



# THE LESLIE THORNE AWARD

## Introduction

LBKA is a registered charity (No 500360) and its published objectives are

- To encourage, improve and advance apiculture primarily but not exclusively within Lincolnshire, to the public good
- To advance the awareness of the public in the importance of bees in the environment.

## Purpose

This award is being made by the Thorne family of Wragby in memory of the late Leslie Thorne, former LBKA President, in order to encourage and support young beekeepers within LBKA.

## Presentation

The winner of this award will be presented with a Budget Hive and certificate. This presentation will be made by a member of the Thorne family or LBKA President and the recipient will be announced at LBKA's AGM.

This hive will be the property of LBKA until the winner has successfully completed a further year under the supervision of their district mentor.

## Nominations

Nominations of candidates by districts should be sent in writing to the Chair of LBKA or districts central council rep, before the end of March. Each nomination should be accompanied with a supporting letter giving details of the young person's involvement in beekeeping in the district and their relevant interests.

## Criteria for nominations

- The candidate should be 25 years of age or under at the end of the year in which the nomination is made.
- The young person should exhibit promise as a beekeeper by having shown interest in and commitment to beekeeping as a member of a district of LBKA for at least six months.
- A winner of the award may not be nominated again.

## Selection of Candidates:

Nominations shall be discussed at the April Central Council meeting. Selection of the winner shall be made by a panel comprising at least one LBKA Trustee, the Chair of the LBKA and a member of the Thorne family.

## Conditions

- The district concerned shall agree to supply a nucleus of bees for the successful candidate (see standards for nuclei from NBU) and a named mentor of suitable experience to support the young beekeeper for at least one year after the award has been made.

- The district concerned shall agree to take responsibility for the proper care of LBKA's property for the probationary year.
- The district concerned shall send a progress report to the Chair or Secretary of LBKA meeting by the end of March the following year, together with a simple diary record of their beekeeping activities from the winner from the point of receiving their bees.
- Upon receipt of a positive report, at April's Central Council, confirmation will be made that the hive becomes the property of the award winner.
- On winning the award, the winner (or his/her parents or guardians if under 18) shall agree to him/her becoming a Junior or Full member of LBKA with immediate effect (if this is not already the case). This membership shall be free for the year of the award.
- The winner shall agree to co-operate with their named district mentor or agreed replacement.

This policy was approved by LBKA's Central Council at its meeting October 2021 and will be reviewed October 2024.