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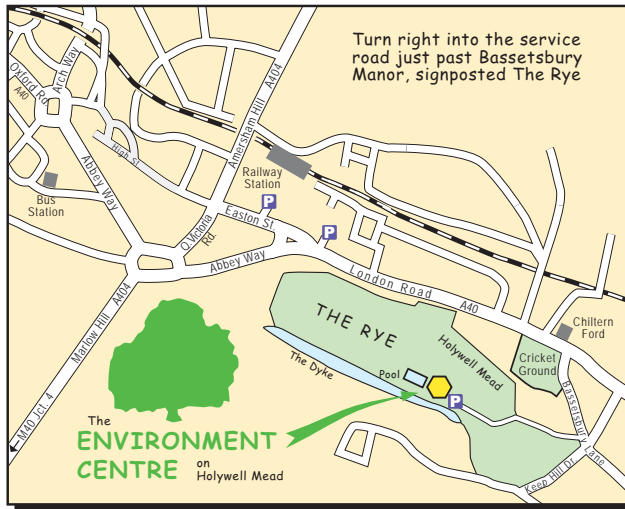
Members of our Association are also members of the Bucks County BKA and the British Beekeepers Association (BBKA), which represents beekeeping at national level. BBKA membership gives automatic Third Party Insurance cover.

A monthly Newsletter is sent out giving details of forthcoming events, reports on meetings, seasonal tips.

Members also receive BBKA News several times a year. This has information on beekeeping matters at national level.

