

Introducing Beekeeping 2023 Questionnaire.



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Please provide us with some feedback and your thoughts on how we can modify, develop or improve the course. If you offer ideas please put your name on the reverse of the form.

	1=grotty	5=very good	1	2	3	4	5
How well has the course met your learning needs?							✓
Comments: I feel I have a great foundation for getting started, plus a good awareness of the wider information.							
Was the information presented well and clearly?							✓
Comments: Very well, there has been a great ratio of ppt to practical.							
Do you feel the weekend provided value for money?							✓
Comments:							
The balance between PowerPoint and hands on is always challenging, was is good enough?							✓
Comments: Spot on!							

What do you need next? (Apart from some bees) – e.g. a mentor, a more advanced course or learning day? **N.B. Intermediate Beekeeping Course is in 17th March 2024.**

A mentor / buddy would be great! I would like to learn more about solitary bees and bumblebees for school.

What are your thoughts about the Friday evening via Zoom? We hoped it would offer a social event of some sort and allow people to settle in before a fairly packed weekend. Was it useful or did it feel unnecessary? It was a great introduction so we could make the most of the weekend.

What did you enjoy most on the course? Apiary time is always limited because the emphasis of the weekend is to give you a factual foundation.

Summarising all the learning by going acting out all the bees the different phases was really useful. I did also

How did you hear about our courses?

LOVE getting hands on in the Apiary.

School.

Any other comments (PTO if necessary)?

Thank you so much! I am totally inspired! I can't wait to get going and share the world of bees with others!



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How well has the course met your learning needs?							✓
Comments:	Fascinating, hugely informative & fun.						
Was the information presented well and clearly?							✓
Comments:	Excellent, not too much jargon. Open & repetition was useful						
Do you feel the weekend provided value for money?							✓
Comments:	Excellent, best money I have spent in a long time.						
The balance between PowerPoint and hands on is always challenging, was it good enough?							✓
Comments:	Yes, Perfect mix & length. Practical for me is the best way to learn.						

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A mentor, a friend at the end of a phone & getting coaching.

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Not entirely necessary but it did get my mind in gear & speeded up the first morning.

What did you enjoy most on the course? Apiary time is always limited because the emphasis of the weekend is to give you a factual foundation.

All of it, the range of learning in a friendly, warm & relaxed environment was fabulous.

How did you hear about our courses?

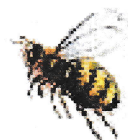
Via PBKA.

Any other comments (PTO if necessary)?

Thanking to you both for your kindness, generosity of spirit & sharing your passion.

You have lit a fire in me ☺

Love Chaei Morrison xxx



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How well has the course met your learning needs?							✓
Comments: Absolutely - I can now build on this basic knowledge							
Was the information presented well and clearly?							✓
Comments: Excellent, and all questions answered in terms I could understand							
Do you feel the weekend provided value for money?							✓
Comments: without doubt							
The balance between PowerPoint and hands on is always challenging, was is good enough?							✓
Comments: The balance is just right for me							

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A buddy. Will consider next year's course once I get going.

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Useful introduction to course members resulting in a very relaxed weekend.

What did you enjoy most on the course? Apiary time is always limited because the emphasis of the weekend is to give you a factual foundation.

The practical in the apiary was confidence building but background info essential.

How did you hear about our courses?

Kendal Beekeepers

Any other comments (PTO if necessary)?

The interaction in the group was great. I very much valued the contribution of our fantastic bright young things.

Enjoyed Martin's entertainment value too!



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Becky



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How well has the course met your learning needs?							✓
Comments: I had no idea of how honey was made, how bees live and work ~ to considering where our bees will live etc - Its been fantastic							
Was the information presented well and clearly?							✓
Comments:							
Do you feel the weekend provided value for money?							✓
Comments:							
The balance between PowerPoint and hands on is always challenging, was is good enough?							✓
Comments: balance is spot on ~ practicing what we've been taught							

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a mentor

What are your thoughts about the Friday evening via Zoom? We hoped it would offer a social event of some sort and allow people to settle in before a fairly packed weekend. Was it useful or did it feel unnecessary?

Very useful

What did you enjoy most on the course? Apiary time is always limited because the emphasis of the weekend is to give you a factual foundation.

I enjoyed all of it ~ even the classroom learning, which I've struggled with before. Apiary time was of course quite incredible

How did you hear about our courses?

Google

Any other comments (PTO if necessary)?

Teaching was wonderful, informative, time for questions and very fun!

Thank you ever so much



Julie

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How well has the course met your learning needs?							✓
Comments: I had no knowledge of Bee Keeping, so the course was Perfect for me							
Was the information presented well and clearly?							✓
Comments: Very good. Lots of detail and good Tips for Beginners							
Do you feel the weekend provided value for money?							✓
Comments: without Doubt							
The balance between PowerPoint and hands on is always challenging, was is good enough?							✓
Comments: a very good balance of Both							

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Leaving Day

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Very useful, it got us in the mood

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I enjoyed the Apiary the best, it made sense of the education

How did you hear about our courses?

from my Daughter

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Just, Thank you for a lovely weekend.



