

Secretary's Report 2016 AGM

The RBG 2015 final membership totalled 82 (75 in 2014) with an additional 14 people included on email distribution .

Currently 2016 confirmed membership as follows ;

Full member	51	
Partner Member	6	
Junior Member	1	
Other membership	4	
Total 2016 Confirmed membership		62
Total 2015 members yet to respond		25

Assuming most members renew their subscriptions Membership will show a steady increase. I urge members who have not as yet renewed membership to do so shortly as membership not only offers individuals great benefits and insurance cover , it also helps the RBG with regard to funding and provides the group with a good member base to cover roles within the group.

To this end any members wishing to take a more active role within the group either in an Officers Role or helping out at Events please let me know. Being involved in the running of the Group can be both rewarding and enjoyable and ensures that the Group benefits from new views and ideas.

Beekeeping in 2015 proved to be fairly testing. A warm spring seemed to encourage early colony expansion and promote swarming over honey production. A number of members also reported potential Queen Laying problems. This coupled with the warmest winter in a 100 years and certainly one of the wettest may raise a few issues when we make our first inspections. That said this time of the year is always an exciting time for beekeepers planning the coming season .

I would also thank the officers for all their efforts and support in 2015, and those members who regularly turn out and offer support at Events, helping promote RBG & the Beekeeping craft .

Hope to see you at the AGM and wish members a successful 2016

Marcus Pilling (Roseland Bee Group Secretary)

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