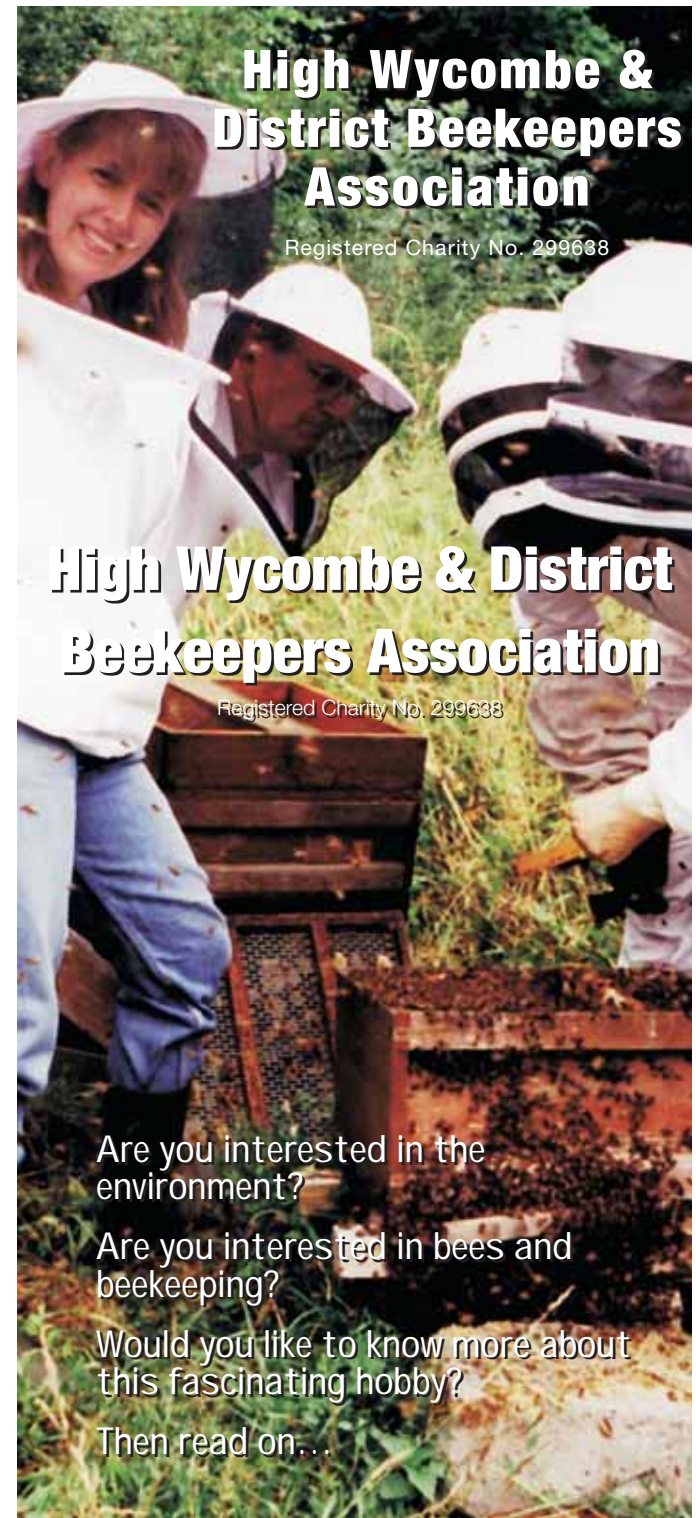
### New members

Beginners Classes are held each spring. The tuition is by skilled beekeepers who have been trained in coaching skills. Classes include hands-on work with bees at our teaching apiary, with equipment provided. Special emphasis is put on safe handling skills for working with bees and hives. Beginners are encouraged to build up their skills by working alongside one of our 'Old-hands' who are only too willing to pass on their experience.



If you would like to join the Association or find out more about beekeeping complete the form and send it to:

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Are you interested in the environment?

Are you interested in bees and beekeeping?

Would you like to know more about this fascinating hobby?

Then read on...

Do you already keep bees?.....  
I would like to find out more about beekeeping .....   
What experience of beekeeping have you had?  
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How did you find out about the Association?  
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## Bees and Man

Man has benefited from the honeybee for at least 10,000 years. The honey we harvest has been used as a sweetener in food, to make mead and for medicinal purposes. The beeswax was an important item of church & household supplies, being made into candles to give light. Nowadays it is used for cosmetics and pharmaceuticals.

We also benefit when the honeybee is out collecting nectar & pollen by their pollination of many of our essential food plants, as well as wild flowers in the environment.



## The Honeybee

Honeybees live in colonies which might contain anything up to 60,000 bees, headed by a Queen. Honeybees can survive on their own in the wild, but beekeepers keep them in hives where they can be more easily managed.

The bees will forage for nectar up to 3 miles from their hive. They bring the nectar back where it is converted into honey & stored in the wax honeycombs. The bees will store far more than they need to overwinter, and it is this surplus honey which the beekeeper removes as a crop.

## What is Beekeeping?

Beekeeping involves managing, controlling and learning all about these fascinating insects with the added bonus of ending up with a delicious crop of pure honey. The main season is from mid April to mid August, but you need to keep an eye on your bees in other months.

### Who are we?

High Wycombe and District Beekeepers Association is an active, friendly and enthusiastic association of amateur beekeepers. Members (male & female, younger & older) come from all walks of life, but all have a common interest in beekeeping.

Most of the members keep only a few hives as a hobby, but some have forty or more colonies.

### Where are we based?

We are based in High Wycombe, and have two apiaries; one at Hughenden, the other near Marlow. We also have an Observation Hive for the public to see at The Environment Centre in High Wycombe, where we hold our meetings.

Our membership ranges over an area based roughly on High Wycombe, spreading to Chesham, Chinnor, Princes Risborough and Marlow. Other parts of the county are served by other area associations.



## Lecture meetings

These take place on the last Friday of each month from September to May, starting at 7.30pm. They are held at The Environment Centre on Holywell Mead, High Wycombe (free car parking, see map on back of leaflet). We have speakers from all around the country, giving talks and demonstrations about the many different aspects of beekeeping.



## Apiary meetings

Apiary meetings are arranged informally during the summer months, either at the Association's apiary or a members apiary.

Our apiaries are used for honey gathering as well as for teaching.

