

Brigsteer Introducing Beekeeping 2024 Questionnaire.



Thank you for coming, we hope the weekend has been useful.

Please provide us with some feedback and your thoughts on how we can modify, develop or improve the course. If you offer ideas please put your name on the reverse of the form.

	1=grotty	5=very good	1	2	3	4	5
How well has the course met your learning needs?							✓
Comments: <i>Good mix of theory & practical</i>							
Was the information presented well and clearly?							✓
Comments: <i>Good upto date info</i>							
Do you feel the weekend provided value for money?							✓
Comments: <i>initially I thought the course was a bit expensive but have quickly realised that its well worth it for the amount of info.</i>							
The balance between PowerPoint and hands on is always challenging, was is good enough?						✓	
Comments: <i>more time with bees, but understand only so much can be done with the colony.</i>							

What do you need next? (Apart from some bees) – e.g. a mentor, a more advanced course or learning day? N.B. Intermediate Beekeeping Course is in March 2025.

*mentor
access to community for help.*

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?

Very useful & allowed a quick start on Saturday.

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 Julia & Martin, so knowledgeable, friendly & approachable
The humour on the course made learning easy*

How did you hear about our courses?

Internet

Any other comments (PTO if necessary)?

I feel this is the start of a new passion, now well informed due to attending this course. Thank you.



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How well has the course met your learning needs?							✓
Comments: clear, calm & unrushed. felt lovely to be in such a calm learning environment.							
Was the information presented well and clearly?							✓
Comments: Very well a good foundation to start to build on.							
Do you feel the weekend provided value for money?							?
Comments: I have no idea how much it cost. Its been a brilliant birthday present.							
The balance between PowerPoint and hands on is always challenging, was is good enough?							✓
Comments: Yes a good balance, I enjoyed both the mix worked well.							

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mentor would be great & more advise & help as we progress to have bees.

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? Very interesting & useful. A good way to tune in to the Vibe of the course, meeting each other & thought provoking.

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.

- Lifting a frame full of honey - I couldn't believe the weight!
- making the frame - Learning about pollinators - Asian Hornet etc.
- Being in the Apiary.
- Every bit of the whole course it truly has been fantastic

How did you hear about our courses? Sarah @ Kendal Saturday Market.

Any other comments (PTO if necessary)?

- Hospitality & openness has been one of the best parts of the course.
- Location & being here has felt authentic & welcoming.



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Comments:							
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Comments:							

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A mentor. Some practice with beekeepers on their site. Help getting bees from our chimney! Ability to check in with qu's.

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It was good to have an intro and get in the frame of mind for the course. Also it was VERY interesting.

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 the apiary time was a highlight but I also really enjoyed the powerpoint info and discussion (but without going off on huge tangents!)

How did you hear about our courses? Also a lovely learning atmosphere.
Word of mouth.

Any other comments (PTO if necessary)?

Thank you so much for an excellent weekend ♥

Thank you for having the dogs too!

ps. you DEFINITELY haven't passed your sell by date with regard to running this course!!



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How well has the course met your learning needs?							✓
Comments: <i>Very informative and found content easy to understand.</i>							
Was the information presented well and clearly?							✓
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: <i>In a perfect world I would have liked to have more time hands on at the hives. But appreciate the logistics</i>							

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Definitely a mentor. I have learned a lot just need the confidence to put theory into practice.

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?

Found it useful.

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!

How did you hear about our courses?

It was a Birthday present!

Any other comments (PTO if necessary)?

Thoroughly enjoyable and informative weekend. Feel I have improved my knowledge massively. Ready to get started!

NEIL SWANSON.



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How well has the course met your learning needs?							✓
Comments: I DECIDED TO DO VERY LITTLE READING PRIOR TO ATTENDING AS IM BETTER IN PERSON TRAINING - RIGHT SIZE OF GROUP FOR WHAT I LIKE							
Was the information presented well and clearly?							✓
Comments: VERY CALM AND WELL PACED							
Do you feel the weekend provided value for money?							✓
Comments: EXCEEDED EXPECTATION							
The balance between PowerPoint and hands on is always challenging, was is good enough?							✓
Comments:							

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NOT SURE - I FEEL LIKE I NOW NEED TO GO OFF AND DO LOTS OF READING TO EMBED WHAT I'VE LEARNED

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MADE FOR A GREAT ICE-BREAKER, I WAS MUCH MORE CURIOUS ABOUT MEETING THE GROUP AFTER ZOOM SO IT SERVED ME WELL

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 SWARM CONTROL AND THE FUNCTIONS OF EACH BEE. I LOVED THE ANALOGY OF THE SUPER ORGANISM

How did you hear about our courses?

BIRTHDAY PRESENT

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Comments:							
Do you feel the weekend provided value for money?						✓	
Comments: <i>its good to know that part of our payment goes to conservation project - this was communicated, perhaps you</i>							
The balance between PowerPoint and hands on is always challenging, was is good enough?							<i>could say a bit more</i>
Comments:							

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a mentor resource to help/advice for set up & first/early years

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Useful

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.

The social element / the sense of beginning a journey together

How did you hear about our courses?

Sarah who works at fruit/veg market in Bental

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Comments:							
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:							

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Join local club.

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Good intro I found it useful

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Very nice mix including social.

How did you hear about our courses?

internet

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How well has the course met your learning needs?							✓
Comments: Excellent - a lot of information supported with plenty of reinforcement							
Was the information presented well and clearly?							✓
Comments: Yes, great pace and plenty of opportunities to ask questions							
Do you feel the weekend provided value for money?							✓
Comments: Yes, great value.							
The balance between PowerPoint and hands on is always challenging, was is good enough?							✓
Comments: Yes, it was a good mix.							

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A little more time at the hives.

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Sorry, I missed it. Sounds like it was a useful intro.

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.

Loved the time with the bees.

How did you hear about our courses?

On line search.

Any other comments (PTO if necessary)?

Thoroughly enjoyed the weekend intro course.
Thank you for sharing your knowledge and enthusiasm

