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## Secretary's Report

AGM February 2022

2021 final membership totalled 93 ( same as 2020) matching Roselands highest Group membership

As of 1<sup>st</sup> February this years tally stands at 82 with 20 members yet to respond.

It was good news that membership didn't lessen last year despite more limited support that the Group historically offers newbees due to the Covid . That said The Group did manage to keep mentoring , Apiary Inspections and the Events Tent in operation albeit at reduced levels. The Autumn and Christmas Get together proved a success however as with last year the Safari was again cancelled. Hopefully this will be back on the Agenda this year.

CBKA subscription renewals were requested by January 31<sup>st</sup> 2022 with this date ensuring renewals for the coming year are included under the 'Spring Membership' & ensuring a continuation of unbroken insurance cover. Membership after this incurs a brief break in cover

From Member Feedback 2021 was a challenging season with mixed reports on bees and the honey crop. What seemed noticeable was some fine blossoms of wild flowers over the season that wasn't necessarily reflected by good nectar flows . Whether this was down to fluctuating temperatures at critical times might be in part the reason.

There has been no reports on Asian Hornet Sightings but please be vigilant as we approach spring when potentially the Queens would come out of hibernation..

This year some of the Officer Reports are not included for the AGM. This due to limited holding of non essential meetings.

I would thank all the Officers for their organising roles .  
Geoff for Chair and Treasurer but also ,along with Penny , giving key support to Events, Purchasing and Assisting at the Apiary .  
Martin for arranging Events and regular Facebook updates .  
Tim for offering us tremendous savings on bulk purchasing .  
Tom for keeping the Group Apiary in shape .  
Adam for keeping the website up to date



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Robin for arranging support to those Newbees who wanted a Mentor.  
Ian for keeping the Group posted on CBKA business.

For members who would like to take on any Officers Posts this is encouraged . It is always good to have new ideas into managing roles.

On this topic Robin Villis is stepping down from ‘Mentoring Coordinator’ so if there is anyone who could take on managing this let me know . For the coming season we are changing ‘Mentoring’ to ‘Buddying’ to emphasis the role of a ‘Bee Buddy’ . Mentoring is very formal and suggests that to offer support you need to be a long standing expert before you can offer Newbees Support . Whereas a Bee Buddy is there to offer gentle support on that first inspection . There is always contact that can be made to more experienced members should the need arise . In short if you have kept bees for a season you could be a bee buddy .

Wishing all members success in 2022 with the bees and hope to catch up with you soon.

Marcus Pilling (Roseland Bee Group Secretary)

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