



KINGSTON BEEKEEPERS ASSOCIATION

Kingston Division of Surrey Beekeepers Association

Chairman's Report for 2018.

I am pleased to present you, with my 9th Chairman's Report, for Kingston Beekeepers Association ('KBKA'), for 2018.

KBKA is a one of the eight Divisions of Surrey Beekeepers Association, which has 1,007 Registered BBKA members and Partners, as at 30 September 2018.

We are however, the smallest Division with 74 Registered BBKA Members and Partners, (2017 - 74).

For information, I attach a copy of the **Unaudited** SBKA Quarterly Management Report as at 30th September 2018, which shows in more detail our financial position, compared to the other Divisions.

We continue to prosper and remain very active Division. Our total net Assets (Unaudited) amount to £33.7K. Even though we still remain one of the smallest Divisions by membership, we are nevertheless the 3rd largest by monetary value, a very healthy position. SBKA Consolidated **Unaudited** total net Assets have increased by 10% to £375.0K

KBKA Committee and SBKA Council Trustees

Given that SBKA Constitution makes it a rule that we must hold at least two Committee meetings a year, we are extremely lucky that we continue to have a dedicated Committee which meets monthly throughout the year to discuss what our Association can do to meet the SBKA charitable objectives. Their involvement, organisation and participation, facilitates all the events and activities the Division undertakes throughout the year.

KBKA Committee Members currently are:

Derek Jones	-	Chairman, SBKA Trustee
Anne Jones	-	Treasurer
Julie Hogarth	-	Secretary, News Letter Editor and SBKA Secretary, SBKA Surrey County Show – Secretary
Avis Marshall	-	Apiary Manager,
Mike Axford	-	News Letter Editor and Webmaster, SBKA Surrey County Show – Chief Steward
Marion Hall	-	Membership & Course Secretary
Keith McMahan	-	SBKA/KBKA Asian Hornet Team Leader
Jane Satchwell	-	Member's Social Secretary
John Legate		
Chris Reid		

Our meetings are formal and minutes taken and cover broadly the following items: -

Chairman's Report on KBKA & SBKA's Council Quarterly Meetings, BBKA Matters, Apiary Managers Monthly Report, Treasurer's Financial & Budget Report, Courses, Members Socials, KBKA Events, Potential Apiary Sites for Members, Volunteers for National Honey Show & The Surrey Show, our Website and any other business.

This year we had other serious matter to discuss, Anaphylaxis Reaction, First Aid Training, General Data Protection Regulations (GDPR) and renewal of our Sub-Lease of the allotments that we rent, to accommodate our Apiary from Hampton Court Way Allotment Association / Elmbridge Council.

I would like to thank all the Committee members for their dedicated and regular support, at our meetings throughout the year, **'Thank You all'**.

SBKA Council

In contrast, the SBKA Council meets Quarterly. The following Kingston members are represented at the Council

Tim Lovett	SBKA President
Julie Hogarth	SBKA Secretary - Trustee
Penny McMahon	SBKA Treasurer - Trustee
Derek Jones	SBKA – Kingston Division Trustee

Apiary and Courses

The Apiary was again expertly managed and kept healthy by Avis Marshall as the Apiary Manager. Alongside Avis is a hard-core team of members who work very hard each week during the main beekeeping months, to help train new members on the practical courses and overseeing all the other activities at the Apiary. This year we trained 10 new members and given our Apiary is a training Apiary, still managed to produce 213.5 lbs. of honey, slightly more than last year.

In August, we were contacted by the Regional Bee Inspector, advising that two unconfirmed independent sightings had occurred in the Post Code of our Apiary. As these were unconfirmed (no photographic evidence), the Inspector decided she would still like to inspect all our Hives at the Apiary. We took advantage of this inspection, by turning it into an educational event for our members. Even though it was on a weekday in August, we managed to attract approximately 18 members to attend. Not an Asian Hornet was seen, but we did have a clean bill of health from the Bee Inspector. The inspection was very well received by all attending. Several members took advantage of meeting the Inspector as she volunteered to inspect their own personal Apiaries.

