



# Introduction to basic beekeeping

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If you have ever thought of owning a colony of honey bees but have been deterred by not knowing exactly what is involved, or are simply curious, then this one day workshop is for you!

**This** one day inter-active workshop is held annual around mid-March and is designed to provide a basic understanding of what is involved in keeping bees. No previous knowledge or experience is required. The workshop comprises:

### **Session 1: Why keep bees?**

Honey bees are wild creatures and can only be manipulated. A basic understanding of the bees' life cycle is essential in order to successfully manage a colony of bees and understand why bees are so important for the environment and national economy.

### **Session 2: Equipment**

This practical session will describe all the equipment you will need to manage a colony of bees, the choices available, and provide the opportunity to examine it in detail.

### **Session 3: Matters to consider**

- Where could I put my bees?
- How much work is involved?
- How do you treat bee stings?
- How do you keep bees healthy?
- How do you extract honey?

These issues and all the others you need to consider *before* acquiring bees will be fully covered.

**For full details of the next course visit:**

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