

Brigsteer Introducing Beekeeping 2025 Questionnaire.



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	1=grotty	5=very good	1	2	3	4	5
How well has the course met your learning needs?							✓
Comments:	I'VE GOT A LONG WAY TO GO - BUT REALLY HAS GOT ME INTERESTED FOR ME.						
Was the information presented well and clearly?							✓
Comments:	VERY FRIENDLY + PROFESSIONAL.						
Do you feel the weekend provided value for money?							✓
Comments:	EXCELLENT - GREAT VALUE.						
The balance between PowerPoint and hands on is always challenging, was it good enough?							✓
Comments:							

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YES VERY INTERESTED.

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GOOD INTRODUCTION TO EACH OTHER + THE WEEKEND

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HANDLING BEES + GETTING TO UNDERSTAND THE KNOWLEDGE OF BEES + THEIR NEEDS

How did you hear about our courses?

THROUGH KENDAL BEE GROUP

Any other comments (PTO if necessary)?

DAN WESTON
Dan Weston



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Comments:							
Do you feel the weekend provided value for money?							✓
Comments:							
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Comments: <i>VERY</i>							

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WE HAVE THE CONTACT NOW, THANK YOU.

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? *DEFINATELY GOOD*

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THE LAST ~~BEES~~ DOING BIT

How did you hear about our courses? *ON LINE*

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How well has the course met your learning needs?							✓
Comments: A lot of information but certainly helps kickstart what is potentially a long learning journey.							
Was the information presented well and clearly?							✓
Comments: As in any new area of learning, it's a matter getting one's head around the jargon.							
Do you feel the weekend provided value for money?							✓
Comments: Yes, a lot of materials learning materials.							
The balance between PowerPoint and hands on is always challenging, was is good enough?						✓	
Comments: would have liked a bit more hands on time at the apiary.							

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would love to have a mentor near me and more opportunities for more observation.

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It was useful and hadn't realised it was going to be so much on the natural history - which was great

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.
Meeting the other classmates and their plans for the future.

How did you hear about our courses?
Through the Parish Beekeeper's Association website.
 Any other comments (PTO if necessary)? *their advice was to do this course when a complete beginner.*



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How well has the course met your learning needs?							✓
Comments: As I hoped this course gave me much more confidence to continue with my beekeeping experience							
Was the information presented well and clearly?							✓
Comments: Yes - particularly as we were given the info (with notes!) to accompany the days							
Do you feel the weekend provided value for money?							✓
Comments: Well worth the money - especially as it included wonderful refreshments too							
The balance between PowerPoint and hands on is always challenging, was is good enough?							✓
Comments: Practicals in beekeeping is very difficult when we don't have good weather							

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I'd love to continue to learn – & the further reading is most useful

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Nice to meet everyone before the day - but not essential - an earlier start to do that would be fine

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.

Meeting you & Martin – your enthusiasm, expertise, knowledge, advice + encouragement was amazing.

How did you hear about our courses?

Via Kendal Beekeepers.

I'm in awe – & wish I could get (absorb) some of that wonderful expertise.

Any other comments (PTO if necessary)?

The course was amazing. I loved it & what I hope I have learned to ensure I become a proficient, caring beekeeper. Thankyou!

* would have been great, But not essential to this introduction

Denise H.



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How well has the course met your learning needs?							✓
Comments:							
Was the information presented well and clearly?							✓
Comments:							
Do you feel the weekend provided value for money?							✓
Comments: Absolutely!							
The balance between PowerPoint and hands on is always challenging, was is good enough?							✓
Comments: For the amount of information I think the balance was excellent.							

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Not sure - all three!
probably.

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?

Good idea - 1hr is long enough - good balance between intro's & information.

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.

Apiary time but also enjoyed the range of information provided.

How did you hear about our courses? Direct invitation for which I will be eternally grateful! Thank you.

Any other comments (PTO if necessary)?



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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:							

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Bees & time with them. A mentor would be good

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yes good to get going better use of time

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practical stuff time with bees & demo

How did you hear about our courses?

online

Any other comments (PTO if necessary)?



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How well has the course met your learning needs?							✓
Comments:							
Was the information presented well and clearly?							✓
Comments: <i>Very good mix of powerpoint, visual, and practical learning.</i>							
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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If I had the space for bees, I would definitely appreciate a mentor as well as further advanced learning.

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Yes it was useful to have a brief overview/chat with attendees.

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.

It was all excellent. The apiary visit exceeded my expectations as I was apprehensive due to being a little claustrophobic and never having been stung by a bee. Honey making process was brilliant.

How did you hear about our courses? *Through my son.*

Any other comments (PTO if necessary)?

Thank you so much to you both! It was an excellent & thoroughly enjoyable introductory course.



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How well has the course met your learning needs?							X
Comments:							
Was the information presented well and clearly?							X
Comments:							
Do you feel the weekend provided value for money?							X
Comments:							
The balance between PowerPoint and hands on is always challenging, was is good enough?							X
Comments:							

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Maybe a refresher nearer to the time we get bees.

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No, was very useful to get a bit more info into the course and being able to jump right into Sat.

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.

Learning about the biology of the bees/pests etc.

How did you hear about our courses?

N/A (was a gift)

Any other comments (PTO if necessary)?

I would love to learn a bit about how British beekeeping differs from beekeeping around the world.

(This could also be supporting to save contact time).



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Comments:	Helped build knowledge + confidence						
Was the information presented well and clearly?							✓
Comments:							
Do you feel the weekend provided value for money?							✓
Comments:							
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Comments:							

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Good but maybe a little long intro

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A good mix of everything... cake! :)

How did you hear about our courses? Julia

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Comments: I liked the practical examples, lots of manes around which is good.							
Was the information presented well and clearly?			1				✓
Comments:							
Do you feel the weekend provided value for money?			1				✓
Comments:							
The balance between PowerPoint and hands on is always challenging, was is good enough?			1				✓
Comments: very well balanced. lots of opportunities to ask Q's.							

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to try a put into practice what I have learnt to see what support I most need.

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Friday was a good get to meet everyone, made Sat easier

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.

Variety.

How did you hear about our courses?

hendaal bee group

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Thank you to you both.



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Comments:							
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Comments:							

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a mentor

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on

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Practical time

How did you hear about our courses?

KBU meeting

Any other comments (PTO if necessary)?



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Anna Carter.



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How well has the course met your learning needs?							
Comments:	very open for questions which is great. Thanks.						
Was the information presented well and clearly?							
Comments:	good to have pictures on powerpoint. obvious flow to the 2 days. very helpful + easy to follow.						
Do you feel the weekend provided value for money?							
Comments:	excellent value - lots of years of experience well worth paying for.						
The balance between PowerPoint and hands on is always challenging, was is good enough?							
Comments:	i'd prefer a second look at a hive - especially as we saw but understand why not an "unusual" hive						

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more experience opening up hives + being familiar about
bee routine - checking etc. mentor be great just to do bees
with without having responsibility yet.

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getting a full picture of everything as a tasker.
photos work well for me.

How did you hear about our courses?

can't remember. known about it for a while

Any other comments (PTO if necessary)?

Be really great to pair up + get used to what to
look for in the hive. ~~very~~ NA ready to have my own
hive yet but would definately like to do it soon.
All about confidence.

