



EssexBeekeepers' Association

Southend Division to 24th February 2020

Meetings

- 22nd Jan EGM
- 24th Jan Pre-beginners' course held and to date, 16 of 24 spaces have been filled.
- 26th Feb. Blue House Farm Nature Reserve talk by Warden Harry Smith
- 5th Mar Beginners' course structure to be confirmed
- 25th Mar Jane Ridler: Done Laying Queens and Laying Workers
- 22nd April Clive de Bruyn: New Beekeeping Mistakes to Avoid: Lessons Learnt
- 27th May Asian Hornet Briefing by Andrew Durham
- 24th June Pam Hunter: Non-standard Medication for the Control of Bee Problems
- 22nd July Abberton Native Bee Project by Kevin Thorn
- 26th Aug Chad Colby-Blake: Winter Preparations
- 23rd Sept Roger Patterson: Honeybees and Energy Lines, and Roger's method of beekeeping
- 28th Oct tbc: John Hannah will be asked to present his Bee Easy talk

Bee Health Day

The last CEC asked if Southend Division could hold this year's event. A suitable site has been searched for numerous times but the division reports back that there simply is not an appropriate location at present in Southend & District. It was queried whether a member may have hives in a suitable location, but this idea was rebuffed based on the expectation that members pay to get benefits and services rather than deliver services and deal with event insurance/liabilities etc.

Can EBKA provide a list of what equipment is needed/preferred and how can Essex help the division acquire it?

eR2 System

The spreadsheet system has been used for the Spring 2020 renewals, due to the need to learn the system and set it up fully. Carol will contact Garth for assistance after the renewal period.



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OUT APIARIES

The Division previously reported four Apiaries, the two originals at Pagelsham and Pitsea. Pagelsham's insurance is due for renewal on 01/03/2020, which is currently in progress with the broker.

One at Hawkwell.

The other, at Canvey Island has been questioned at the 13/02 committee meeting whether this is actually a divisional apiary, since it only has one member's hive. The two new ones are now operational but only members hives are kept at present.

INSURANCE

Specific details on the range of insurance cover for divisional equipment is requested from the CEC, and if there is no insurance, then would EBKA reimburse the cost of losses?

MEMBERSHIP

County Life Members	2
Divisional Life Members	2
Registered / Full Members	83
Partner Members	16
Associate Members	11
Junior Members	6
BBKA Junior Members	1
Membership Total	121

FINANCE

Balance of Account at 31st January 2020 £10,987.68

Total Expenses to 31st January 2020 £504.00