



Lincolnshire Beekeepers' Association
Market Rasen District (mrdbk.org.uk)
Information for Members

District Contacts: Officers and their Functions

- Chair:** Andy Marley (email: andymarley93@hotmail.com tel:07883 643014)
- District Secretary:** Maryanne Dickinson (email: MRBKsec@gmail.com tel: 07516 053170)
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. For all other BBKA insurances see the BBKA website: www.bbka.org.uk.
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 and also Bee Disease Insurance, (BDI).
- Education Officer / Apiary Manager:** Celia Smith, (email: smithlbka@yahoo.com tel: 07527 600698)
 - For information about the District Beekeeping for Beginners' course and training for BBKA's Basic Assessment, Bee Health Certificate, 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 on the email list for regular information about times and dates of apiary sessions.
 - For bio-security reasons no personal protective clothing or equipment permitted in District Apiary. Bee suits and disposable gloves available for anyone attending.
- Treasurer:** Paul Robson (email: paul_robson@btinternet.com, tel. 07917 025964) NB. BACS is the preferred method for paying into the District account.
Account name: LBKA Market Rasen District
Sort code: **30-97-44**, Account no: **01614070**
- Central Council Representative** Neil Duff (email: neil.duff@ntlworld.com)
The Central Council Rep is the representative of our District on LBKA's Central Council and is the person with whom enquiries or concerns about LBKA can be raised.
- Equipment Loans Manager:** Sue Heron (email: sbheron@hotmail.com) tel. 07702048967
Equipment available to loan from our District:
 - Extractor
 - Comb cutter
 - Easi-steam frame cleanerThere is no charge, to members for borrowing this equipment provided it is returned within one week in a clean, usable condition.
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.
- Swarm Co-ordinator** Sue Heron (Contact as above). *Please notify Sue about any swarms you find.*

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. 2023 price from the Secretary. **Orders with payment required by end of March.**
- **Invert sugar syrup and bee fondant** (12x1kg boxes). Usually available to order and purchase late summer. Latest available price £18 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 of £4.00 when surplus available. Occasionally buckets of honey for sale. Contact the Apiary Manager. **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: Possible honey jar collection 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 April at the Lincolnshire Showground. April 16th 2023**
- **Open Farm Sunday** at Stainton le Vale on an early Sunday in June. **June 11th 2023**
- **Lincolnshire Show** - at the Lincolnshire Showground. **Wed 21st - Thurs 22nd June 2023**

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 bee inspector for Lincolnshire is Dhonn Atkinson, email: dhonn.atkinson@apha.gov.uk, tel.07775 119437

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 and winter sales! 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.