

Lancaster Beekeepers Club Training Programme

We offer an exciting and engaging training programme for anyone wanting to gain essential theoretical knowledge and practical skills in beekeeping. The course runs between May and August, following up on our Open Day. Our training "Beekeeping for beginners", comprising two parts: theory and practical, cover the BBKA Basic Assessment.

Booking a course: To find out more please email training officer Mark Stott
(stotty6069@gmail.com)

or to confirm your place on the course please send payment to:

LNWBA Lancaster Branch
Account Number: 01859692
Sort Code: 40-27-02

Please remember to include your name and the course code with the payment.

Beekeeping for beginners – theory sessions (course code BBT).

The theory course consists of two full training days in May. There are no entry requirements for the theory course. The presentation slides used during the sessions are shared with the candidates. Each session looks at different topics: the bees themselves, the beekeeping year, the swarming process and its management, pests and diseases, integrated pest management, the process of honey production and supplemental feeding. Covering the theoretical syllabus of the BBKA Basic Assessment, the course provides a good foundation in beekeeping that can then be applied during the practical course.

Arrival for the session is from 09:30 for a 10:00 start, finishing by 17:00, lunch and refreshments are provided.

The dates for 2019 are:

Saturday 16th May 2020

Sunday 31st May 2020

Both sessions are compulsory in order to be able to continue with the practical course. Children under 16 must be accompanied by a fee-paying adult.

The course is held at Farm Gate Vets, J36 Rural Auction Centre, Crooklands which provides us with a warm purpose built training facility on a first floor with access by a flight of stairs.

Cost of the Beekeeping for beginners – theory course is £75.

Beekeeping for beginners – practical course (course code BBP).

The entry requirements for this course are to have completed the Beekeeping for beginners - theory course. Bee-suits will be made available to those on the course for its duration but individuals will need to provide their own suitable footwear (wellington boots or similar). Practical procedures will be explained, demonstrated and then undertaken working with the bees in the apiary. We will open the hives at every session to see how each colony has developed and understand the lifecycle of this super-organism. This provides the candidates with the opportunity to experience part of the beekeeping season and apply the theory learnt previously. In addition, candidates will be able to build their experience and confidence with the bees. Each session lasts approximately 3 hours, and refreshments are provided. Arrival for the session is from 12:30 for a 13:00 start, finishing by 16:00.

The dates for 2020 are as follows:

Saturday 27 June

Saturday 11 July

Saturday 25 July

Saturday 8 August

Saturday 22 August

On completion of the full practical course each candidate will receive a certificate of attendance. Candidates must have completed the Beekeeping for Beginners – theory course before undertaking the practical sessions. Children under the age of 16 must be confirmed with us beforehand to ensure that a child sized bee-suit is available for them and accompanied by a fee-paying adult.

This course takes place at our training apiary at Yealand Conyers.

Cost of the Beekeeping for Beginners – Full practical course is £75.