



## *An introduction to Beekeeping with Stowmarket Beekeepers 2020*

If you are interested in becoming a beekeeper, and live in the Stowmarket area, then this is definitely the course for you.

Our expert beekeepers will take you through the basic understanding of bees and beekeeping and introduce you to the skills and equipment you will need to get started.

We start with evening courses with presentations, discussions and a chance for you to ask questions. Following that we hold Sunday morning practical sessions each covering a different practical beekeeping skill. You will have the opportunity to open up hives, and handle bees.

**Dates for our 2020 course and provisional programme are:**

**Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> February Red Gables Ipswich Rd Stowmarket IP14 1BE 7.45pm**

- Beekeeping equipment, types of hive and their best location

**Friday 6<sup>th</sup> March 2020 Red Gables Ipswich Rd Stowmarket IP14 1BE 7.30pm**

- Covering the lifecycle of the honeybee

**Friday 13<sup>th</sup> March 2020 Red Gables Ipswich Rd Stowmarket IP14 1BE 7.30pm**

- The beekeepers calendar. Honeybee products, problems with stings

**Friday 20<sup>th</sup> March 2020 Red Gables Ipswich Rd Stowmarket IP14 1BE 7.30pm**

- Swarms, disease and hive manipulation

**The practical sessions will follow at member's apiaries on Sunday mornings on 10<sup>th</sup> 17<sup>th</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup> May 2020 at 10.30am**

The course is run at the very beginning of the beekeeping year to set you up with the knowledge and skills you will need to start beekeeping effectively in the 2020 season. We will provide you with a free copy of one of the top beekeeping handbooks to take away from the course.

The fee for the course is £55 per person and there are 20 places available. A deposit of £10 is required to secure your place and the balance must be paid by January 31<sup>st</sup> 2020.

It is recommended that participants on the course join Stowmarket Beekeepers Association for the 2020 season. Currently the annual fee is £26 with a reduction for a second member at the same address. This includes insurance cover for up to 3 hives in case of bee disease and public liability insurance. You will also receive a monthly magazine and be able to attend informative meetings held by the Club. A full explanation can be found on the Club website.

[www.stowmarketbeekeepers.co.uk](http://www.stowmarketbeekeepers.co.uk)

If you have any questions about the course please feel free to get in touch by emailing,

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