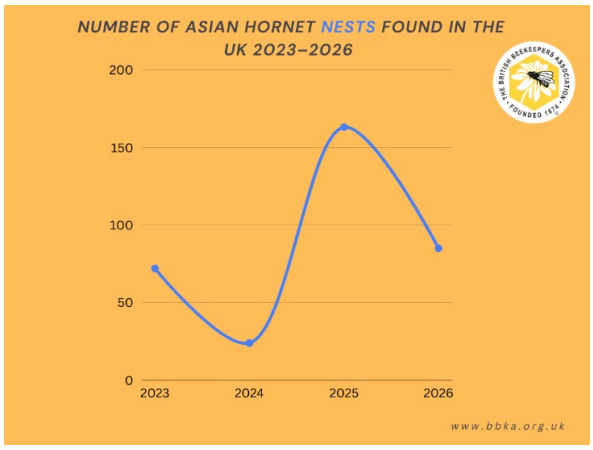
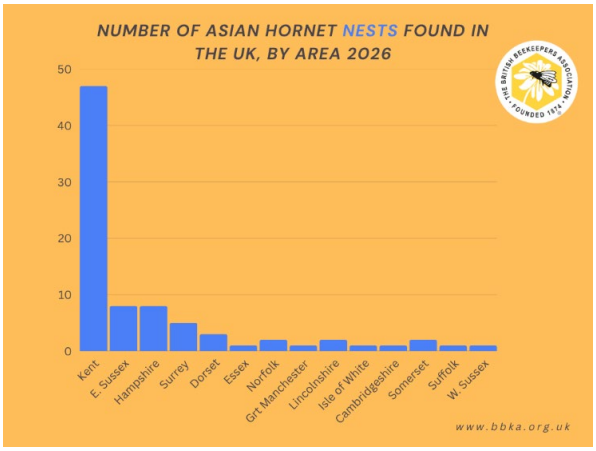
YLAH Outreach News - November

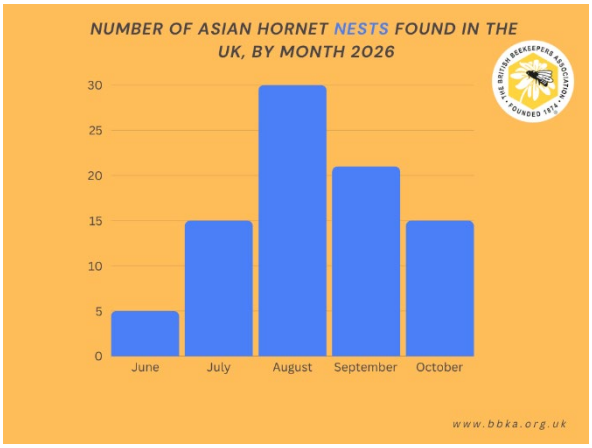
As of the end of October 234 credible Yellow-legged Asian Hornet sightings have been reported in the UK during 2026, resulting in the identification of **88 nests**. The latest nest (secondary) was discovered in Eyhorne Kent.

Details from the NBU are shared on the BBKA WhatsApp group and channel. More details can be found here.









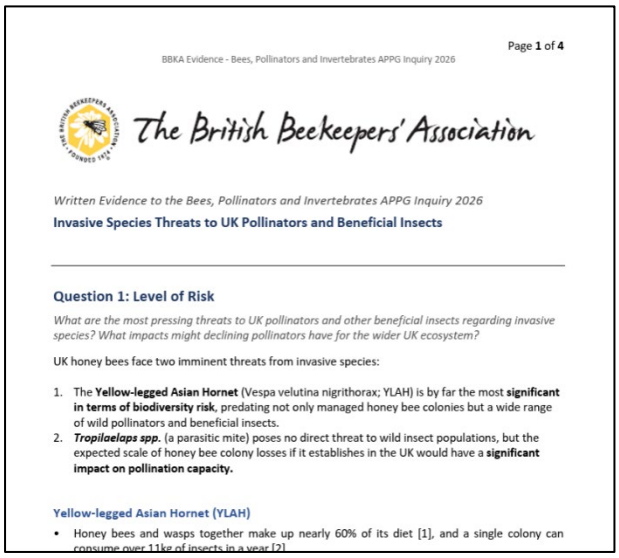
Visuals are an effective way to communicate statistics and share key information with the public.

The graphs are available on the Member Hub: **Yellow-legged Asian Hornet** > **Raising Awareness** and can also be shared via the BBKA website.

Is there anything specific you would like to see in this newsletter?
Please contact: outreach.officer@bbka.org.uk

Are you writing to your local MP about raising awareness?

Written Evidence to the Bees, Pollinators and Invertebrates All-Party Parliamentary Group (APPG) Inquiry 2026. You may find this written evidence useful when writing to your local MP.



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BBKA Evidence - Bees, Pollinators and Invertebrates APPG Inquiry 2026

The British Beekeepers' Association

Written Evidence to the Bees, Pollinators and Invertebrates APPG Inquiry 2026

Invasive Species Threats to UK Pollinators and Beneficial Insects

Question 1: Level of Risk

What are the most pressing threats to UK pollinators and other beneficial insects regarding invasive species? What impacts might declining pollinators have for the wider UK ecosystem?

UK honey bees face two imminent threats from invasive species:

1. The **Yellow-legged Asian Hornet** (Vespa velutina nigrithorax; YLAH) is by far the most **significant in terms of biodiversity risk**, predating not only managed honey bee colonies but a wide range of wild pollinators and beneficial insects.
2. ***Tropilaelaps spp.*** (a parasitic mite) poses no direct threat to wild insect populations, but the expected scale of honey bee colony losses if it establishes in the UK would have a **significant impact on pollination capacity.**

Yellow-legged Asian Hornet (YLAH)

- Honey bees and wasps together make up nearly 60% of its diet [1], and a single colony can consume over 11kg of insects in a year [2]

Details can be found on the Member Hub: **Yellow-legged Asian Hornet** > **Raising Awareness**.

The Honey Show

The honey show is always the perfect opportunity to raise awareness of YLAH, and we were delighted to be able to do that again this year.

We created a short rolling film on the YLAH for the show this year that is available to use and can be found on the Member Hub: **Yellow-legged Asian Hornet** > **Raising Awareness**.



Discussion Forums

Thank you to everyone who was able to join us last week for our General Discussion Forum.

The recording is now available on the Member Hub **Yellow-legged Asian Hornet** > **Discussion Forums** > **YLAH Discussion Forum: October 2026** or is available to view via the BBKA YouTube channel here.

We have invited the NBU to present at our next Discussion Forum to present an overview of how the 2026 season has gone, highlighting key achievements, challenges and lessons learned.



The YLAH costume is back at HQ in Stoneleigh!

If you would like to use the costume for your next event, please contact: outreach.officer@bbka.org.uk

Puzzle Fun! Word Search

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