



WEST NORFOLK & KINGS LYNN BEEKEEPERS' ASSOCIATION

Beekeeping Taster Session

Dates Available: Sunday 7 July 2019 &

Sunday 4 August 2019

Time: 12-2pm

Have you ever wondered what it looks like inside a hive? Are you looking for something different to give a friend, or loved one who has an interest in bees and beekeeping as a gift?

We provide a two hour 'Taster Session' that will give the participant an insight into the world of the honeybee and beekeeping. You will be able to look at a Hive, find out about the Honeybee Lifecycle and put on a Beekeeping suit to look into a Live Hive and watch the Honeybees at work.

The session will cover: -

- An introduction to the honeybee family, their lifecycle and roles within the hive.
- Looking at an empty hive to take a closer look at the individual parts and how the hive is constructed.
- Looking at and handling the tools a beekeeper uses to manipulate the hive and honeybees.
- An insight into the beekeeping year and how to deal with those potential stings!
- Putting on a beekeeping suit and viewing a live hive to watch the Honeybees at work. In the brood box you will get the chance to see eggs, larva, sealed brood, nectar and pollen. In the super you will be able to see the nectar and capped honey.

Places are strictly limited, to enable everyone the chance to see into the hive and time to look at the bees working.

The session costs £10 per person and a place will be confirmed once payment has been made. The participant will need to bring a pair of wellington boots and dress appropriately for this outdoor activity.

The Taster Session is weather dependent and if unfortunately, the conditions are not suitable on the day, the demonstration will be postponed to another date.

Before the session begins, all participants will need to read our risk assessment and complete our health and safety form. Whilst every possible effort is made, please be aware that due to the nature of Honeybees, there is always the potential risk of being stung. A first aider will be present and all participants will need to declare if they have an allergy to beestings. However, please be assured that the bees used for the Taster Session are chosen because of their calm and gentle nature. This allows beginners to become confident in handling them and reduce the chances of any potential stings. If due to unforeseen circumstances the bees have become unsettled, the Beekeeper will stop the session and close the hive down.

If you would like to reserve a place on one of these sessions, please contact Carla Baker-Fendley by email: tasters@wnklba.co.uk. You will then be sent a booking form to complete and return along with your payment. Once this has been received you will be sent a confirmation receipt of your place.