Samm & Rich.

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How well has the course met your learning needs?							✓
Comments: It answered everything I was wondering about and more!							
Was the information presented well and clearly?							✓
Comments: Nice mix of Powerpoint / Practical / demo and display - kept things interesting and everyone engaged.							
Do you feel the weekend provided value for money?							✓
Comments: Excellent value.							
The balance between PowerPoint and hands on is always challenging, was is good enough?							✓
Comments: See above! An hour in the apiary was enough for a first go.							

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A mentor would be helpful - on hand in a whatsapp group or available to help with inspections occasionally

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It was a good ice breaker and nice to learn about other pollinators before a whole weekend of honey bees!

What did you enjoy most on the course? Apiary time is always limited because the emphasis of the weekend is to give you a factual foundation.

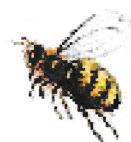
Enjoyed it all, but probably the interactive Q+A session and hands-on practise on Sunday was great to consolidate everything

How did you hear about our courses? and lots of fun.

Kendal BKA

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Big thanks to Julia + Martin for organising such a fun + informative course - hope you get a good rest this week!



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How well has the course met your learning needs?							✓
Comments: Feel alot more confident about trying it, it more aware of reasons I shouldn't!!							
Was the information presented well and clearly?							✓
Comments: Very clearly well paced.							
Do you feel the weekend provided value for money?							✓
Comments:							
The balance between PowerPoint and hands on is always challenging, was is good enough?						✓	
Comments: Very tricky to balance I did find sitting near laptop useful so could see how many slides left!							

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I'm hoping Steve Mitchell in Newby will mentor me so need the suit & kit now!

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I enjoyed meeting everyone in advance but I did struggle to keep concentration past 45 mins!

What did you enjoy most on the course? Apiary time is always limited because the emphasis of the weekend is to give you a factual foundation.

Looking at apiary, making frames, chatting as a group about what to look out for/d o.

How did you hear about our courses?

My husband found it, not sure how.

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I hope I have the oomph you guys do given what been thru' of late.



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How well has the course met your learning needs?							✓
Comments: For me having some basic understanding it really consolidated previous learning - 10/10							
Was the information presented well and clearly?							✓
Comments: ✓✓✓✓✓							
Do you feel the weekend provided value for money?							✓
Comments:							
The balance between PowerPoint and hands on is always challenging, was is good enough?							✓
Comments: good clear slides & messages							

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An excellent course in all respects —

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Mixed on this — I enjoyed the floral element but maybe losing a Friday evening quite valuable for some folk.?

What did you enjoy most on the course? Apiary time is always limited because the emphasis of the weekend is to give you a factual foundation.

I enjoyed it all — well balanced activities — everyone I feel was at ease

How did you hear about our courses?

Any other comments (PTO if necessary)?

I think a list of members of groups names —
if only list names would have been ✓
useful — maybe on a board — ?
So folk don't have to add name tags —



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Comments:							
Was the information presented well and clearly?							✓
Comments: Very well presented in a few informative and fun way							
Do you feel the weekend provided value for money?							✓
Comments:							
The balance between PowerPoint and hands on is always challenging, was is good enough?							✓
Comments:							

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Bee Buddy once hive purchased.

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Yes this was useful - yet I hate doing Zooms!

What did you enjoy most on the course? Apiary time is always limited because the emphasis of the weekend is to give you a factual foundation.

The whole weekend was very informative and enjoyable. I enjoyed visiting the apiary and handling the bees, even though I was slightly nervous.

How did you hear about our courses? Google Search for beekeeping in Cumbria.

Any other comments (PTO if necessary)?



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How well has the course met your learning needs?							5
Comments: Have enough knowledge to know what is involved in keeping bees, and what its like to be around bees.							
Was the information presented well and clearly?							5
Comments: Julia + Martin are both clearly very knowledgeable + passionate about all things bees							
Do you feel the weekend provided value for money?							5
Comments: Two very packed days, and clearly significant effort goes into planning, preparation + execution of the course							
The balance between PowerPoint and hands on is always challenging, was is good enough?							5
Comments: Good balance.							

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Work with someone local who has bees - won't have time to get my own bees this year.

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Useful! Breaks some of the ice so allows for more effective learning on Sat. morning

What did you enjoy most on the course? Apiary time is always limited because the emphasis of the weekend is to give you a factual foundation.

Beekeeping through the year

How did you hear about our courses? Kerdal Farmers Market

Any other comments (PTO if necessary)?

