

Membership Fees Increase 2014

Unfortunately I have needed to review our finances following the increase in Capitation imposed by both the British beekeepers Association and the Avon Beekeepers Association. Both have raised their capitation by £1.00 pre person per year.

Due to increased costs in beekeeping supplies and insurance costs it will be necessary for the branch to raise your contribution to the Branch funds.

This years fees have been approved by the committee and will be imposed for membership for the year 2014 – 2015.

The breakdown of the 2014 capitation charge is shown below

Membership type

	Cost	BDI	BBKA	ABKA	Branch
Registered	£33.00	£2.00	£18.00	£5.00	£8.00
Partner	£24.00	£0.00	£12.00	£3.78	£8.22
County	£23.00	£0.00	£9.00	£6.00	£8.00
Associate	£16.50	£0.00	£0.00	£5.00	£11.50

As you can see the Branch do not receive the full membership fee and in fact receive an average of 28% of the income from fees.

Additional income like Gift Aid and Donations are important to balance the books at the end of the year. We receive 100% of the donations made to support the branch Apiary maintenance, Training, Winter Lectures and all of our other activities.

Thank you for your continued membership of the Branch and I hope that you will join in with the Branch activities and especially support us on Apiary Maintenance Days where volunteers make the Apiary a much better place to be by cutting the hedges and tending to the grass and planting areas. Without the continued support of a few dedicated members the Apiary will become unmanageable and cost the Branch more to employ contractors to cut the grass again which will ultimately have an effect on membership fees.

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