

Surrey Exam Secretary report to 2023 AGM

This report covers the period November 2022 to October 2023.

Croydon division fielded 8 candidates for the junior assessment and all 8 candidates passed.

This year there were candidates for the basic assessment from five of the eight of Surrey divisions. In total 38 candidates took and passed the basic assessment, with 10 of those candidates achieving a distinction and 21 a credit.

5 candidates took and passed the Honey Bee Health practical assessment.

As you will know, the written modules are held in March and November each year. The Exam Board now requires that when modules are taken in person rather than on line, for safeguarding, in addition to the invigilator, a responsible person must be present throughout the exam so I will be calling on divisions to provide a responsible person in the future. The requirement for a presence of a responsible person applies regardless of the number of candidates present. The requirement for a minimum number of candidates for in person modules has been dropped by the Exam Board for the time being.

When combining results for the November 2022 and March 2023 written modules, candidates achieved a total of 27 modules passes, the same number as last year.

When candidates have passed modules 1, 2 and 3 and 1 other, they are awarded an Intermediate theory certificate; once all modules have been passed a candidate is awarded the Advanced theory certificate. As a result of successes in 2022/2023, 2 candidates were awarded the Intermediate theory certificate and 2 candidates were awarded the Advanced theory certificate.

As always my thanks go to Epsom division for use of their facilities in November and March for the written modules and for providing the responsible person for the November modules. Thanks also to the many assessors not only from Surrey but beyond who give up their time and experience to assess candidates for the practical exams.

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