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## Secretary's Report

## AGM January 26<sup>th</sup> 2017

The RBG 2016 final membership totalled 83 ( 82 in 2015) with an additional 14 people included on email distribution .

Currently 2017 confirmed membership as follows ;

Full member	35 ( Jan 4 <sup>th</sup> 2017)	
Partner Member	4	
Junior Member	0	
Other membership	4	
Total 2017 Confirmed membership		43
Total 2016 members yet to respond		41

With just under half of 2016 members yet to confirm renewal of Membership it is difficult to gauge where final membership will stand although if most members do renew then Membership will remain at roughly the same level\* .

However 2017 enquiries from Newbees wishing to join the Group is fewer than at this stage last year.

\*The CBKA have requested subscription renewals by January 31<sup>st</sup> 2017 (giving only one month leeway) in contrast to last year when this date was extended to March 31<sup>st</sup> 2016. This has been advised to members and will ensure individuals are included within the 'Spring Membership'. It would therefore be appreciated if members who have yet to renew do so shortly. Renewal after this date will mean those members will be included in the 'Autumn Membership'.

Beekeeping in 2016 according to feedback from members proved fairly testing. Queen problems seem to have been one of the commonly reported themes which is a recurrence from last year. Honey yields were also below average according to a number of members. On the positive side most members wanting bees at the start of the season were catered for by other members who were able to provide nucs and colonies which reflects well on the group.

I would like to thank the officers for all their efforts and support in 2016 and also those members who regularly turn out and offer support at Events.

Hope to see you at the AGM and wish members success in 2017 with the bees.

Marcus Pilling (Roseland Bee Group Secretary)

January 4<sup>th</sup> 2017



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