



Course for New Beekeepers 2020

This course is designed for prospective beekeepers and aims to provide students with the knowledge and understanding required to manage a colony of bees. The course combines theory with practical experience and is an effective and supportive route into beekeeping.

Topics covered by the course include –

- Basic equipment and protective clothing
- Colony composition and activity within the colony
- Types of hive and frames
- Siting an apiary. The Beekeeping Year. Forage
- Problems and diseases
- Varroa and varroa control.
- Swarming – prevention and control
- Extracting honey and other hive produce



Provisional dates for 2020 – Bridport Fellowship Hall, within East St car park

Time – 7.00 - 9.15pm

Tuesday 28th Jan

Tuesday 4th Feb

Tuesday 11th Feb

Tuesday 25th Feb

Tuesday 3rd March

Tuesday 10th March

Tuesday 17th March

Followed by 3 practical weekend sessions in the WDBKA apiary during April and May.

Cost £75, including a non-refundable £10 deposit. Course members are automatically enrolled as 'Friends' of the Association.

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Numbers are limited to 25 students

WDBKA is always keen to support and encourage prospective beekeepers. If you are unable to commit to the course but have a strong interest in bee keeping you may wish to join our association as a 'Friend' which will give you access to the programme of talks and apiary visits as well as a monthly newsletter.