



Southampton & District Bee Keepers' Association

Apiary Rules as of October 2020

The purpose of the apiary site is:

- An area where members can meet to practice various beekeeping techniques, exchange ideas and site hives.
- New or intending members can experience practical beekeeping and handle bees prior to commencing beekeeping.
- Association hives to be maintained for education and honey production.

1. Paid up members of Southampton & District Bee Keepers' Association are permitted to keep bees on this site. The Association's financial year runs from October to September.
2. A rent per bay is to be paid in advance, renewal with membership. Site rent to be reviewed annually by the Committee. Hive rent is to fund running of association hives and site management.
3. Hives will only be allowed on site with the permission of the Apiary Manager. Each member will be allocated a bay by the Apiary Manager to place their hives.
4. Hives on the site without permission, unpaid for or where the owner fails to comply with the rules and regulations will become Association hives for the Committee to decide on necessary actions. 21 days notice will be given.
5. All movement of bees/hives on or off the apiary is to be notified to the Apiary Manager.
6. Members are responsible for maintaining their hives in good order and to do their utmost to prevent disease ensuring that current guidelines from the bee inspectorate are adhered to.
7. All medicine/treatment use to be recorded and reported to the Apiary Manager when used.
8. Swarm control methods are to be practiced and bad tempered bees re-queened.
9. Diseased colonies will be dealt with in accordance with the instructions of the Bee Disease Officer (including standstill or destruction) whether or not the owner can be contacted.
10. Varroa drop figures are to be reported to the Apiary Manager during May, June, July and August.
11. The Apiary Manager reserves the right to inspect a member's hive(s) at any time to ensure that the rules and regulations are being complied with.
12. Members are not permitted to inspect hives other than their own without permission of the owner.
13. The maximum number of colonies to be kept on site is to be decided by the Committee.
14. A maximum number of hives will be allowed per member depending on demand. This number to be assessed by the Apiary Manager.
15. A waiting list is to be maintained by the Apiary Manager once the site is full.
16. Hive stands are to be suitable for purpose.
17. No open fires are permitted. Smokers must be carefully controlled and must not be emptied on site.

18. All equipment and debris from hives (e.g. hive staples, nails and scrap wax) are to be removed from the site and the area is to be kept clean and tidy at all times.
19. Vehicles are to be parked in the designated parking area.
20. The Apiary Manager is responsible for overseeing site maintenance.
21. Members use and visit the site at their own risk.
22. Members will be issued a key for access (where applicable). Replacement keys will be charged for at £5.00 each.
23. Members using this site must supply the following to Apiary Manager:
 - Name
 - Telephone Number / Mobile Number
 - Car registration number / colour
24. The Apiary Manager is responsible for the day-to-day organisation of the beekeeping activities. All matters concerning maintenance and security are to be dealt with primarily by the Association's Apiary Manager.
25. The Apiary Manager is not responsible for individual members hives.