

South Staffordshire & District Beekeepers Association Membership Information 2025/26



Please keep this sheet for reference.

Renewing members, please complete your application by 31st December 2025 to maintain insurance cover for your bees.

For further information, contact Alasdair Lewis at Membership@southstaffsbeekeepers.com

Membership Information

The Association has four types of membership. Please select the appropriate type for your needs.

1. Members with bees will wish to be **Registered** members. This includes insurance for up to 3 colonies.
For those with more than three colonies see table below for the additional premiums.
2. If their partner wishes to be covered by third party insurance against claims because they are involved with bees, then **Partner** membership is appropriate. Please put their name and details on the form. Please note partner members must reside at the same address as a registered member. BDI is not included or required for partner members.
3. If a person with no bees wishes to be on our mailing list, be involved with the Association activities and receive 'BBKA News' then **Country** membership is the one to go for.
4. Lastly, for a person who just wishes to keep in touch with South Staffordshire & District BKA and take part in activities at our apiaries and may or may not be a member elsewhere then **Local** membership is available.



New Procedures from 2021 Season

The BBKA membership process is via ER2.

Existing members will receive an email from ER2 inviting them to renew and containing a link to complete the task online. The email will normally be issued in December. Once payment has been received, the membership is approved by the membership secretary and receipts and membership details issued.

For anyone unable to complete renewal online, forms will be available on request.

Membership application forms are normally distributed via email. If for any reason, you are unable to receive, open or return, please contact the Membership Secretary for a paper version.

New Members

The procedure for new members has 3 stages:

1. Basic contact information is collected and a membership record created.
2. An email is then issued with a link to complete the record and arrange subscription payment.
3. The membership is approved by the Membership Secretary when payment has been confirmed and then receipts, BDI insurance certificate and membership information is issued, electronically by email.

For anyone unable to complete the application online we have paper forms available on request.

A breakdown of Membership subscriptions

1. Registered Member

A member with bees who will receive our Newsletter and 'BBKA News'.

Please note that currently BBKA news is delivered in a paper format but is available electronically from the BBKA website. SS&DBKA Newsletter is delivered via email or available on the SS&DBKA website. Paper versions can be supplied on request.

Registered members are covered by third party insurance for public liability.

BBKA membership	£21.00
SS&DBKA membership	£15.00
BDI insurance (3 Colonies)	£ 2.00
Total	£38.00



2. Partner Member

A member who is involved with beekeeping, and lives at the same address as a registered member. They will not receive a separate paper 'BBKA News'. They are covered by third party insurance.

BBKA membership	£ 13.50
SS&DBKA membership	£15.00
Total	£28.50

3. Country Member

A member who does not have bees. Will have access to SS&DBKA, receive the Newsletter via email and a paper 'BBKA News'.

BBKA membership	£ 10.00
SS&DBKA membership	£15.00
Total	£25.00

4. Local Member of South Staffordshire & District Beekeepers Association (South Staffs)

A member who may or may not have bees. If they do, then they must be a registered member of another association. Local members of South Staffs will only receive SS&DBKA Newsletter electronically but not 'BBKA News'.

SS&DBKA membership	£15.00
Total	£15.00

Bee Disease Insurance Scheme (BDI)

There is no increase in the BDI rates for 2025.

Registered Member subscription includes Bee Disease Insurance for three hives (£2.00).

The cost of cover for colonies is as follows:

No of Hives	Registered
0-3	Included in membership
4-5	£1.20
6-10	£4.70
11-15	£7.75
16-20	£9.50
21-25	£11.10
26-30	£13.60
31-35	£16.10
36-39	£18.10

Example: If I have 5 hives, then 3 are paid for in the full subscription. The additional 2 hives will add a premium of £1.20

Please note the following about the Bee Disease Insurance scheme when deciding how much extra insurance to take out:



ALL COLONIES MUST BE INSURED

Where, at the time of an inspection by a duly authorised Bee Inspector, **the number of colonies managed exceeds the number for which the premium has been paid then NO cover will apply under the policy.** Please note that apiaries which are run jointly by more than one beekeeper, **all colonies on the site must be insured, if any are not insured then NO cover will apply under the policy.**

Property Insured

Property is defined as items destroyed under the Bee Diseases Control Order 1982, or any similar order in force at the time, by a Bee Inspector appointed by DEFRA central science laboratory. The Inspector must be notified of the location of all colonies owned or managed by the person and any stored beekeeping equipment owned by them. For insurance purposes, a colony is regarded as any hive (excluding 'apidea' or similar hives) containing bees regardless of the size of the colony.

