

GUERNSEY BEEKEEPERS' ASSOCIATION.

INTRODUCTION TO BEEKEEPING

This course is run by The Guernsey Beekeepers Association and is an introduction to keeping, managing and caring for your own colony of honeybees.

Further knowledge and experience will be gained by establishing your own hive and support will be forthcoming from the tutor and Association members.

It is designed for complete beginners who wish to go on to keep their own bees, or who may have bees and have not undertaken any formal instruction..

This course will introduce you to the life of the honeybee, caring for and understanding the life of the colony.

Five theory sessions will be held at the St Saviours Community Centre starting on Tuesday 2 March 2021 at 7pm

A further five practical sessions in early summer will give students the opportunity to open and work beehives.

The theory sessions will be illustrated using PowerPoint and classes will cover the life cycle of the honeybee, activities inside the hive, an explanation of the Beekeeper's year, products of the hive, swarming, diseases and parasites, tools and equipment needed together with an idea of costs. Notes will be provided covering the subjects covered at each session.

The practical sessions are usually held on a Saturday morning but may need to change to suit prevailing weather conditions. Participants will open and inspect hives under the guidance of the tutor and experienced association members, learning points to be observed in the management of the colony.

The final practical session will deal with the products of the hive and how to process them.

Protective suits will be required for the practical sessions but will be provided as part of the course for those not ready to purchase their own.

Course members will be encouraged to join the Guernsey Beekeepers Association at the end of the course. Membership will enable applicants to obtain their own colony.

The fee for the course is £90.00 which is payable at enrolment.