













PDBKA Members Survey 2017




1. What experience do you have in BeeKeeping?

| | | Response Percent | Response Total | | | |
|-----------------|----------------|---|---------------------|--------------------------|----------|----|
| 1 | No bees |  | 16.39% 10 | | | |
| 2 | less than 1 yr |  | 6.56% 4 | | | |
| 3 | 1-5 years |  | 39.34% 24 | | | |
| 4 | 6 -10 years |  | 24.59% 15 | | | |
| 5 | 11-15 years |  | 3.28% 2 | | | |
| 6 | 16-25 years | | 0.00% 0 | | | |
| 7 | 25+ years |  | 9.84% 6 | | | |
| Analysis | Mean: | 3.31 | Std. Deviation: 1.6 | Satisfaction Rate: 38.52 | answered | 61 |
| | Variance: | 2.58 | Std. Error: 0.21 | | skipped | 0 |




2. Do you have any Beekeeping qualifications?

| | | Response Percent | Response Total | | | |
|-----------------|--------------------------------|---|----------------------|--------------------------|----------|----|
| 1 | No formal training |  | 33.93% 19 | | | |
| 2 | PDBKA training Course |  | 42.86% 24 | | | |
| 3 | Basic Assessment Certificate |  | 23.21% 13 | | | |
| 4 | General Husbandry Certificate |  | 1.79% 1 | | | |
| 5 | Advanced Husbandry Certificate | | 0.00% 0 | | | |
| 6 | BBKA Theory Modules |  | 1.79% 1 | | | |
| 7 | Master Bee Keeper | | 0.00% 0 | | | |
| 8 | Other training course(s) |  | 7.14% 4 | | | |
| Analysis | Mean: | 2.64 | Std. Deviation: 1.85 | Satisfaction Rate: 21.94 | answered | 56 |
| | Variance: | 3.41 | Std. Error: 0.25 | | skipped | 5 |




3. Members age Group

| | | Response Percent | Response Total |
|---|----------|---|----------------|
| 1 | Under 18 | | 0.00% 0 |
| 2 | 18-25 | | 0.00% 0 |
| 3 | 26-35 |  | 5.36% 3 |
| 4 | 36-45 |  | 5.36% 3 |
| 5 | 46-55 |  | 21.43% 12 |



3. Members age Group

| | | Response Percent | Response Total | | | |
|-----------------|------------------------|---|----------------------|--------------------------|----------|----|
| 6 | 56-65 |  | 30.36% 17 | | | |
| 7 | 65+ |  | 35.71% 20 | | | |
| 8 | Prefer not to disclose |  | 1.79% 1 | | | |
| Analysis | Mean: | 5.91 | Std. Deviation: 1.15 | | | |
| | Variance: | 1.33 | Std. Error: 0.15 | | | |
| | | | | Satisfaction Rate: 70.15 | answered | 56 |
| | | | | | skipped | 5 |





4. If you are an experienced beekeeper would you be prepared to mentor an inexperienced beekeeper or new beekeeper in their first year?

| | | Response Percent | Response Total | | | |
|-----------------|---|---|----------------------|--------------------------|----------|----|
| 1 | Yes - I would be prepared to mentor an inexperienced Beekeeper |  | 27.59% 16 | | | |
| 2 | No - I would NOT be prepared to mentor an inexperienced Beekeeper |  | 22.41% 13 | | | |
| 3 | I am an inexperienced Beekeeper |  | 50.00% 29 | | | |
| Analysis | Mean: | 2.22 | Std. Deviation: 0.85 | | | |
| | Variance: | 0.73 | Std. Error: 0.11 | | | |
| | | | | Satisfaction Rate: 61.21 | answered | 58 |
| | | | | | skipped | 3 |



5. Would Members be interested in developing their bee keeping skills by PDBKA supported training?

| | | Response Percent | Response Total | | | |
|-----------------|-----------|--|----------------------|--------------------------|----------|----|
| 1 | Yes |  | 72.88% 43 | | | |
| 2 | No |  | 27.12% 16 | | | |
| Analysis | Mean: | 1.27 | Std. Deviation: 0.44 | | | |
| | Variance: | 0.2 | Std. Error: 0.06 | | | |
| | | | | Satisfaction Rate: 27.12 | answered | 59 |
| | | | | | skipped | 2 |








