

## **The Scottish Beekeepers' Association**

The Scottish Beekeepers' Association (SBA) was founded in 1912 as the national beekeeping body for Scotland.

Currently the SBA has around 1,400 members and 46 affiliated Local Associations throughout Scotland.

The SBA aims to support honeybees and beekeepers in Scotland by encouraging and advancing excellence in beekeeping and the production of honeybee products; it aims to promote the craft of beekeeping, its heritage, culture and science to beekeepers and the public and to bring benefits to the environment through protection and conservation of the honeybee.

The SBA is run by voluntary, elected trustees, comprising an Executive Committee and Conveners of subcommittees. Members' meetings are held twice a year.

The SBA publishes a monthly magazine for members 'The Scottish Beekeeper'. The SBA website [www.scottishbeekeepers.org.uk](http://www.scottishbeekeepers.org.uk) is open to all and has downloadable information available.

The SBA forum 'Scottish Beekeepers Interactive' [www.SBAi.org.uk](http://www.SBAi.org.uk) is available to all.

An annual Convention, open to all, is held in September at different locations around Scotland. It comprises a Friday evening talk and all day lectures and trade stands on Saturday, with socialising throughout.

A broad education programme, covering all levels of beekeeping, offers talks and workshops through the year. Examinations are held twice a year in conjunction with the BBKA. In the autumn, a visiting Lecturer tours round Scotland presenting to six different Local Associations.

Two major honey Shows are held annually, one at the Royal Highland Show in Edinburgh, in June and one, the Scottish National Honey Show, in Dundee, in September.

The SBA's Moir Library, is an extensive collection of several thousand beekeeping books and many journals and is based in Edinburgh. Several hundred of the rarest books are held in the National Library of Scotland.

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