register with it, the National Bee Unit (NBU) of DEFRA maintain a voluntary database of your contact details and hive locations, called BeeBase, to aid Bee Inspectors with apiary locations and warning messages to you in the event of disease outbreaks local to you.

With your permission, you can have your current details automatically copied to BeeBase. See permission request below. Please see the **Frequently Asked Questions** in the attached explanation of the feature.

If you have previously been a member of another beekeeping association please let the treasurer know so that your records can be transferred.

When completed, please return the form, with the appropriate payment in favour of OBKA, to:

The Treasurer, OBKA, 5 Shorthill, Lea Cross, Shrewsbury, SY5 8JE

This form can also be emailed to Clare at clareblim@yahoo.co.uk and payment can be made by bacs to **Oswestry Beekeepers** Sort code: **60-16-04** Account: **76957268** ref: **your name/subs**

There are three types of membership:

Local Membership is for those who either do not keep bees or are paid-up Full Members of another Association. Benefits include receiving the OBKA and SBKA online Bulletins and being entitled to attend all events on the indoor and outdoor programmes of both Oswestry and Shropshire Beekeeping Associations. However, Associate Members are not affiliated to the BBKA and are not covered by insurance.

Full Membership is for those who are already beekeepers. Additional benefits to the above include:- Membership of the British Beekeepers Association. A monthly BBKA newsletter. Insurance cover up to £10million for Public Liability for harm caused by your bees and for claims arising out of swarm collection and Product Liability (including sales through Farmers' Markets). Ability to visit the SBKA Apiary and join courses to study for Beekeeping certificates. Bee Disease Insurance (BDI) for up to three hives to help cover the loss of equipment following a compulsory destruction order (*if you have more hives see rate below*). All family members may attend any OBKA and SBKA meeting or event.

Partner Membership is for anyone who resides at the same address as a Full Member and who shares in the management of the hives and/or independently sells the resultant bee products. To enjoy the public liability insurance benefits offered by the BBKA s/he must be separately listed on the policy. (BDI insurance is covered by the linked Full Member's subscription).

1. **If you have never registered with BeeBase and wish to do so, please see the attached explanation of the feature, especially the Frequently Asked Questions section.**
2. Please indicate whether you would like details of an experienced beekeeper near to you who you can contact for help and advice.
3. Likewise, please indicate if you feel that you would be happy for your contact details to be given to a less experienced beekeeper near to you.

If this is the first time you are making a **Gift Aid Declaration** to **Oswestry Beekeepers**, please print, sign and date and forward this form to the Treasurer. It enables the Association to claim back 25p from HMRC for every £1 that you give.



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Subscription for the year 1st November to 31st October

FULL MEMBER subscription for the year is **£30.00** £.....

PARTNER MEMBER subscription for the year is **£15.50** £.....

LOCAL MEMBER subscription for the year is **£7.00** £.....

Additional Bee Diseases Insurance First three hives included in your annual full member subscription.

(In order not to invalidate your insurance cover you should include

ALL the hives you expect for the upcoming year including Nuclei)

4-5	6-10	11-15	16-20	21-25	26-30	31-35	36-39	£.....
£1.20	£4.70	£7.75	£9.50	£11.10	£13.60	£16.10	£18.10	

Please delete as applicable:-

1. (Yes, I will/No, I do not) agree to automatically share my contact details with BeeBase (National Bee Unit).
2. (Yes, I would like/No, I do not need) details of an experienced beekeeper near me?
3. (Yes, I am willing/No, I don't feel able) to offer help and advice to a less experienced beekeeper near me?

Your details will only be used where necessary to fulfil the objectives of the Oswestry Beekeepers Association

Name TOTAL £ _____

Partner Member's Name *(if also joining)*

Address

..... Postcode *(essential)*

Tel.:

Email:

Gift Aid Declaration: For U.K. taxpayers only.

I hereby declare that I am a UK taxpayer and wish all the donations I have made in the last four years to Oswestry Beekeepers and all donations I will make from the date of this declaration until I notify you otherwise to be treated as Gift Aid Donations.

I confirm that I have paid or will pay an amount of Income Tax and/or Capital Gains Tax for each tax year (6 April to 5 April) that is at least equal to the amount of tax that all the charities or community amateur sports clubs that I donate to will reclaim on my gifts for that tax year. I understand that it is my responsibility to pay any difference between the sums I have paid and that reclaimed should this arise.

I understand that other tax such as VAT and Council Tax do not qualify. I understand that the charity will reclaim 25p tax for every £1 that I give.

Full name: _____

Address: _____

_____ Postcode _____

Signed: _____ Dated: _____

Linking eR2 membership system to BeeBase

By Martin Smith, President of Bee Diseases Insurance Ltd and eR2 membership project manager

Members' data

In order to simplify the process of renewing existing memberships and accepting new members, most associations now use eR2, which was developed originally by Bee Diseases Insurance Ltd (BDI) to handle their membership administration. This streamlines the process of collecting subscriptions and other local fees and generates returns to the county and national beekeeping associations as applicable, as well as collating the amounts collected on behalf of BDI for disease insurance.

Members' data is held in a secure environment and a subset of the data is passed to the British Beekeepers' Association (BBKA), Welsh Beekeepers' Association (WBKA) and BDI, as appropriate, to enable them to supply services to their members. Local association officers are able to use the system to communicate with members by working with one set of data that is up-to-date.

Equally, county and national associations are able to communicate with local association officers using this system.