6. If Yes to question 5 please select which type/level of training you would like to under take? You can select more than one answer

| | | Response Percent | Response Total | | | |
|-----------------|-------------------------------|--|----------------------|--------------------------|----------|----|
| 1 | Hands on Practical training |  | 77.27% 34 | | | |
| 2 | Basic Assessment Certificate |  | 36.36% 16 | | | |
| 3 | General Husbandry Certificate |  | 34.09% 15 | | | |
| 4 | BBKA Theory Modules |  | 29.55% 13 | | | |
| Analysis | Mean: | 3.7 | Std. Deviation: 2.63 | | | |
| | Variance: | 6.9 | Std. Error: 0.4 | | | |
| | | | | Satisfaction Rate: 64.39 | answered | 44 |
| | | | | | skipped | 17 |



7. Do you use the PDBKA training Out Apiary?

| | | Response Percent | Response Total |
|-----------------|-----------|--|----------------------|
| 1 | Yes |  | 26.23% 16 |
| 2 | No |  | 73.77% 45 |
| Analysis | Mean: | 1.74 | Std. Deviation: 0.44 |
| | Variance: | 0.19 | Std. Error: 0.06 |
| | | Satisfaction Rate: 73.77 | answered: 61 |
| | | | skipped: 0 |




8. If No to question 7 please advise as to the reason(s) why You can select more than one answer

| | | Response Percent | Response Total |
|-----------------|---|---|---------------------|
| 1 | I am an Experienced Beekeeper |  | 20.93% 9 |
| 2 | Not Interested |  | 6.98% 3 |
| 3 | Difficult to attend due to:- |  | 32.56% 14 |
| 4 | Location |  | 23.26% 10 |
| 5 | Day of Week |  | 23.26% 10 |
| 6 | Time |  | 30.23% 13 |
| 7 | Insufficient time during Bee Keeping season Apr - Aug |  | 16.28% 7 |
| Analysis | Mean: | 6.37 | Std. Deviation: 3.6 |
| | Variance: | 12.93 | Std. Error: 0.55 |
| | | Satisfaction Rate: 80.62 | answered: 43 |
| | | | skipped: 18 |


9. Would you attend the Out Apiary if special themed training days were available i.e. swarm control or application of varroa treatments etc?

| | | Response Percent | Response Total |
|-----------------|-----------|--|----------------------|
| 1 | Yes |  | 73.77% 45 |
| 2 | No |  | 26.23% 16 |
| Analysis | Mean: | 1.26 | Std. Deviation: 0.44 |
| | Variance: | 0.19 | Std. Error: 0.06 |
| | | Satisfaction Rate: 26.23 | answered: 61 |
| | | | skipped: 0 |








10. Would you be prepared to help at the summer shows?

| | | Response Percent | Response Total |
|---|--|---|----------------|
| 1 | Yes - selling honey |  | 29.63% 16 |
| 2 | Yes - making beeswax candles |  | 12.96% 7 |
| 3 | Yes - talking to the public about Beekeeping |  | 31.48% 17 |








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| | | | | | | | Response Percent | Response Total | |
|-----------------|-----------|---|-----------------|------|--------------------|-------|------------------|----------------|----|
| 4 | No |  | | | | | | 50.00% | 27 |
| Analysis | Mean: | 3.5 | Std. Deviation: | 1.53 | Satisfaction Rate: | 75.31 | answered | 54 | |
| | Variance: | 2.35 | Std. Error: | 0.21 | | | skipped | 7 | |


11. Do you use the PDBKA Shop?You can select more than one answer

| | | | | | | | Response Percent | Response Total | |
|-----------------|---------------------------------|---|-----------------|------|--------------------|-------|------------------|----------------|----|
| 1 | Yes |  | | | | | | 71.43% | 40 |
| 2 | Wasn't aware PDBKA had a shop |  | | | | | | 5.36% | 3 |
| 3 | Doesn't stock items that I want |  | | | | | | 14.29% | 8 |
| 4 | Use internet shopping |  | | | | | | 23.21% | 13 |
| 5 | Difficult to attend due to:- |  | | | | | | 5.36% | 3 |
| 6 | Location |  | | | | | | 1.79% | 1 |
| 7 | Day of Week or time |  | | | | | | 10.71% | 6 |
| Analysis | Mean: | 3.3 | Std. Deviation: | 2.4 | Satisfaction Rate: | 33.04 | answered | 56 | |
| | Variance: | 5.76 | Std. Error: | 0.32 | | | skipped | 5 | |