External Activities

We are very encouraged to see new members volunteering to donate their time and effort, so that we can successfully undertake the variety of activities that we regularly undertake annually. I would like to encourage you all, particularly new members, to join in and help to maintain our active Association. If we don't get a steady supply of volunteers, KBKA will have to disappoint requests from the general public. We can

only undertake activities where we have volunteering member resources. We welcome you all to consider volunteering, even just for a single event.

During the past year, KBKA participated in a number of events, which included supporting other Beekeeping Activities, talks to Schools, Local Charities, Events, Fairs and regular farmers markets. More Association Socials have been arranged this year and where available, a guest speaker has attended and these have proved popular.

Some of the main annual events attended being: -

Claygate Flower Show
Regent Street Summer Streets
Surbiton Festival
Bentalls Children's Department
'Can I keep Bees Day'
KBKA BBQ
Surrey County Show
National Honey Show

Also the continued support that member's provide, giving talks, promoting beekeeping at a number of WI, Care Homes and local environmental groups.

It is very difficult to say 'Thank You' in this report to **everyone individually**, who has given their free time and help at all the activities that we have participated in 2018.

However, I feel that I must specifically mention the following members for their dedicated regular committed support throughout the year.

Keith McMahon, Alison Derrick and Hairdar Sallah for their support at the numerous Local Farmers Markets and events they attended, spreading the word about Beekeeping on our behalf.

Barry Wood received 10 requests just from Schools, and talked to assemblies with a total captured audience of over 800 children. Each year the same schools look forward to his visits.

Julie Hogarth, who not only minutes our Committee Meetings as our Secretary, she is also Secretary to the SBKA Council. This work goes beyond just the four Council Meetings during the year, its almost daily in correspondence between all eight Division, the BBKA and external interested parties. Furthermore Julie is the SBKA Secretary at the big Surrey County Show, where SBKA have one of the biggest stands, not to mention her behind the scenes work at the National Honey Show with Mike Axford.

Thanks must go also to Anne Jones our Treasurer and Penny McMahon (KBKA Member and the SBKA Treasurer), for their detailed accounting and budgeting, that goes on behind the scenes throughout the year. Submitting financial reports to Committees, Quarterly reports to the SBKA Trustees and the compiling by Penny of the Consolidated accounts, from all the 8 Divisions, for submitting to the Charity Commission.

KBKA Member Triumphs & Successes

Member of the British Empire.

One of our longest standing members of Kingston Beekeeping Association, **Tim Lovett**, who is now the President of Surrey Beekeeping Association, has been appointed a **Member of the Order of the British Empire (MBE)** for services to the Beekeeping Industry in the 2018 New Year's Honours List.

Tim was the President of the British Beekeepers' Association (BBKA) for two years from 2008 and former BBKA Director of Public Affairs. Prior to this he was a Trustee of the BBKA for 11 years and Chairman in 2006.

Please click on this link for a full description about Tim and his services to beekeeping

<https://www.bbka.org.uk/News/congratulations-to-beekeeper-tim-lovett-who-is-appointed-mbe-in-new-years-honours-list>

Kingston Beekeepers Association is very proud to have Tim as one of our members and congratulate him on this distinguished award to beekeeping.

BBKA Basic Assessment

I am extremely pleased to report that six members took the BBKA Basic Assessment this year and all passed.

These members were: -

Fiona Callaghan Credit
Jane Crowther
Fiona Gordon
Emma Knivett
Martyn Milner
Thomas Wood

Congratulations go to all these members. This was a great achievement for the Division. As I predicted last year, we now have more than half of our registered BBKA members, who have passed the BBKA Basic Assessment, 61%, (2017 – 43%).

First Aid Training Course

The Committee decided to train members who regularly attend our Apiary in First Aid, with emphasis on Anaphylaxis, following a very serious episode during the year that happened to a member who got stung. All the following members are now competent in 'Emergency First Aid at Work'.

The members who attended the course are: -

Avis Marshall
Jane Satchwell
Angela Horne,
Emma Knivett,
Nicki Hogg,
Lynne Dean,
Anne Connolly,
Jane Crowther.

I am very grateful that these members took time out to undertake this training on our behalf.

