



## OBKA – Education Questionnaire

One initiative for OBKA over the coming year is to promote further education and training. To establish your needs the Trustees would like to find out what the current need for education is across the Association membership so that we can plan an effective education programme. The results will be compiled and published in the May OBKA News Letter.

In addition, the Association needs volunteers to assist with the day to running of the association. Please complete Question 3, Question 4 onwards refers to education needs.

Please complete the questionnaire below and **return by Sunday 22 April 2018** to **Mark Blanchette** at: [Mblan@tiscali.co.uk](mailto:Mblan@tiscali.co.uk). If you prefer to post it to me my address is on the original form sent out by email

**Note: Your response will be kept private/in confidence and your identity will not be circulated to other parties or members of the association.**

1. Name:	
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2. Where in the County do you live? The first part of you post code will be appreciated. E.g. OX14	
Oxford City	
North Oxfordshire	
South Oxfordshire	
East Oxfordshire	
West Oxfordshire	

3. In addition to reviewing training needs the OBKA needs additional volunteers to assist with the day to day running of the Association.	
Do you have some time to assist?	
How much time can you spare each month?	
How much time can you spare every 2 - 3 months?	
Are you aware of any one, not necessarily a member, that would like to assist	
If you are unable to help now, e.g. due to other commitments, would you be willing to help in the future?	
Please note any skills that you can offer.	

4. How many years have you been keeping bees?	
Not yet started	
1 to 3 years	
3 to 5 years	
5 to 10 years	
Greater than 10 years	



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5. How many colonies are you take into winter 2017?	
None	
1-3 colonies	
4-10 colonies	
Greater than 10 colonies	

6. What training have you already completed? (Please list with dates if known)

7. How can the Association help you with your Bee Keeping? Would you like support with training, distance learning, mentoring etc...?

8. Have you passed any BBKA qualifications? (Please list with dates if known)

9. Do you intend to take any of the BBKA qualifications? Please indicate which modules you would like to study. (Note: There is no module 4) See link: <a href="http://www.bbka.org.uk/learn">http://www.bbka.org.uk/learn</a>	
Module 1 - Honey be management	
Module 2 – Honey bee products and forage	
Module 3 - Honey bee pests, diseases and poisoning	
Module 5 – Honey bee biology	
Module 6 – Honey bee behaviour	



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Module 7 – Selection & breeding of honey bees	
Module 8 – Honey bee management, health and history	



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10. What sort of education would you like to see the Association provide?	
Intermediate Training (more advanced than the basic training but not as in depth as General Husbandry)	
General Husbandry	
Producing product from the hive (honey, wax etc...)	
Identifying and Managing disease	
Breeding (Queen Rearing)	
Microscopy	
Other (please list...)	

11. Do you think the Association should fund education for its members?	
Members should fund independently	
Educational courses should be partly funded by the Association	
Will you be prepared to provide you own lunch at all day training programmes? Note: The OBKA will provide tea, coffee, fruit juice, etc.	

12. Would you like to volunteer to mentor other members?	
Yes	
No	
Maybe in the future	

13. Would you be willing to host a meeting at your own apiary? How many members could you accommodate?	
Yes	
No	
Maybe in the future	

14. Would you be willing to assist in delivering training programmes?	
Yes	
No	
Maybe in the future	

Thank you for completing this questionnaire. If you have any points, issues or ideas that you would like to raise with the Trustees, not addressed by this questionnaire, please include in the box below or on a separate sheet.

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