

Chesterfield & District Bee Keeping Association

New Bee Keepers Course 2022

Hello,

You are receiving this e-mail because you asked to be reminded when we were able to run our **New Bee Keepers Course** again. The details are:

- The course will run over three Saturdays - 26th June; 3rd July and 10th July. (This is later than we would have liked, but Covid restrictions have meant this is the earliest we could safely get all the trainers together to deliver the course we wanted.)
- The mornings will be spent looking at the principles of bee keeping and the afternoons (weather permitting) will be spent in the association apiary working in small groups to care for our bees.
- The cost of the course is £90 for three days. This includes: -
 - the three days teaching and course materials,
 - associate membership of Chesterfield and District Bee Keeping Association (CDBKA)
 - the reference book "*The BBKA Guide to Beekeeping*" by Davis and Cullum-Kenyon.
 - Loan of bee suits for the hands-on element of the course
 - Access to the workshops and mini-lectures delivered by CDBKA through the year and to our winter programme of guest speakers
 - The course cost will be reduced accordingly if you are already a CDBKA member [-£10] or have already bought the book [-£15])

What will the course cover? We have designed the course to give you the knowledge you need to start keeping bees safely. Topics include:

- Different hive types and their functions including some advice around the 'best' kinds of hives to buy.
- The essential equipment you will need in your first year
- Bee stings and Anaphylaxis
- How to make brood and super frames. (Includes hands on practice of actually making frames.)
- The natural history and behaviour of the honey bee
- Swarming and swarm control
- The bee keeping year and the importance of record keeping
- Locating your apiary site
- Bee pests and diseases – how to spot them and what to do about it.
- Apiary hygiene
- Around 6hrs of hands-on time in the association apiary
- Tea and biscuits are provided but bring your own packed lunch.

To register for the course, cut and paste the application form below into an e-mail and send it to admin@chesterfieldbees.org.uk. The course will be limited to a maximum of twenty people on a first come first paid basis. Once your application is received, we will contact you again with payment details etc.

Please enrol me in the CDBKA **New Bee Keepers Course** running 26th June to 10th July 2022

Name:

e-mail address:

Postal address:

Phone number:

Are you already a CDBKA member?

Do you already have a copy of the text book?

Do you have any learning difficulties, have mobility issues or need special help?

To the best of your knowledge, have you ever developed an allergic reaction to bee stings?