

Natural Beekeeping for Beginners Course

Saturday 4th June 2011, Great Abington - Cambridgeshire

Learn about how to protect our British bees and how to keep bees the natural way.

This one day course will cover the following:

Life of the bee and needs of the colony. How bees work in nature, what their instincts are and what their needs are.

Conventional beekeeping: a brief overview of conventional beekeeping history and methods.

Natural beekeeping principles, the benefits and joys of keeping honey bees in as natural way as possible.

Promoting bee health the natural way, how bee colonies can be kept healthy without using dangerous chemical treatments.

Bee hives in natural beekeeping, the different hive types that can be used and their functions.

Acquiring bees, handling bees and siting of hives. Complete beginners will be given advice on how to start beekeeping, where to get advice and practical experience with bees, relevant literature and the planning and preparation needed before actually accommodating a colony of bees. Discussion will include essential equipment, assessing seasonal forage and relationships with neighbours.

The course is aimed primarily at beginners, but will also benefit experienced beekeepers wishing to adopt a more holistic approach to caring for bees.

