



INTRODUCTION TO BEEKEEPING COURSE

Starting: Wednesday 4th February 2026 at 6.15pm.

Venue: Scout Hut, Burton Hall, Albert Lane, Hythe CT21 6BY.

Duration: 6-8 weeks.

Cost: £40

Instructor: Chris Farrell (BBKA qualified beekeeper).

Contact: Chris on 07704 869521.

It is assumed that you have little or no prior knowledge of beekeeping. This course will teach you how to maintain healthy colonies and much, much more. It will be a mixture of classroom learning, hands on activities and practical beekeeping experiences.

Please bring writing materials with you.

The sessions will cover:

Equipment needed. Costs involved, location of hives, maintenance of equipment and hygiene.

Natural history and life cycle of honey bees.

How to assemble a hive and frames.

Dealing with stings.

Foraging.

Pests and diseases and maintaining a healthy colony.

Honey production, extraction processes and beekeeping products.

Reproduction, swarming and queen rearing.

There will be a visit to the DDBKA apiary in Eyethorne to watch a hive inspection and handle frames of live bees. This will be at a weekend and will of course be weather dependent. More information on this as the course progresses.