

ISLE OF WIGHT BEEKEEPERS ASSOCIATION (IWBKA). CODE OF PRACTISE FOR THE QUARR TEACHING APIARY (QTA) AS AGREED BY BOTH PARTIES.

INTRODUCTION

1. The IWBKA is the county association for the Isle of Wight and is open for membership to all Island beekeepers and those who have an interest in the craft.
2. The Association supports the operation of a teaching apiary at Quarr Abbey.

OBJECTIVES

3. The Association, in conjunction with the teaching apiary, has as its objectives:
 - a. Run beekeeping courses for beginners.
 - b. Help and advise new beekeepers.
 - c. Organise monthly apiary meetings for practical beekeeping.
 - d. Encourage awareness of bee diseases and their reporting and control.
 - e. Make the public aware of the importance of honey bees.
 - f. Organise lectures, seminars and an annual Honey Show.

PUBLICATIONS AND WEBSITE

4. Each member receives a monthly IWBKA Newsletter and the Association's periodic magazine called Wight Bee. Registered members receive publications from the British Beekeepers Association (BBKA).
5. IWBKA operates its own website, with a restricted area for members.

QUARR TEACHING APIARY (QTA)

6. The apiary at Quarr Abbey is independently managed and has its own Committee and Chairman, who will be a member of the IWBKA Committee. Should the Chairman be unable to attend, he will appoint a proxy from the QTA committee to represent QTA.
7. Although QTA is self-funding, the IWBKA committee will provide donations for the maintenance of the teaching hives within the teaching apiary which do not belong to the Abbey. In order to raise funds QTA charges for courses and for the provision of colonies and sells its honey under contract to the abbey shop.
8. Throughout the year QTA organises Beginners Courses, onward practical training for new beekeepers, apiary meetings and demonstrations.
9. Some beekeeping equipment may be available at discount prices..
10. QTA establishes disease free colonies, with a new laying queen and brood, for sale at a cost set by QTA and notified to the IWBKA for publication on the website and in the Newsletter.

SWARM CONTROL

11. IWBKA maintains a list of swarm collectors. Swarms can be taken to the QTA where they are housed, checked, re-queened if necessary, monitored for disease and temperament and, when it is established that the queen is laying and the colony is in good health, are available for sale as a nucleus, at a price set by QTA.

SUBSCRIPTIONS

12. The annual subscription for Registered beekeepers includes membership of IWBKA and BBKA.
13. It provides insurance for third party liability through BBKA and includes limited Bee Disease Insurance (BDI) for three colonies. Further colonies can be insured at an extra premium.
14. Those who are interested in the craft of beekeeping, but do not actually keep or handle bees, may join the Association as Friends, can attend meetings and receive the IWBKA Newsletter and Wight Bee.

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PRESIDENT

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