BeeBase

BeeBase is a valuable beekeeping resource maintained by the National Bee Unit (NBU). In addition to providing information to beekeepers, it maintains a voluntary register of beekeepers in England, Wales and Scotland. Most associations encourage their members to register with BeeBase. This register enables the regional and seasonal bee inspectors to know where beekeepers and their apiaries are located and allows them to make contact in the case of a disease outbreak, with a view, if necessary, to undertaking a disease inspection. The inspectors are experienced beekeepers and their visits often provide valuable training for the individual beekeeper. Should a beekeeper have an outbreak of a notifiable disease, and have cover provided by BDI, the inspector will validate the insurance claim on their visit.

Data sharing

There is no automatic sharing of data from local associations to BeeBase. As eR2 membership has developed, some local associations have asked us if we can provide a link for those associations who wish to participate; this would allow consenting members to share their contact details with the NBU.

The link is now active for membership renewals for the 2024 season. For associations who wish their members to be given the opportunity to pass their contact details to BeeBase, each member, on renewal or initial joining, will be asked (by ticking the relevant box) if they wish their data to be transferred. No data will be passed without the member giving their permission.

FAQ	Answer
If I give permission, what data will be transferred?	Name and address, email address and telephone numbers, plus membership number and which association you belong to.
What if my local association does not want to participate in this arrangement?	You will not be presented with the question at the time of your renewal and no data will be transferred to BeeBase.
What if I do not want my contact details to be shared with BeeBase?	When asked on your membership form if you would like your contact details to be shared, do not tick the relevant box.
Do I still need to update my BeeBase records if I advise my local association that my contact details have changed?	<p>Yes, please still update your personal details on BeeBase and pay particular attention to your apiary locations.</p> <p>This system is being designed to allow inspectors the best chance to contact you.</p> <p>If you have already given permission for your data to be shared with BeeBase, for example at a renewal, or by applying for a new membership, then the changes will be advised via the link as soon as your local membership secretary makes them on the system. However, please continue to update details of your apiary locations directly on BeeBase.</p>
What if I leave my local association?	<p>If you have already given permission for data to be transferred, when your membership is lapsed your change in status will be transferred to BeeBase.</p> <p>This does not mean that your record in BeeBase will be similarly lapsed.</p> <p>The NBU may see that you have joined another association and link their record to your new association.</p> <p>One of the sources of disease can be hives belonging to beekeepers who have passed away. As a result, the inspectors are keen to understand what has happened to these hives, particularly if they are in an area of high disease incidence.</p> <p>Providing the information in a timely manner that a beekeeper has died is considered to be a significant benefit of this new data transfer</p>

	<p>arrangement. After communicating that a member has lapsed or died, no further information will be transferred to BeeBase.</p>
<p>Doesn't BeeBase hold information about my apiary locations?</p>	<p>If you give permission for your contact details to be transferred to BeeBase, and they do not have your registration already, BeeBase will generate an apiary record based on your home postcode. They will then ask you to update it.</p>
<p>Will my information held in BeeBase be transferred back to my local association?</p>	<p>No – the information transfer is one way only – from the local membership system to BeeBase.</p> <p>No information will be transferred back from BeeBase to your local, county or national beekeeping association.</p>
<p>Is my data secure in eR2?</p>	<p>BDI follows strict GDPR protocols and your data is held in a secure environment on servers hosted in the UK.</p> <p>Access to local membership data is restricted to named local association officers who must have a signed authorisation from another member of the local association committee before access is granted.</p> <p>Your data is not provided to outside bodies other than those specifically noted in your local association privacy policy.</p> <p>These will include your county association (if applicable), BBKA or WBKA and BDI.</p> <p>These permissions are to enable you to receive the services that they have agreed to provide to local association members. In addition, if your association and you consent, your details will be shared with the NBU.</p>
<p>Is my data secure in BeeBase?</p>	<p>Again, BeeBase is fully GDPR compliant, and your data is only available to the NBU inspectorate.</p>
<p>Will the National Bee Unit share my data?</p>	<p>The data controller for the NBU is Defra which operates under strict data protection regulations.</p> <p>Data is handled in accordance with a privacy policy that can be see here: https://tinyurl.com/yhw837br</p>

<p>I am already registered with BeeBase – why should I give consent for this data transfer?</p>	<p>Most beekeepers are registered with BeeBase, but when you move house or change your email address, contacting the NBU is probably not high on your list of things to do.</p> <p>It can easily be forgotten and, as a consequence, the NBU will lose track of you. Allowing the data transfer means that your contact details are always up-to-date.</p> <p>This is especially important in the case of a disease outbreak.</p> <p>Ensuring that BeeBase removes people who are no longer keeping bees is also difficult for the NBU.</p> <p>If you decide to retire from beekeeping, you are unlikely to contact BeeBase to advise them of this fact.</p> <p>As a result, the inspectorate can attempt to contact you unnecessarily.</p>

Julian Parker, Head of the NBU, commented: “With the risk of exotic pest incursions an ongoing and significant concern, accurate and complete records for beekeepers on BeeBase are key to a successful and rapid response should an incursion happen. This development is a significant step towards improving BeeBase records and helping with this.”

Christina Ruiz, National Bee Inspector, commented: “My team of inspectors rely on BeeBase for the contact details of beekeepers in their areas. It is important that we have up-to-date information about beekeepers’ locations and this data transfer will be of great benefit.”