

Croydon Beekeepers Association

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“Beekeeping for Beginners”

10 week course

comprising 8 evening sessions

Spa Hill Allotments, 20th January to 10th March 2015 Time 7.30-9pm

Followed by 2 practical sessions in the apiary on Sunday afternoons on the 12th and 26th April. 2-4.30pm.

The course is aimed at anyone with an interest in beekeeping

We will cover the following topics

- Introduction - Honey bees and other pollinators
- The life of the honeybee
- How to set up an apiary and the beekeepers garden
- The beekeeping year
- Equipment you will need
- Working with the bees
- Keeping bees healthy
- Products of the hive
- Practical work in the our Teaching Apiary

Included in the course fee is the book “A Guide to bees and honey” by Ted Hooper.

Course Fee £75

The course is being run by the Croydon Division of Surrey Beekeepers Association

In addition to the theory course we run twice monthly practical beekeeping meetings throughout the summer where you can gain further practical experience handling bees.

To reserve a place please email: Croydonbeekeepers@gmail.com

Support your Local Beekeeper

“Promoting the craft of Beekeeping in
Croydon and the surrounding areas”



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Croydon Beekeepers Association is a small friendly group of local beekeepers with around 75 members and is one of the eight Divisions that make up the Surrey Beekeepers Association (SBKA). We have a long and respected history of beekeeping dating back to 1879 when Croydon was one of the three founding associations of the Surrey Beekeepers Association.

The other Surrey Divisions are:

Epsom, Farnham, Guildford, Kingston, Reigate, Weybridge and Wimbledon.

Members of Croydon are automatically members of the Surrey Beekeepers Association. Collectively Surrey Beekeepers Association has over 1,000 members across the county and is affiliated to the British Beekeepers Association with around 24,000 members across the UK and international links.

Beekeeping is an ancient craft and never before has it been so important. Honeybees not only provide honey and beeswax but are one of the most important pollinators of flowers and crops. One out of every three forkfuls of food that we eat is pollinated by honey bees, and their value to UK agriculture along with other pollinators is calculated at £430 million. There are many threats to the health of our bees, including pesticides, loss of habitat, and the accidental introduction of pests and diseases from abroad.

What we do

We aim to achieve our objectives through the following activities:

Promoting the craft of beekeeping . . . through activities aimed at new and existing beekeepers in Croydon:

- Regular practical training in our teaching apiary in Purley (twice monthly during the summer)
- Workshops for beekeepers from beginners to those working towards becoming a Master Beekeeper
- Access to Surrey Training events - these are specialist events open to beekeepers across Surrey
- Loan of specialist equipment and books, microscopes, extraction equipment etc.
- Mentoring by experienced beekeepers
- Annual Croydon Show to give local beekeepers a chance to demonstrate their skills.

Education about the vital importance of bees . . .

- Giving talks to community groups. We can offer a range of talks tailored to the needs of your group.
- Providing a stand at local fairs and fetes.
- Participating with local press work
- Providing information via our website including information on local events
- Working with other local organisations in the arena of environment and conservation.

