



# Membership Guide For the 2015 Season

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## *Gift Aid*

*Furness Beekeepers is an independent beekeeping association. It is not affiliated to any other body. It is a non profit making charity, run by its members for the benefit of its members.*

*All subscriptions and donations are ploughed back into the association.*

*As we are a charity we can reclaim the tax paid on the subscription you pay; this increases the value of your subscription at no extra cost to your self.*

*Gift Aid helps to keep your subscription low.*

*We would appreciate very much if you would make the additional signature on the application form. Of course this is totally voluntary and only applies if you are a tax payer.*

# Classes of Membership

## Full Association Members (Single Membership)

i) Full Association membership is open to anyone paying the prescribed Association membership fee and subscribing to the objects and constitution of the Association. Full Association Members are entitled to all the benefits and privileges of the Association, which includes the BDI and NFU insurance schemes

## Family Membership

ii) Family Association membership is open to anyone paying the prescribed Association membership fee and subscribing to the objects and constitution of the Association. Family Members are entitled to all the benefits and privileges of the Association which includes the BDI and NFU insurance schemes. Family Membership only includes the immediate family of a member living at the same address and their children under 18 years of age.

Family members are entitled attend but not to vote at any meeting.

## Associate Members (Friends of Furness)

iii) Associate Membership is open to anyone paying the prescribed Associate membership fee and subscribing to the objects and constitution of the Association. Associate Members are entitled to all the benefits and privileges of the Association but excluding BDI and NFU insurance cover

## Membership Fees 2015

Single Membership	£20.00
Family Membership	£25.00
Associate Membership	£8.00

# Bee Disease Insurance

## **What is BDI?**

For the past sixty years the Bee Disease Control Orders have provided 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.

Here in the North of England outbreaks of the two diseases are rare, but in the South of England the problem is widespread. Why there should be a difference is not known, but climate may be a factor.

BDI Ltd was established over 60 years ago by beekeepers working voluntarily, as a self-help tool, to provide a measure of compensation in the event of colony destruction under the Bee Disease Control Orders, but more importantly to support research into bee health, to counter the diseases and to educate beekeepers to ensure that our bees are healthy and productive.

BDI Ltd is run by beekeepers for beekeepers and owned by the Beekeeping Associations .

## **What does it cost me?**

The cost of your first three colonies is included in your membership fee. Additional colonies that you own (including potential increases) are charged as the back page You should pay this with your membership fee. However if you unexpectedly increased your colonies you can pay for these mid way through the season. Contact the membership secretary for details

## **ALL COLONIES MUST BE COVERED.**

Where, at the time of an inspection by a duly authorised Bee Inspector, the number of colonies managed exceeds the number of colonies for which a subscription has been paid, no cover will apply. (NB. When determining the number of colonies covered potential increase must be taken into account.) All colonies on a communal site must be covered, otherwise any claim arising will be invalid even if the beekeeper whose colonies have been infected is fully covered.

Do not hesitate to enquire if you are not sure what you should pay.

## **What other insurance cover do I have ?**

You are covered for Third Party Public Liability and Products Liability through the Associations policy with the NFU Mutual 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

BDI SCHEME A CERTIFICATE  
READY RECKONER

Total Number of Colonies	BDI Premium
1	£0.00
2	£0.00
3	£0.00
4	£2.00
5	£2.00
6	£5.25
7	£5.25
8	£5.25
9	£5.25
10	£5.25
11	£7.75
12	£7.75
13	£7.75
14	£7.75
15	£7.75
16	£9.50
17	£9.50
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