

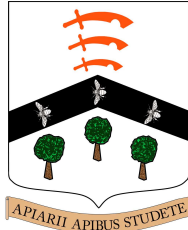


# Welcome to the Epping Forest Division of the **Essex Beekeepers' Association**

[www.eppingforestbeekeepers.co.uk](http://www.eppingforestbeekeepers.co.uk)

## Introduction

**Epping Forest is one of nine divisions of the Essex Beekeepers' Association (EBKA - [www.ebka.org](http://www.ebka.org)) which was founded in 1880 and is part of the wider British Beekeepers' Association. It became a charity in 1993.**



## Our Aims

*Our aims are to promote beekeeping by:*

- ◆ Having regular, interesting and informative meetings and events for the members to attend.
- ◆ Giving support to member beekeepers, including practical help and advice.
- ◆ Promoting responsible and considerate beekeeping.
- ◆ Helping our members to maintain healthy and productive honeybee colonies.
- ◆ Organising and running a beginners course.
- ◆ Preparing novice beekeepers for the Basic Assessment.
- ◆ Mentoring beginner beekeepers and helping them set up and work their first hive.
- ◆ Educating the public at shows, for example, The Forest Festival, about bees and beekeeping.
- ◆ Having an annual Honey Show at which all members can exhibit their honey and other bee-related products.
- ◆ We run a divisional apiary, where some members keep a hive of bees, which we can use for educational purposes. The development of this apiary and its use for the division is, at present, under review and expanding.
- ◆ Producing a monthly Newsletter giving news of the divisional activities. The EBKA also produce a monthly publication, The Essex Beekeeper. Both of these publications can be downloaded from the relevant websites or obtained by post.

## Meetings

We meet a minimum of once a month throughout the year. From October until April, we meet on the third Thursday of the month at 7.30pm at the Chingford Horticultural Society Hall, Larkshall Road, Chingford, E4 6NH.

Most meetings have a speaker. Topics covered are usually about bees and beekeeping and related topics.

During the summer months we visit a number of apiaries, either in members gardens or our own divisional apiary. These meetings are on Saturday afternoons and usually incorporate a speaker or demonstration.

## Membership

There are two grades of membership:

### Associate membership

This is only suitable for beginners before they acquire bees. It costs £5 per annum and enables them to attend meetings, obtain the publications and enrol onto the beginners' course.

### Full Membership

Full membership is required if you have bees. The cost of single full membership is £30 per annum and includes insurance for up to three hives. Dual membership can be given if two beekeepers live at the same address. The cost of this is £48 per annum.

As a full member of our division, you are also a full member of the BBKA which will give you many benefits including public liability insurance. The forms for application for membership can be downloaded from the website.

## Further Information

The divisional website gives more information about the division and contact details of the current officers.  
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