

Carlisle Beekeepers

Beekeeping Beginners Day

The Beginners Day is intended for people who would like to keep bees and covers topics in more depth than on the Taster Day

The one day Beginners Day provides the basic knowledge required to start keeping *Apis mellifera*, the European Honey Bee. The day, taught in a small group by experienced beekeepers, covers key aspects of beekeeping using PowerPoint presentations and demonstrations using real equipment and a virtual hive. The virtual hive simulates the real thing using photographs of comb and bees just as you would find in a live colony.

Following the course participants receive a certificate of attendance and a memory stick with all the course handouts. After the course participants are encouraged to attend one or more of the regular summer meetings at the Association apiary to gain hands on experience and to further their knowledge.

The course is run at Cumbria Wildlife Trust, Gosling Sike, Houghton, Carlisle, CA3 0LD. There is ample parking at the site. The Beginners Day costs £35 per person and includes a £10 discount on the first year's membership to participants who decide to join the Association. Tea and coffee are provided. Participants may want to bring a packed lunch.

Full details and to book contact:

The Secretary, Emma Keir.

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Programme for Beginners Beekeeping Course

(This is an Indicative programme and may be amended)

09:30 Arrive	Chairman's Welcome
10:00 -11:00 Natural History	Queen, worker & drone Individual life cycles Basic anatomy Function of queen, worker & drone Age related duties of worker bees
11:00 - 11:15 Coffee / Tea break	
11:15 -12:15 Equipment	Types of common hives Components of a hive / making a frame Bee space Clothing Tools and record cards
12:15 -13:15 Lunch	Beekeeping video
13:15 -14:15 Colony Management	The beekeeping year Inspecting a colony Impact of swarming Managing difficult stocks Feeding colonies Record keeping
14:15 -14:30 Coffee / Tea break	
14:30 -15:30 Bee Diseases	Hygiene Brood diseases Adult diseases and their control Varroa Statutory requirements Pests Good practice
	Questions and answers
16:00	Close