

# South Staffordshire & District Beekeepers Association

Founded 1913 – Nihil Sine Regina – Nothing Without The Queen – Registered Charity 519681



## Honey Bee Experience – 2020

These are held at The Wolseley Centre, in the in the 'Gatehouse'

<http://www.staffs-wildlife.org.uk/page/the-wolseley-centre>

At the junction of the A51 and the A513, the Trust's premises are situated on the right of the Garden Centre as you enter this area, right on the junction. There is ample parking

The course will run from 12:00 noon to 4:00pm punctuated by refreshment breaks (bring your own lunch). Tea and coffee are provided.

The session will be divided into four sections :

### Session 1

This will cover the biology and life cycle of the honey bee. Understanding the workings of the colony is key to knowing what is normal when we examine a hive. We will learn about the different castes of bees, the queen, workers and drones, their roles in the life of the colony and what to look for when inspecting a hive.

#### Break for Tea

### Session 2

This will cover two main areas:

1. Beekeeping Equipment.  
We will present the various options available in the types of beehives and the advantages and disadvantages of each.
2. Working With Bees.  
We will also talk about how to examine colonies. Emphasis will be on determining the status of the colony and what it needs. We will talk about what a good brood pattern looks like and how to check whether colonies need to be fed or need to be given extra space.

#### Break for Cake

### Session 3

This session will cover seasonal management. We will go through "a year in the life" of the colony and will talk about what to expect and what needs to be done during each season of the beekeeping year.

#### Break for Tea and Cake

### Session 4

Hands on with the bees - we will open an active colony of bees and examine frames of brood, honey and pollen. We will also find the Queen. You will get to handle a frames of bees. Please note : This part of the day is subject to weather conditions. We will not open the hives in very bad weather.

We will attempt to make Association honey available to taste and buy (subject to availability)

**The honey bee experience fee for 2020 is £65**

The number of places on the course is limited and therefore will be allocated on a first come, first served basis. If you would like to book your place then please fill in the form on the following page and send it, together with payment.

For further information, please contact Stuart Roberts on 07881 234 274

Alternatively, refer to the association website : <http://southstaffsbeekeepers.com>

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## Honeybee Experience Application Form – 2020

Choose your experience date (please tick)

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|--------------------------|----------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Sunday 17 <sup>th</sup> May 2020       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Sunday 12 <sup>th</sup> July 2020      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Sunday 13 <sup>th</sup> September 2020 |

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| <b>Title (Mr, Mrs, etc.)</b> | <b>First Name</b> | <b>Family Name</b> |
|                              |                   |                    |
| <b>House Name/ Number</b>    |                   |                    |
| <b>Address 1</b>             |                   |                    |
| <b>Address 2</b>             |                   |                    |
| <b>Town/City</b>             |                   |                    |
| <b>County</b>                |                   |                    |
| <b>Post Code</b>             |                   |                    |
| <b>Email</b>                 |                   |                    |
| <b>Telephone</b>             |                   |                    |
| <b>Mobile</b>                |                   |                    |

## Honey bee experience fee - £65

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| <b>Signature</b> | <b>Date</b> |
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Payment Method : Cash  Cheque  Please Make cheques Payable to: "SS&DBKA"

Electronic Transfer

### Bank Details. (for Electronic Transfer)

Ac Name: South Staffordshire & District Beekeepers

Ac Number: 00095894

Sort Code: 40 52 40

Bank: CAF Bank Ltd

Reference : Please put your name and HBE (for example "S. Roberts HBE")

Please return the completed form to:

**Stuart Roberts, Freshfields, Armitage Lane, Rugeley, Staffordshire, WS15 1ED.**

Or email the completed form or a photo quality image to: [srober87@gmail.com](mailto:srober87@gmail.com).