

# The British Beekeepers Association

BBKA – supporting bees and beekeepers



## Improving Beekeeping Skills 2024 – prospectus

We offer a three-day hands-on course for beekeepers who hold the BBKA's Basic Certificate, have four or more years beekeeping experience and wish to achieve a higher level of skill and knowledge in some of the main areas of practical beekeeping. Places are limited to twelve. Early application would be wise.

### Practical sessions:

- Finding the queen, clipping and marking.
- Health checks.
- Bailey comb change.
- Swarm prevention and methods.
- A method of raising queens.
- Nuclei for different purposes.

### Talks & demonstrations:

- Swarm control
- Dealing with aggressive colonies
- Stings and first aid
- Taking the BBKA's General Husbandry Assessment
- How to produce soft-set honey and clean wax blocks.

Weather permitting, for at least half the time, we will be actively working with bees. This course requires some experience and confidence in handling bees and the drive to improve still further. Participants should have an interest in testing their methods, learning about alternatives and sharing expertise and knowledge.

If there are more applicants than places, preference will be given to those intending to take the BBKA's General Husbandry Assessment in 2025 or 2026. ***If you cannot be sure of attending all 3 days, please do not apply.***

**Tutors:** Jane Corcoran, David Burns, Peter Langford, Barry Crabtree, Dr Jon Tuppen and Jeremy Quinlan.

**Cost:** £50.00. For this you also get some queen-raising equipment.  
If you can't afford the fee, please ask - discounts and waivers are possible.

**Dates and places:** 27<sup>th</sup> April and 5<sup>th</sup> May in Dallinghoo IP13 0JX and 28<sup>th</sup> April in Westhall, Halesworth.

For further details *and before registering or sending any money*, please contact: Jeremy Quinlan; [JeremyQ@tiscali.co.uk](mailto:JeremyQ@tiscali.co.uk); or 01473 737700. **Please don't assume there are places available, check first.**

Once assured that there is a place available, go online and complete the [application form](#) then make bank payment for **£50.00** to the Suffolk Beekeepers' Association with your surname as reference. Our sort code is: 09-01-55, a/c 99245182) - or send a cheque for **£50.00** payable to The Suffolk Beekeepers' Association to Ian McQueen, Hon Treasurer, SBKA, 643 Foxhall Road, Ipswich, IP3 8NE.