



KINGSTON BEEKEEPERS
ASSOCIATION

**Kingston Division of Surrey Beekeepers
Association**

Chairman's Report for 2019.

I am pleased to present you, with my 10th, but unfortunately my final Chairman's Report, for Kingston Beekeepers Association ('KBKA'), for 2019. As you are aware Anne Jones, Divisional Treasurer and I are stepping down from our positions after 10 years.

KBKA Membership and Finance

KBKA is one of the eight Divisions of Surrey Beekeepers Association, which has 976 (1007 – 2018) registered BBKA members and Partners, as at 30 September 2019.

We are however, still the smallest Division with 95 Registered BBKA Members, Partners and Associates, (2018 - 88).

For information, I attach a copy of the **Unaudited** SBKA Quarterly Management Report as at 30th September 2019, which shows in more detail our financial position, compared to the other Divisions.

We continue to prosper and remain a very active Division. Our total net Assets (Unaudited) amount to £40.7K. (2018 - £33.7k), that is a **20%** increase in funds. Even though we still remain one of the smallest Divisions by membership, we are nevertheless the 4th largest by monetary value, and are in a very healthy position. SBKA Consolidated **Unaudited** total net Assets have increased by 9.54% to £410.3K.

KBKA Committee

The 10 members of the Committee met almost every month in 2019. We only had one change, when Marion Hall decided to step down as our Membership Secretary. On behalf of the members I would like to say '**Thank You**' for her work in this role. Luckily, Ann Connolly stepped forward to undertake the role without hesitation. This role, also acts as a booking secretary for the Courses we offer to the public, who want to keep bees or are just thinking about it.

Anne Jones is also stepping down from the Committee as Divisional Treasurer after 10 years. When she took over the accounts they were not in a good shape and Kingston was in arrears with the BBKA Capitation fees, relating to the annual membership subscription payments. These had to be temporarily covered by SBKA Central Funds. However, Anne quickly organised the accounts and resolved the problems with the bank account. The accounts have been managed with meticulous attention to detail ever since. These are needed, not just for the Committee but for reporting our activities on a 1/4ly basis to the SBKA Council, the consolidated SBKA AGM and for reporting to the Charity Commission and Gift Aid, for refunds. All Bee Craft matters are also managed by her. She has also established Audit trails for all reports to comply with accepted accounting practice and Compliance.

Anne, a very big **‘Thank You’** for all your hours over the years, pouring over the Computer, reconciling spreadsheet figures to bank statements and all the detailed analysis sheets that show where the monies have been allocated. Roll on the Accounting package we desperately need not only for KBKA but for each Division of SBKA.

Also, a big **“Thank You all”** to the Committee members, for their dedicated and regular support, at our monthly meetings throughout the year.

Apiary and Courses

Avis Marshall is the stalwart Apiary Manager and has been, for all the time of my Chairmanship of KBKA.

During these years, Avis, accompanied by David Marshall, have overseen a healthy and busy Apiary. She has managed to educate and train numerous members in beekeeping, alongside her hardcore team, who work enthusiastically throughout the year. Avis also organises the Member’s yearly winter Module lecture. This year was BBKA Module 1, about Honeybee Management. Avis also managed the Winter Theory and Practical Courses for our new members with increased attendees and 2 CIKB days, again with increased attendees.

Given that the Apiary is a teaching Apiary the bees produced the second highest honey harvest of 324 lbs of Honey, generating an appropriate potential £3k of income for KBKA in 2020. (2014 – 403 lbs, 2015 – 300 lbs).

‘Thank you’ Avis for all your dedicated work for KBKA, whilst I have been Chairman. For a more detailed account of the Apiary activities throughout the year, see Avis’s, Apiary Annual Management report.

Finally, I must give a big **‘Thank You’** to Frank & Mary Telling for the maintenance of the Apiary WC and the annual servicing/repairing of the extractors. **‘Thank You’** also, to Pat Reid, for those delicious cakes made every week, for all those who attend the Apiary.

KBKA External Activities

In 2019, KBKA participated in a number of events, which included supporting other Beekeeping related Shows, talks to Schools, Local Charities, Events, Fairs and regular Farmers Markets.

The main annual events that we again attended were:

Claygate Flower Show
Surbiton Festival
Bentalls Children’s Department
KBKA BBQ
Surrey County Show
National Honey Show

We undertook talks with 11 schools, 4 Scout/Brownies Groups, 14 Fetes & Shows and 7 Clubs & Societies.

A big **‘Thanks’** to Keith McMahon and Alison Derrick, who attended over 20 Farmers Markets during the year, steadfastly helping to sell our KBKA and Member’s Honey.

By undertaking all the above activities, we are helping to discharge and meet the objectives of the SBKA Constitution, in educating the general public about honeybees and beekeeping. It is only with the help of many other members, that we are able to meet these objectives. They know who they are and I hope that they will take individually, our very big ‘Thank You’ for all your support.

KBKA Member Triumphs & Successes

BBKA Basic Assessment

Once again, we had two members take the BBKA Basic Assessment. I am extremely pleased to report that they both passed.

The members were: -

Ann Connolly
Meryn Broomhead.

