

Surrey Exam Secretary report 2017/2018

This year there were candidates for the basic assessment from all eight of Surrey's 8 divisions. All 43 candidates passed, many gaining a credit which is awarded when a candidate achieves 75% or more. You may be interested to know that this was the largest number of basic successes for any Association throughout England, but despite that only 4% of Surrey members have passed the basic assessment.

Numbers were slightly up on the previous year when there were 37 passes). Four Junior Certificate was awarded (in 2017 there was 1).

Farnham was the only division to present candidates for the new Honey Bee Health practical assessment and all 5 candidates passed the assessment. It would be good to see other divisions putting forward candidates in 2019, but those candidates need to be aware there is an earlier closing date for receipt of applications of 28 February.

No candidates took the General Husbandry practical assessment (2 in 2017) or for the microscopy (1 in the previous year).

One person took the Advanced Husbandry Assessment (none in 2017) and as a result of that and modules passes, we now have another Master Beekeeper in Surrey.

When combining results for the November 2017 and March 2018 written modules, 11 candidates passed a total of 16 modules (20 previous year).

As always my thanks go to Epsom division for use of their facilities in March and November for the written modules and to the many assessors not only from Surrey but beyond who give up their time and experience to assess candidates for the practical exams.

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