

Bee Health Day Lancaster

Sunday 21.6.2020 9.30am to 4.30pm

The National Bee Unit provide talks, activities and diseased combs for beekeepers to see at Bee Health Days. The Northern team of bee inspectors will be joining Lancaster Beekeepers' branch for a learning day at Lancaster Royal Grammar School on June 21st 2020. Lancaster Beekeepers are kindly hosting the event and organising the venue; the bee inspectors will provide combs (including examples of AFB and EFB) for you to see so this is a rare opportunity to see these diseases for real. The final plan for the day will be agreed in the spring when the seasonal bee inspectors are back in post but it is likely that we shall start the day with a picture quiz immediately followed by answers and explanations from the bee inspectors to help you understand what to look for to correctly identify diseases in the practical sessions to follow. There will be combs to see with inspectors there to help you understand what you are seeing, an apiary inspection session to show how to do a thorough disease inspection and a session (topic to be decided) with a PowerPoint and teaching. Attendees will have the opportunity to rotate through these sessions in groups. The whole Northern team of bee inspectors plan to attend and look forward to meeting you and talking with you.

Venue

Lancaster Royal Grammar School

East Road

Lancaster

LA1 3EF

Access is easiest by car however Lancaster train station is only 1.5 miles or a 15 minute brisk walk from the school if people are travelling by rail.

Who is the event for?

Attendees should be at least age 9 upwards.

We suggest that attendees should have a minimum of a season's experience with their bees just so that the things we see and talk about 'make sense'. **Please attend with your clean bee suit and clean suitable footwear (preferably wellies)** for the apiary inspection session. The NBU will provide aprons, gloves and shoe covers for the diseased comb session.

All areas from parking to classrooms and toilets are wheelchair friendly. The car park is approximately 50 metres from the hall.

Refreshments

Free tea, coffee, squash and biscuits will be available on arrival and there is a free water fountain at all times. To save on plastic waste please feel free to bring your own cup.

Food for the day will be available to buy from 'Brossen' a new business offering drinks and good quality food from a trailer just outside the meeting hall door. Brossen will offer cheap and cheerful coffees and teas or 'proper' coffee, soups, good bread, a main dish and cakes. If you need special dairy products (especially milk) for your drinks please would you bring your favourite product?

If you prefer you are welcome to bring a packed lunch.

Cost

£10 per person irrespective of age.

A maximum 100 places will be available.

Any proceeds will be donated to Heron Hill Primary School Beekeepers who are amazing at inspiring the next generation to look after bees.