



**Lincolnshire Beekeepers' Association www.lincsbka.org.uk
Market Rasen District Information for Members**

District Contacts: Officers and their Functions

- Chair:** **Position vacant**
(Vice- chair. Celia Smith. email: smithlbka@yahoo.com)
- District Secretary:** **Mike Jeffreson**, (email: michaeljeffreson@gmail.com)
For general enquiries eg about events, meetings and purchases.
- Membership Sec:** **Mike Seal** (email: mikeseal91@sky.com)
For all enquiries concerning membership, Bee Disease Insurance and the BBKA insurances available as part of membership.
Note: Full or Partner membership of Market Rasen District includes membership of both LBKA and BBKA, (British Beekeepers' Association).
BBKA provides full and Partner members with Public and Product liability insurance
- Education Officer / Apiary Manager:** **Celia Smith**, (email: smithlbka@yahoo.com)
- For information about the District Beekeeping for Beginners' course and training for BBKA's Basic Assessment, general information about the BBKA education scheme and the LBKA Study Group.
- Detailed information about the BBKA education system with both practical and theoretical strands, can be found on the BBKA website; www.bbka.org.uk
- Regular practical sessions at the **District apiary** in Legsby open to all members except when specific courses are taking place. Ask the Apiary Manager to be placed
- Treasurer:** **Keith Swindell**, (email: keith.swindell@outlook.com)
NB. All payments to the District may be by cash, cheque or BACS (preferred option).
Account details are:
name: **LBKA Market Rasen District**
Sort code: **30-97-44**, Account no: **01614070**
- Central Council Representative** **Position vacant**
The Central Council Rep is the representative of our District on LBKA's Central Council, becomes a trustee of LBKA and is the person with whom enquiries or concerns about LBKA can be raised
- Swarm Co-ordinator** **Sue Heron** (email: sbheron@hotmail.com) tel. **07702 048967**
Any enquiries from members of the public about swarms can be referred to the Swarm Co-ordinator or the enquirer directed to the BBKA website: www.bbka.org.uk.
Please do not give out contact details of any member without their prior consent.
If you collect a swarm yourself please remember to quarantine it and let Sue have the
- Equipment Loans Manager:** **Sue Heron** (email: sbheron@hotmail.com) tel. **07702 048967**
Following equipment available to loan from our District with no charge, provided items returned within one week in a clean, usable condition.
- Extractor
 - Comb cutter
 - Easi-steam frame cleaner
- NB:** A charge of £5 per week will be incurred for exceeding the "free week" unless by prior arrangement with the Equipment Loans Manager.
Loans are at the discretion of the Equipment Loans Manager who is entitled to refuse a loan if any member is discourteous, mistreats any item of equipment or returns it in a state such that is unfit for another member to use

Other District Activities and Information

Bulk Purchases as arranged by the District Secretary:

- **Honey jars:** These are usually available to order in early Spring with minimum order being half a gross. 2022 price £54 per gross. **Orders with payment required by the specified date.**
- **Invert sugar syrup and bee fondant** (12x1kg boxes). Usually available to order and purchase late summer. Latest available price £16 but may change
- **Varroa treatments** - Sometimes available: likely to be ApiBioxal in late Autumn

Honey from our District Apiary - 1lb jars of liquid or soft set honey for members to purchase at special discounted price when surplus available. **NB strictly for member's own personal use and not for resale.**

Meetings

- Monthly meetings throughout the year. The District Secretary would be pleased to receive any suggestions of topics and speakers for talks etc
- Indoor meetings from September to April usually on 1st Thursday of month at Middle Rasen Church Hall 7.30pm unless informed otherwise
- Summer months meetings: Usually honey jar collection at Forge End, Legsby with informal discussion session on 1st Thursday in May 7pm. July and August meetings as notified by Secretary.
- Apiary sessions as arranged by Apiary Manager.

Public Events: Contact District Secretary if you are willing to volunteer to help make a success of these events which aim to inform the public about the importance of bees and beekeeping

- **Countryside Lincs. - Sunday in early April at the Lincolnshire Showground. April 5th 2022**
- **Open Farm Sunday** at Stainton le Vale on an early Sunday in June. **June 12th 2022**
- **Brockelsby Country Fair** - later Sunday in June cancelled **2022**
- **Lincolnshire Show** - at the Lincolnshire Showground. **Wed 22nd - Thurs 23rd June 2022**

Volunteers for this show please contact Show Secretary, Richard Harrison Tel. 01652 678 650

General Information for Beekeepers

- British Beekeepers' Association website: <http://www.bbka.org.uk>
- For guidance on bee health the National Bee Unit's website has a great deal of useful information: <https://secure.fera.defra.gov.uk/beebase/public/register.cfm> All beekeepers are urged to register on BeeBase. The NBU will send alerts to those registered about a range of bee health issues including warnings of any notifiable diseases in the vicinity of your apiary.
- If you are concerned about the health of your own bees, first of all talk to a senior member of our District and then if necessary contact a bee inspector. The seasonal bee inspector for Lincolnshire is Simon Oglesby, email: Simon.oglesby@apha.gov.uk
- For more information about Lincolnshire BKA www.lincsbka.org.uk

Some Beekeeping Equipment Suppliers:

- E H Thorne Ltd Beehives Wragby offer a comprehensive range of beekeeping equipment and they are local. Look out for the autumn sale! www.thorne.co.uk
- BB Wear www.bbwear.co.uk good for clothing with 20% off if you buy through the association.
- Wynne Jones www.beesupplies.co.uk good value for eg varroacides, open mesh for floors
- Maisemore Apiaries www.bees-online.co.uk
- Bee Equipment <https://bee-equipment.co.uk>
- Abelo <https://www.abelo.co.uk>
- National Bee Supplies www.beekeeping.co.uk and several others if you search the internet.