North Somerset Beekeepers

(a Branch of Avon Beekeepers Association Reg Charity No 271717)

Welcome to the Apiary

The apiary is open to all members of the North Somerset Branch of Avon Beekeepers, it is also available, by arrangement, to visitors who are considering taking up beekeeping.

The apiary is normally open for training sessions every Sunday through the summer, the times will depend on the time of year; see the website (www.northsomersetbeekeepers.org) for details. During these times experienced beekeepers will be available to help you examine your hive.

If weather conditions prevent the opening of the apiary a message will be posted on our Facebook page.

Rules for using the apiary:

1. ***You must be a full member of the club in your first year of beekeeping to keep a hive in the apiary.*** This ensures adequate insurance cover for both your bees and of other members' colonies. Stands will be allocated by the apiary manager.
2. ***Do not use the apiary alone*** under any circumstances.
3. ***Be aware of the apiary location*** in case you have to call the emergency services. (See separate notice for location details)
4. ***Ensure that you are wearing suitable bee keeping clothing before entering the apiary.*** This includes boots and gloves; we do not recommend the use of leather gloves.
5. ***Clean hive tools.*** Please ensure you clean your hive tool in the solution provided before opening a hive.
6. ***Clean and Tidy.*** Please ensure you keep the apiary tidy, in particular remove all waste wax and wash away any spilt syrup or honey.
7. ***Keep a record sheet in your hive.*** All hives must have a record of activities, along with the owner's name address and contact details, kept in the apiary shed.
8. ***No hives may be opened at any time without the authorisation of the apiary manager or assistant.***

In case of emergency please contact:

Apiary Manager:
Tom Francis – phone number????

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