Congratulations go to both these members. This was a great achievement for the Division. The good thing is that KBKA still has more than half of its members that have taken the Assessment. Although our numbers taking the assessment are down this year, it also reflects similarly low numbers that other divisions have reported. Possibly a cyclical occurrence. I do encourage all members who have kept bees for more than a year, to take the Assessment. It gives you confidence in your beekeeping and that you are doing things correctly. It is also a testament to your proficiency in handling bees, to Managers/Owners that you are wanting to keep bees, on their Allotment or Land.

National Honey Show 2019

A special mention and **‘Thanks’** to Julie and Mike, for organising the very first children’s ‘Sticky Festival’ at the National Honey this year. This show is aimed at encouraging young children to be introduced and involved with bees and beekeeping, through play and activities at a very young age. Groups of children and parents enjoyed all the various activities throughout the day and we all look forward to this new event to being part of the annual National Honey Show.

Many congratulations must also go to the following members who collectively received awards at the recent show at the Sandown Race Course in Esher.

The winners were :-

Clive Mence	Coronation Cup & 9 Prizes & Awards
Thomas Wood	4 Prizes & Awards
Barry Wood	2 Prizes & Awards
Keith McMahon	2 Prizes & Awards
Alison Derrick	Moorcroft Bowl

And for the first time KBKA came second by producing Six Jars of Honey in the Branch Apiary Class. A big thanks goes to Frank Telling for all his tedious work in producing these jars of honey over several weeks.

Surrey County Show 2019

Five members of KBKA entered the competitions at this show and won prizes over ten classes. They were

Clive Mence	The Ken Reed Trophy (for wax) & 5 Prizes & Awards
Tom Wood	3 Prizes & Awards
Adela Brnakova	The Golder Memorial Trophy (Novice) & 2 Prizes & Awards
Julie Hogarth	1 Prize & Award
Barry Wood	1 Prize & Award

I am very pleased to see members going further in their beekeeping activities and achieving success in these county and national events. I am pleased to see some of the same names as last year and new members winning prizes.

In Conclusion

Looking back to 2010, KBKA had

	2010	2019
Members	54	95
Cash in the bank	£5.0k,	£38.4k
Net Assets	£4.8k	£40.7k
Profit & Loss	£1.7k	£2.1k

How did we achieve this? Well we started selling Courses, received Donations from events, membership fees and excellent management of our bees, that generated honey sales. But we could only have done all this with our loyal membership, giving up your spare time over the years to achieve these results.

Anne & I are both ready to help support the new Chairman and Divisional Treasurer in 2020, to continue the good work that you are doing for KBKA. They will not be on their own, far from it. We are not leaving, we are still going to be members and helping out at the shows, events and the work of the Apiary and managing our own bees. It's been an absolute privilege to have been your Chairman & Trustee over the past decade.

I would like you all to enjoy your winter break and look forward to another fascinating and I am sure, very eventful Beekeeping year for KBKA, in 2020.

“Thank you” all.

Derek Jones
Chairman & Divisional Trustee
Kingston Division - Surrey Beekeepers Association.
Dated 18th November 2019

SBKA Trustees Quarterly Management Report as at 30 September 2019

	Croydon		Epsom		Farnham		Guildford		Kingston		Reigate		Weybridge		Wimbledon		Central Fund	
	Sep-18	Sep-19	Sep-18	Sep-19	Sep-18	Sep-19	Sep-18	Sep-19	Sep-18	Sep-19	Sep-18	Sep-19	Sep-18	Sep-19	Sep-18	Sep-19	Sep-18	Sep-19
Members	75	78	90	86	136	134	152	166	62	57	181	152	108	106	83	78		
Partners	8	8	15	15	33	29	24	24	12	12	3	1	11	16	14	14		
Country & Jnr			5	4				1		3	4	6		1				
Assocs	2	18	4	11	19	28	23	22	14	23	37	52	23	10	22	32		
Courses			1	1		3			4	3	3	3						
Attendees			20	17		15			30	35	64	26						
Exams			9	9	2	4	3	4										
Events	1	6	3	2	15	9	11	22	14	23	34	10	3	4	4	6		
Cash	13,139	17,253	19,060	27,695	10,925	14,554	47,214	48,381	32,734	37,993	42,444	26,243	37,589	47,799	14,012	13,497	19,554	23,082
Liabilities		(2,070)		87	(1,020)	(1,574)	(6,592)	(7,280)	(1,212)	(351)	(250)	(12,710)	(22,953)	(19,803)			158	(1,677)
Fixed Ass.	13,010	13,010	15,143	12,289	8,573	5,820	1,200	1,023	510	112,858	147,731	189	160	1,189	728	2		2
Stock	1,680	1,680	9,606	7,009		1,052	1,358	1,578	1,150	2,434	4,000	4,000						

	Total	
	30.9.18	30.9.19
Members	887	857
Partners	120	119
Country	9	15
Assocs	144	196
Courses	8	10
Attendees	114	93
Exams	5	17
Events	85	82
	£	£
Cash £	236,671	256,497
Liabilities £	-31,869	-45,378
Fixed Assets £	151,987	181,450
Stock £	17,794	17,753

Total BBKA membership - Registered and Partner members only	
Sept 2018	1007
June 2019	995
Sept 2019	976