

Carlisle Beekeepers

Beekeeping Taster Day

The Taster Day makes an ideal gift. Gift vouchers are available.

A Taster Day is intended for anyone who:

- **would like to learn more about bees and beekeeping, or,**
- **Is thinking about keeping bees but not sure if it is for them.**

The Taster Day is run by experienced beekeepers. In the morning there is an introduction to bees and beekeeping taught in a classroom setting 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.

Taught in a small group, the interactive morning session gives you the basic information you need to understand honey bees, how the colony operates and what to look for.

The afternoon is spent in the Association's Apiary when there is the opportunity to put what you have learnt into practice. Under the supervision of experienced beekeepers delegates will have about 1 1/2 hours to use equipment, observe and to try hive inspections with live bees.

The course is run either at Cumbria Wildlife Trust, Gosling Sike, Houghton, Carlisle, CA3 0LD and at the Association's apiary, or at the Laurie Brewis Trust, Heathlands Farm, Harker Road Ends, Carlisle, CA6 4H.

Following the course delegates receive a certificate of attendance and a memory stick containing all the course handouts. The Taster Day costs £35 per person and includes tea and coffee. Participants may want to bring a packed lunch.

**Full details and to book contact the Secretary, Emma Keir.
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Programme for Beekeeping Taster Day

This is an indicative programme and may be amended

9.00	Arrive	
9.25 to 9.30		Chairman's Welcome
9.30 to 10.30	NATURAL HISTORY	Queen, worker and drone Individual life cycles Basic anatomy Age related duties of worker bees
10.30 to 10.45	Coffee/Tea Break	
10.45 to 11.45	COLONY MANAGEMENT	The beekeeping year Clothing and tools Tools and record cards Impact of swarming and difficult stock Feeding colonies
11.45 to 12.00	Coffee/Tea Break	
12.00 to 13.00	BEE DISEASES	Hygiene Brood disease, adult disease and control Varroa Statutory requirements Pests Good practice
13.00 to 14.00	Lunch break and Q&A	
14.00 to 16.00		Hive inspections in the apiary
16.00	Close	