

Membership types and costs explained

There are 4 categories of membership offered through Bristol Branch of Avon Beekeepers Association, and the membership year runs from **1 November to 31 October** annually.

A **Registered member ('R')** becomes a member of the British Beekeepers Association ('BBKA') as well as Avon BKA and the Bristol Branch, and will have Bee Disease Insurance ('BDI') for a minimum number of 1-3 hives from the date of payment of their membership fee, UNLESS they renew late, in which case it comes into effect a month after payment. Registered Members can purchase additional BDI (see membership form) if they have more than 3 hives. They will receive a BBKA membership card in late spring and copies of the BBKA News magazine monthly.

A **Partner ('P')** member is a BBKA member, gets a membership card but shares BDI and BBKA News with the Registered member with whom they are partnered at the same address.

A **Country ('C')** member receives the BBKA news but has no Bee Disease Insurance. Not for anyone wanting to keep bees in that year. They are members of Avon BKA and Bristol Branch.

An **Associate ('A')** member is not registered with BBKA, receives no magazine and has no Bee Disease Insurance. They are a member of the Bristol Branch so can attend Apiary Days to learn how to handle and look after bees, and any county or branch social events.

2017-18 Membership

The payment rates for members for 2017-18 and how this is divided between BDI, BBKA, Avon and Bristol Branch is shown below. The amount retained by Bristol Branch is shown as a %.

Bristol Branch Committee voted unanimously to trial an early payment renewal incentive last year due to major administrative burdens and insurance concerns with late renewals so any member who does not renew by 2 months after the due date and 2 reminders has been subject to an additional charge of £20 for Registered Members and £10 for all other categories this year and these monies go to the improvement fund along with other donations. This does not apply to new members whatever date in the year they join.

| Payment rates 2017-18 | | | | | | |
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| | BDI | British BKA | Avon BKA | Bristol Branch | Total. | % retained |
| R | £2.00 | £19.00 | £5.00 | £10.00 | £36.00 | 27.78% |
| P | £0.00 | £12.50 | £3.50 | £11.00 | £27.00 | 40.74% |
| C | £0.00 | £9.50 | £5.00 | £11.50 | £26.00 | 44.23% |
| A | £0.00 | £0.00 | £5.00 | £14.00 | £19.00 | 73.68% |