12. Do you attend the clubs Monthly Meetings and do you find them relevant? you can select more than one answer

| | | | | | | | Response Percent | Response Total | |
|-----------------|------------------|---|-----------------|------|--------------------|-------|------------------|----------------|----|
| 1 | Always attend |  | | | | | | 27.12% | 16 |
| 2 | Sometimes attend |  | | | | | | 44.07% | 26 |
| 3 | Don't attend |  | | | | | | 25.42% | 15 |
| 4 | Fully relevant |  | | | | | | 18.64% | 11 |
| 5 | Partly relevant |  | | | | | | 23.73% | 14 |
| 6 | Not relevant |  | | | | | | 1.69% | 1 |
| 7 | Not interested |  | | | | | | 1.69% | 1 |
| Analysis | Mean: | 4.07 | Std. Deviation: | 2.27 | Satisfaction Rate: | 44.07 | answered | 59 | |
| | Variance: | 5.14 | Std. Error: | 0.3 | | | skipped | 2 | |

13. Do you use any of the following generally?You can select more than one answer

| | | | | | | | Response Percent | Response Total | |
|---|----------|--|--|--|--|--|------------------|----------------|----|
| 1 | Internet |  | | | | | | 93.44% | 57 |

13. Do you use any of the following generally? You can select more than one answer

| | | Response Percent | Response Total |
|-----------------|---------------------------------------|--------------------------|----------------------|
| 2 | Internet Shopping | 78.69% | 48 |
| 3 | Social Media i.e. Facebook or twitter | 45.90% | 28 |
| Analysis | Mean: | 3.89 | Std. Deviation: 3.31 |
| | Variance: | 10.94 | Std. Error: 0.42 |
| | | Satisfaction Rate: 85.25 | answered 61 |
| | | | skipped 0 |

14. What would you change about the Club? Both negative as well as positive comments would be appreciated.

| | | Response Percent | Response Total |
|----|----------------------------------|---|----------------|
| 1 | Open-Ended Question | 100.00% | 34 |
| 1 | 16/02/17 10:33AM ID: 52540606 | Sadly some of the members are quite unwilling to embrace change and also come across as a little unwelcoming to new members. | |
| 2 | 16/02/17 11:12AM ID: 52543033 | Weekend meetings would always be easier to attend than weekdays.... | |
| 3 | 16/02/17 6:24PM ID: 52567617 | Our winter programme is excellent good for members to meet up. For some months during the summer un less attending shows we don't meet up like the winter. Some free meetings at different apiaries may be the answer. | |
| 4 | 20/02/17 12:55PM ID: 52736708 | Find club always helpful and full of advice for even the novice keeper | |
| 5 | 20/02/17 1:03PM ID: 52737025 | ? | |
| 6 | 20/02/17 1:37PM ID: 52739302 | Training in more advanced tasks eg Queen rearing | |
| 7 | 20/02/17 2:15PM ID: 52741492 | The Shop could stock more stuff thats required at the appropriate time. EG Jars after August. Stock Langstroth stuff, the prices and stock could do with an update on the website. More training at the Monthly meetings. | |
| 8 | 20/02/17 2:41PM ID: 52743378 | I would like to buy ready built beehives from the shop. And their frames. I would like more access to more qualifications | |
| 9 | 20/02/17 4:33PM ID: 52746878 | Question 1: was answered as from when I got my first set of bees and not when I completed the course. Question 8: needs to be in the evening during the week preferably or weekends as I work full time. Question 10: yes if you show me how to make the candles! General observation: for new bee keepers in their first year of beekeeping and following on from the Winter Training Course, specific training would be helpful covering all the 'firsts' new bee keepers are likely to come across. Perhaps an evening once a month ongoing from the course completion, specially for new beekeepers. For instance it would be fabulous if a dedicated session could be provided on removing honey supers from the hive, de-capping, extracting the honey using machinery and bottling. A practical, ' hands on' half day or evening with an extractor to practice on, would be much appreciated, especially in time for this spring flow, the first honey for some of us. or perhaps one Tuesday evening could be set aside for this instead of the normal meeting. This would make the Tuesday Club evenings more relevant for new bee keepers. I would expect to pay for the further training. A lot of new bee keepers do not have Mentors and this would provide that continuity and support when approaching these 'firsts' that may make the difference between people succeeding and giving up. Attending the Out Apiary to administer treatments (other than trickling of Hive Clean) would be educational for new bee keepers too. | |
| 10 | 20/02/17 4:56PM ID: 52752445 | When I used to keep bees 25 years ago we had out apiary meetings during the summer at various apiaries which was very informative, I would open up for a meeting. Question 7, I would attend meetings /lectures if they were available, I put no to this question as my option was not available | |