Period of Cover

The premium is in respect of calendar year, 1st January to 31st December irrespective of the date on which it is paid. However, insurance cover will not commence until 40 days have elapsed from payment when the premium is paid after 31st March. This is known as the '40 day rule'.

Payment Methods

- Cheque
- BACS or direct payment. If you wish to pay by BACS, the account details are:

Account Name: SOUTH STAFFS & DISTRICT BKA

Bank: Co-operative Bank Ltd.

Sort Code: 08-92-99

Account: 6738138000

Reference: (Example: F Smith 213 subs)

When making an electronic transfer you will be asked to create a reference name for the transfer. Please use your name and membership number followed by Subs/year. This will help the treasurer to identify the transactions.

There are three other parts to the Membership Application Form which require you to make a decision and complete as you feel appropriate.

Gift Aid

As a Registered Charity SS&DBKA is entitled to claim gift aid back for some elements of your subscription. It is our intention this year to make efforts to claim the money back, however



this requires your consent. Those consenting to having the Gift Aid claimed back will receive an appropriate form in due course.

General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR)

SS&DBKA is subject to data protection legislation as are all other organisations collecting data. Our policy can be viewed in full on the website:

<https://southstaffsbeekeepers.com/ssdbka-privacy-policy/>

SS&DBKA Data Privacy Policy:

SS&DBKA promises to:

- a. Collect the minimum personal data necessary to support your subscription;
- b. Collect only data supplied by you;
- c. Keep your personal data (i.e. items of information that can identify you) safe, secure and private;
- d. Never sell your personal data;
- e. Only pass on your data to affiliated organisations such as BBKA and BDI which constitute part of your subscription;
- f. Only pass on your personal data to other SS&DBKA members with your permission;
- g. Provide ways to manage and review data held by SS&DBKA on you.
- h. Delete your data should your subscription end or lapse, or if you tell us to do so.

Your privacy is legally protected. Under the law, we must have a good reason for holding your personal data. We believe we both have a shared legitimate interest; without your data we will not be able to send you the membership information that you have subscribed to. Adopted by SS&DBKA Committee in May 2018

Child and Vulnerable Adult Policy

It is part of the SS&DBKA mission to educate those interested in finding out about honeybees and their husbandry; this includes children and vulnerable adults. There is, therefore, the potential for abuse of various sorts to occur.

We have duty to take all reasonable steps to ensure our members and members of the public are as protected as possible from potential harm. To do this, SS&DBKA Committee adopted a safeguarding policy and expects that members read the policy below and supports the SS&DBKA in delivering it.

Once you have read the policy, please indicate on the form that you understand and accept your personal responsibility for helping to keep children and vulnerable adults safe. It should be reiterated that members failing to support the policy will not be welcome at any SS&DBKA events where children and vulnerable adults may be present.

All members of the Association must comply with the Policy, as a condition of membership:

- * in centrally organised Association events
- * when operating as independent individuals in beekeeping.

Definitions within the context of this policy of the terms:



- * **Children:** all young people under the age of 18
- * **Vulnerable adults:** people aged 18 or over who have:
 - a learning or physical disability,
 - a physical or mental illness, or
 - reduced physical or mental capacity, of various kinds, that might affect any of us, either long term or transitory, e.g. from anaphylaxis due to a sting
- * **Abuse:** examples of abuse include physical, sexual, emotional and psychological, financial, bullying, discrimination and harassment related to gender, age, disability, racism, or other characteristics.

The Safeguarding Policy

Aims to:

- * Protect children and vulnerable adults;
- * Define actions, responsibilities, and procedures for members;
- * Respond swiftly and appropriately to all suspicions or allegations of abuse;
- * Ensure that information is passed on appropriately, confidentially and speedily to the designated SSBKA Safeguarding Officer and/or appropriate external agencies.

Relevant Legislation

The Police Act 1997

The Criminal Justice Act 2000

The Safeguarding and Vulnerable Groups Act 2006

The full policy document is available here:

<https://southstaffsbeekeepers.com/ssdbka-child-vulnerable-adults/>

Send the completed electronic or paper based application form to
Alasdair Lewis

If paying by Cheque, make cheque payable to "S.S.& D.B.K.A"
Thank you.

Links.

SS&DBKA Website Address: <http://southstaffsbeekeepers.com/>

SS&DBKA Email address: ssbka-mail@southstaffsbeekeepers.com

SS&DBKA Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/SSBKA>