National Honey Show 2018

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	Mather Cup and 9 other Prizes & Awards
Angela Horne	Egerton Smythe Cup
Barry Wood	3 Prizes & Awards
Thomas Wood	3 Prizes & Awards
Hairdar Sallah	1 Prize

Surrey County Show 2018

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

Alison Derrick
Mike Axford

I am very pleased to see members going further in their beekeeping activities and achieving success in these county and national events. I am sure they will be back again next year and give us all inspirational targets for us to enter these events.

Finally I must give a big thank you to Frank & Marry Telling for the maintenance of the Apiary WC and the Servicing /repairing of the extractors. Finally 'Thank you' to Chris Reid's wife Pat for those delicious cakes made every week for all those who attend the Apiary.

THE ASIAN HORNET.

I am afraid that I cannot end this report by not mentioning the Asian Hornet. This non-native species is still sending a few 'raiding parties', into the UK, this time with more positive sightings in the South of the Country than last year. It's not here yet. What can we all do to start getting our minds around how we can protect our bees?

We all know that DEFRA are well prepared and swing rapidly into action whenever positive sightings take place and nests are being found and destroyed. But what is going to happen when the positive sightings are getting more than the DEFRA teams can handle. SBKA have initiated the 'ASIAN HORNET Action Team'. It's in its early days of planning and each Division has an elected representative on the Committee. I am very pleased to say that KBKA's Asian Hornet Team Leader is Keith McMahon. Keith has already attended the first meeting led by Jonathan Brookhouse, a former DEFRA Bee Inspector. Keith will start to disseminate to us all the planning that Surrey is going to undertake. This will involve Traps and communicating to the wider public about the Asian Hornet. Hopefully we will be able to help Keith not only at our regular Annual events, but also to the wider public who visit Garden Centres and local Schools. So watch this space.

In conclusion, this year was a great year for our bees and excellent honey yields for most of our members. I hope that this will happen again next year, but that will be in someone else hands. What won't be in their hands will be how we can make and shape of your Division. Yes its can only be as good as its members and this year has again seen some tremendous efforts from you all. Thanks again. We really do need to expand our Committee to ease the pressure and take on more events. If you have the time no matter how small, please let me or any of the Committee members know.

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 2019. Can't wait.

“Thank you” all.

**Derek Jones
Chairman
Kingston Division - Surrey Beekeepers Association.**

Dated 21st November 2018

SBKA Trustees Quarterly Management Report as at 30 September 2018

	Croydon		Epsom		Farnham		Guildford		Kingston		Reigate		Weybridge		Wimbledon		Central Fund	
	Sep-17	Sep-18	Sep-17	Sep-18	Sep-17	Sep-18	Sep-17	Sep-18	Sep-17	Sep-18	Sep-17	Sep-18	Sep-17	Sep-18	Sep-17	Sep-18	Sep-17	Sep-18
Members	76	75	87	90	128	136	153	152	64	62	174	181	105	108	80	83		
Partners	7	8	15	15	27	33	24	24	10	12		3	14	11	15	14		
Country & Jnr Assocs	1	2	4	5			1				9	4	3					
Courses				1					3	4	3	3						
Attendees				20					30	30	64	64						
Exams	8					2	3		2									
Events		1	3	3		15		11	25	14	26	34	3	3	1	4		
Cash	11,022	13,139	28,363	19,060	11,680	10,925	37,111	47,214	31,068	32,734	39,072	42,444	26,359	37,589	15,944	14,012	20,507	19,554
Liabilities	(13)					(1,020)	(5,750)	(6,592)	(885)	(1,212)	(2,082)	(250)	(20,740)	(22,953)			859	158
Fixed Ass.	2,000	13,010	8,340	15,143	6,030	8,573			1,536	1,023	115,778	112,858	218	189	610	1,189	509	382
Stock		1,680	7,632	9,606			1,000	1,358	567	1,150	4,000	4,000						

	Total	
	30.9.17	30.9.18
Members	867	887
Partners	112	120
Country	17	9
Assocs	149	144
Courses	6	8
Attendees	94	114
Exams	10	5
Events	58	85
Cash £	221,126	236,671
Liabilities £	-28,611	-31,869
Fixed Assets £	135,021	152,367
Stock £	13,199	17,794

Total BBKA membership - Registered and Partner members only	
Sept 2017	979
June 2018	995
Sept 2018	1007