

Furness Beekeepers' Association - Membership Guide

- Single
- Family
- Friend

The Single and Family membership is for people who want to have all the membership benefits, including a vote at open meetings and cover from the BDI (Bee Disease Insurance).

Family membership only includes immediate family living in the same household and children under the age of 18. Family membership allows one vote at open meetings.

The Friend membership does not include voting rights or insurance cover.

Your subscription runs from the 1st of January until the 31st of December. If you join part way through a year your subscription will only run until the 31st of December in that year.

Bee Disease Insurance

Single and Family membership covers you for up to three hives. Should you have more hives than this please see the ready reckoner for the difference to be paid. You should cover yourself for the total number of hives you think you might have in the year. So, allow for increases through splits. Payment should be made with your membership.

If you need to claim and you have under-estimated the number of hives the insurance cover will be invalidated.

Bee Disease Control Orders provide for control of the two Foul Brood diseases. If American Foul Brood is discovered in colonies, their destruction is mandatory. This also applies to European Foul Brood if chemical treatment or other measures are not considered appropriate by DEFRA. BDI provides a measure of compensation in the event of colony destruction under the Bee Disease Control Orders, but more importantly supports research into bee health, to counter the diseases and to educate beekeepers to ensure that our bees are healthy and productive.

You are covered for Third Party Public Liability and Products Liability through the Associations policy with the Ageas Insurance Company. The cover is a "blanket cover" for all full member and family members. Public liability and product liability is for a maximum five million pounds per claim. The cost of this insurance is included in your membership fee.

Consents

It is necessary for us to disclose your membership details to the insurance companies to ensure you are fully covered. Please make sure tick the consent for this.

We will also pass your details to the National Bee Unit, if you consent, as we believe this to be in the interests of members and the health of bees in our locality.

Gift Aid

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