



THE IPSWICH & EAST SUFFOLK BEEKEEPERS' ASSOCIATION

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2021 An Introduction to Beekeeping

"The best introductory beekeeping course in Suffolk!"

Begins on the 1st March 2021

The aim of the course is to allow those with no previous knowledge or experience to start keeping bees successfully. **This is a very short course so, if you wish to keep bees successfully, you can't afford to miss a single session.** To underpin the instruction, within reasonable limits, we offer advice and assistance afterwards. If you would like to hear what last year's students thought of our course, just ask and we will put you in touch.

This year it is not possible to hold a face to face course due to the Covid 19 restrictions so we will run the course via Zoom on five consecutive Monday evenings from 1st March between 7.30 and 9.30pm. The practical sessions will be at an apiary as soon after the course as is possible given the Covid 19 restrictions in place at the time.

The fee for our Course is £60.00. Partners and members may join in at no additional cost. If you are not a member of the course but can't afford the fee, please contact us as reductions are possible - as a charity we can offer discounts available to all regardless of financial circumstances or any other characteristic.

The handouts provided will be available to you while you may borrow books from the Association's, you will be uncertain what to do. **Beekeeping is essential - borrowing this as soon as possible.** Two books are available in one as each will have a different viewpoint. We recommend:

- *Get Started in Beekeeping* by John Waring
- *BBKA's Guide to Beekeeping (2nd Edition)*
- *Clive de Bruyn's Practical Beekeeping*
- *Guide to Bees & Honey* by Ted Hooper
- *Bee Keeping - A Novice's Guide (2nd Ed)* by D. Wootton.
- *Bees at the Bottom of the Garden* by Alan Champion
- *Beekeeping: A Seasonal Guide* by Ron Brown.

We suggest you buy yours from **Northern Bee Books**, Scout Bottom Farm, Mytholmroyd, Hebden Bridge HX7 5JS; [Northern Bee Books](http://NorthernBeeBooks.com).

You will also need a good pair of A4 is suggested since this is the size of the handouts, some good introductory DVDs and videos in the library. There are also many great resources on the BBKA website, BeeBase, the British Apiculture Magazine, The Apiarist and "The Beekeeper's Friend" to start. YouTube has many videos which we recommend not accessing too early in the course initially!

Don't be shy about taking our course, the closer you get the better. A few years ago we were fully booked. Book now in advance; in 2019 we had to refuse applicants.

Barry Crabtree has been keeping bees since 1985 and is a BBKA Master Beekeeper, currently one of only three in Suffolk. Barry has kept bees for over 10 years with about 35 colonies and holds the BBKA Certificate of Merit and a laundry certificate.

As far as we know, Suffolk New College (Suffolk Rural Centre) currently offer an introductory beekeeping course.

Those intending to keep bees in Suffolk should join one of the six beekeepers' associations in Suffolk. Membership provides £10M cover via the British Beekeepers' Association. For more advice and help. You are most welcome to attend a Suffolk beekeepers' meeting. See www.suffolkeekeepers.co.uk.

Any beginners' course is the beginning of your education in the complex and interesting world of bees - you should plan to continue to study and to be a member of the Association to continue to learn, we have course tutors available.

If you have a disability which requires some special consideration, please contact one of the course tutors: Barry Crabtree: 01473 737700; barry.crabtree@gmail.com. Jeremy Quinlan: 01473 737700; JeremyQ@tiscali.co.uk.

Course full

For another introductory beekeeping course please contact alan@alansageer.co.uk

Enrollment Form

Name(s)

Address & POSTCODE

Landline Mobile..... Email

- Please book me/us a place on your 2021 "An Introduction to Beekeeping" course.
- I have made a transfer of £60.00 to the Association's bank account No. 10570028, sort code 20-44-51. Or, I enclose my cheque (payable to the Ipswich & East Suffolk Beekeepers' Association), or cash, for £60.00.
- I should like to take advantage of your family half price offer for the second person; there will be two of us from the same address together on the course. **Please delete this if it does not apply.**
- I agree that my details may be made available to the other members of the course. *Please highlight (or put in brackets) information that you want us to withhold. **Please delete this if it does not apply.***

Signed Date

Please send this form to Jeremy Quinlan at: The Old Rectory, Dallinghoo, Woodbridge IP13 0LA.