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| | | | Response Percent | Response Total |
|----|----------------------------------|---|---------------------|-------------------|
| 11 | 20/02/17 6:22PM ID: 52756452 | An email forum for questions / answers / discussions would be great | | |
| 12 | 20/02/17 9:04PM ID: 52762161 | It's a good friendly ,informative club. | | |
| 13 | 20/02/17 10:36PM ID: 52764771 | I find the club very supportive and informative. Particularly like to hear others Beekeeping experiences and how they use Bee products | | |
| 14 | 21/02/17 6:33AM ID: 52771794 | N/A | | |
| 15 | 21/02/17 9:13AM ID: 52777400 | I am a retired beekeeper and now very aged and not very mobile. Now a Hon Member. | | |
| 16 | 21/02/17 4:41PM ID: 52811445 | Not very welcoming on occasions | | |
| 17 | 21/02/17 8:07PM ID: 52821104 | i am very satisfied with the organisation of the club and the performance of the committee. | | |
| 18 | 22/02/17 1:06PM ID: 52858121 | I have only very recently joined and so I don't yet feel that I'm in a position to make any useful comments! | | |
| 19 | 22/02/17 1:08PM ID: 52858608 | I am a very new member and so I don't feel able yet to make any useful comments! | | |
| 20 | 22/02/17 3:40PM ID: 52869027 | Out Apiary - Same format every week - nothing new learnt so no reason to attend. Could have Queen Rearing / Extraction/ Feeding etc. Shop is open for a very limited time and only stocks half of my requirements. Training on hygiene was very good (in past) but not repeated. Help with local v Import bees and different breeds would be good. Suitability to local conditions. Register of all hives and bought in queens (so we know what gene pool we have / or nhave not got - though we thought we had. Drone importance to queen mating & Veroa impact. Courses or talks on all these could help but the programme seem very repetative every year. | | |
| 21 | 24/02/17 2:35PM ID: 52990704 | For me Tuesdays are difficult, so I would change to another day, but I know that is unlikely! I like the club as it is, just wish I could commit more time to it. | | |
| 22 | 26/02/17 1:34PM ID: 53062612 | The Tuesday night meetings dont happen to fit with other committments in my life (of course I dont expect the association to change just for me). As a beekeeper who doesn't use all of the "conventional" bee-keeping techniques - for example I believe that feeding bees is counterproductive to their health, and clipping wings, and aggressive use of chemicals to "control" varroa is unnecessary. This leads me to feed slightly uncomforable in being involved in training sessions which inevitably are contrary to my beliefs and experiences. My approach is less interventionary and allows the bees to evolve and develop without such a high degree of "help" from humans. | | |
| 23 | 27/02/17 10:57AM ID: 53100368 | Difficult to attend on tuesdays | | |
| 24 | 27/02/17 11:02AM ID: 53100697 | I have only just jioned | | |
| 25 | 27/02/17 11:47AM ID: 53103135 | for me with no bees it seems to go quiet over the summer | | |
| 26 | 27/02/17 12:38PM ID: 53107851 | the shop you sale 2ed for the same price as 1st class this is not helping members | | |
| 27 | 27/02/17 2:58PM ID: 53118596 | I love the Club and at each meeting I try to talk to someone new (I'm fairly new to the group). The committee work hard for everyone and they should be applauded for their efforts. | | |
| 28 | 27/02/17 5:18PM ID: 53127683 | allow keepers to collect swarms so that they dont feel obliged to pay,nice to make a gift to the owner of the land the swarm is on,rather than pay someone else! | | |
| 29 | 27/02/17 7:28PM | Have only just joined so cannot answer all questions, as 'don't attend' meetings/ use | | |

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| | | | Response Percent | Response Total |
|----|---------------------------------|---|---------------------|-------------------|
| | ID: 53134707 | shop etc., where I would intend to. | | |
| 30 | 28/02/17 8:39AM ID: 53158889 | I am not able to attend all meetings but have found those I have attended interesting and useful. The club is friendly and welcoming and help is available for new bee keepers. | | |
| 31 | 28/02/17 4:29PM ID: 53200472 | Possible out Apiary visits supervised at weekends. | | |
| 32 | 01/03/17 5:27PM ID: 53284069 | Would like to attend summer out apiary meetings, like there used to be | | |
| 33 | 05/03/17 6:35PM ID: 53474689 | Nothing! Always there when required. | | |
| 34 | 05/03/17 8:43PM ID: 53478722 | Not been a member long enough to comment | | |
| | | | answered | 34 |
| | | | skipped | 27 |