

Brigsteer Introducing Beekeeping 2026 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: ANY QUESTIONS WERE ANSWERED THOROUGHLY AND NOT RUSHED							
Was the information presented well and clearly?							✓
Comments: YES,							
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: YES THERE WAS A GOOD MIX BETWEEN THE TWO							

What do you need next? (Apart from some bees) – e.g. a mentor, a more advanced course or learning day?

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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 NICE WAY TO BE INTRODUCED TO THE GROUP AND HAVE AN IDEA WHAT THE COURSE WAS GOING TO BE LIKE.

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LEARNING ABOUT THE WARNING SIGNS TO LOOK OUT FOR. EG THREATS, DISEASES

How did you hear about our courses?

THROUGH WORK/BOSS

Any other comments (PTO if necessary)?



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How well has the course met your learning needs?							5
Comments: It's been a great combination of getting an overview & having specific questions answered.							
Was the information presented well and clearly?							5
Comments: Really appreciated having <u>few</u> slides, but also having the USBs with info for later.							
Do you feel the weekend provided value for money?							5
Comments:							
The balance between PowerPoint and hands on is always challenging, was is good enough?							5
Comments: It was a great balance.							

What do you need next? (Apart from some bees) – e.g. a mentor, a more advanced course or learning day?

A mentor would be good.

The option of another course in the future would be good.

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 felt useful, especially being able to get straight into it on Saturday.

It also was a good length.

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.

Being in the apiary, the hands-on nature of the course, meeting other people at a similar stage.

How did you hear about our courses?

Word of mouth.

Any other comments (PTO if necessary)?

I have really valued the experience & teaching styles you both bring to the course. My only suggestion in terms of the future of course would be to have 'teaching assistants' or 'apprentices' to help run the course now & possibly take it on in the future?



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How well has the course met your learning needs?							✓
Comments: <i>The Course Surpassed my expectations. A fascinating insight that has inspired me to give Bee keeping a go.</i>							
Was the information presented well and clearly?							✓
Comments: <i>Excellent preparation & presentation. A lovely mix of Practical & Theory.</i>							
Do you feel the weekend provided value for money?							✓
Comments: <i>Refreshments & world class tuition. Best training I've ever been on.</i>							
The balance between PowerPoint and hands on is always challenging, was is good enough?							✓
Comments: <i>Yes. Passion & Experience shined through</i>							

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Both probably - (mentor and refresher training)

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?

Yes, really helpful. I really enjoyed this.

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 absolutely BRILLIANT. I could not pick out one element.

How did you hear about our courses?

Word of mouth. (Martin!)

Any other comments (PTO if necessary)?

Thank you both.



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How well has the course met your learning needs?							✓
Comments: As very much a novice, this course was a brilliant introduction in to the world of bee keeping							
Was the information presented well and clearly?							✓
Comments: Very well presented, with all coming from a huge knowledge base							
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: I would say so! There is a need for powerpoint definitely							

What do you need next? (Apart from some bees) – e.g. a mentor, a more advanced course or learning day?

- likely a mentor + a further learning day!

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?

- useful! It got the initial introductions out the way!
I valued the talk on solitary bees highly!

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.

- Definitely the Apiary time but also starting to learn about bees!

How did you hear about our courses?

- via the website

Any other comments (PTO if necessary)?

Thank you very much! This was a brilliant introduction into the complex world of the honey bee!



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How well has the course met your learning needs?							✓
Comments: very well organised to help keep attention on the course with both practical and reading equipment.							
Was the information presented well and clearly?							✓
Comments: Everything was mentioned in many scenarios so that we felt sure on it in a very clear way.							
Do you feel the weekend provided value for money?							✓
Comments: Definitely!							
The balance between PowerPoint and hands on is always challenging, was is good enough?							✓
Comments: exactly balanced as mentioned before.							

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Potentially a learning day with the bees so we can be sure we got everything correct.

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?

was good to be introduced to everyone and to understand all that we will need and be going over.

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.

Obviously visiting the apiary but nothing was dull or boring so enjoyed the whole course.

How did you hear about our courses?

Through work.

Any other comments (PTO if necessary)?



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How well has the course met your learning needs?							✓
Comments: Nice mixture of verbal + practical learning methods.							
Was the information presented well and clearly?							✓
Comments: clear presentations + easy to understand practicals							
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 mixture of both of these methods.							

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↳ learning day to visit other beekeeper sites to see how various people do it differently would be helpful.

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↳ it was helpful to meet everyone on the course + gain a little bit of knowledge on bee anatomy

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.

↳ Yes very enjoyable course. I loved the practical time in the apiary + interacting with the bees.

How did you hear about our courses?

↳ Boss from work found your course online.

Any other comments (PTO if necessary)?

you guys are amazing teachers with loads of useful knowledge + experience. you guys are far from being past it with teaching. you both have a lovely way of teaching which is informative + engaging.

