Education and Exams secretary report

This years beginners course , held in February/March for the first time at Sinnington, was a success with 12 places paid for and 11 regular attendees. This was the first year the course was run as a collaboration of members with the intention that the presenters would add to the course with different personalities and styles. We also included a section from new beekeepers giving their early experience. There was the 5 weeks in the village hall and a standalone equipment day as well as the usual apiary visit.

Thanks must go to Tim, Louise, Simon, Marion and Hannah with Tea making support from Julie and Karen. Special mention must go to Rhona and John who following the many years of running the beginners course also ran a session on this new arrangement.

The post course feedback was positive and of those I know of 4 attendees have bees, 1 of these has joined another BKA (they were ‘out of our area’) with couple more possible beekeepers next year.

As of now we have enough expressions of interest in the 2027 course to run it hopefully with a full attendance.

<u>Exams and assessments</u>

In 2026 we had slightly more success with exams and assessment than previous years .

We had 4 members taking and passing the following:

Basic assessment – Karen

Honey Bee health assessment – Simon

Module 3 – Kay

Module 5 – Tim

After passing all the necessary modules Tim has now been awarded the Intermediate Theory certificate.

Congratulations to all four of you especially Tim as the modules passed can be challenging!

Lastly if anyone is considering assessments or modules and wants more information please make contact – we can provide support for you to prepare.

Simon Lathlean - November 26