



## Course for New Beekeepers 2024



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 2024 –

Bridport Christian Fellowship Hall, within East St car park

Time – 7.00 - 9.00pm

Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> Jan

Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> Feb

Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> Feb

Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> March

Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> Feb

Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> March

Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> Feb

Followed by 3 practical weekend sessions in the WDBKA apiary during March, April and May -depending on the weather.

Cost £80, including a non-refundable £20 deposit. Course members are automatically enrolled as 'Friends' of the Association. Please see our website for further details –

[www.westdorsetbees.org.uk](http://www.westdorsetbees.org.uk)

or contact Carole Brown, WDBKA secretary 01308 456210  
Numbers are limited to 25 students