

# Carlisle Beekeepers Association

If you find a swarm, we may be able to help remove it safely; however beekeepers can only deal with honey bees.

If you find bees in a bird box they are almost certainly bumble bees. These bees are quite different in appearance to honey bees. They nest in walls, birdboxes and under roofs Advice about bumble bees can be found here:

<http://bumblebeeconservation.org>



HONEY BEE



BUMBLE



WASP

[www.naturespot.org.uk](http://www.naturespot.org.uk)

Swarming is the natural process honey bees use to increase the population. During the summer a queen bee and a large number of workers may leave the hive and eventually cluster in a football size ball, typically in a tree or bush. The cluster will remain until the bees find a new home when the whole swarm will leave.



If left undisturbed swarms do not generally pose a risk, however you should take sensible precautions, stand clear of flying bees, do not disturbing the cluster and keep pets and children away.

For more information about swarms visit the British Beekeepers Association web site: [www.bbka.org.uk](http://www.bbka.org.uk) 'Do you have a Swarm?'

If you think that you have a swarm of honeybees contact one of our local beekeepers who may be able to help you.

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