

WHITEHAVEN AND DISTRICT BEEKEEPING ASSOCIATION
APIARY RULES

1. WDBKA manage two apiaries which are used for Association purposes, including training, meetings and demonstrations. These apiaries are:
 - A Teaching Apiary at Westlakes Science Park in Whitehaven,
 - An Isolation Apiary near Wilton.The following rules apply to both WDBKA apiaries.
2. An Apiary Manager, appointed by the WDBKA Committee, will be responsible for the general management of the apiaries. This will include siting of hives and observation of the rules by all members and visitors. The Apiary Manager for both apiaries is: Richard Robinson, richprob@btinternet.com, Mob: 07725-236645
3. A copy of the rules will be sent to all new WDBKA members, and will be posted on the WDBKA website. If significant changes to the rules occur, a copy of the new rules will be sent to all existing members via the normal communication channels.
4. Neither the Association nor any of its Officers shall be liable for any damage to members equipment, or injury to a member attending the Apiary, unless the damage or injury results from negligence by the Association. Members may make their own arrangements for insurance.
5. Both Apiaries have a Landlord, and members using the Apiary must comply with the rules of the appropriate Landlord:
 - a) Any visits to the Whitehaven Apiary, other than for WDBKA organised events, must be agreed with a member of the WDBKA committee, who will interface with the landlord.
 - b) The Isolation Apiary is located in a rural location with access down a narrow country lane. Roads leading to the apiary must not be impeded by parked vehicles, as access is required for postal deliveries, dustbin collections, and farm vehicles.
6. Members vehicles shall only be parked in designated parking areas at the Westlakes Science Park.
7. All people visiting the apiaries will follow good beekeeping and hygiene practices, including:
8. WHITEHAVEN TEACHING APIARY
 - a) Only hives and colonies owned by the WDBKA will be sited at the Whitehaven Apiary.
 - b) Clean bee-suits must be worn for all visits to the apiary.
 - c) Gloves supplied by WDBKA will be worn for all visits and will be stored at the apiary.
 - d) The apiary must be kept tidy, and comb/cappings sealed in a bee-tight container.
 - e) All waste will be removed from the site.
 - g) Precautions will be taken to avoid the risk of fire, especially with smokers.
 - h) Any apparent incidence of disease will be notified immediately to the Apiary Manager

- i) None of the Teaching Apiary equipment will be loaned to members or visitors, except for the purpose of teaching or demonstration.
- J) Lone working at the Teaching Apiary should be avoided where possible for health and safety reasons. If essential, the Apiary Manager, or someone nominated by him, must be informed before and after the visit

9. WILTON ISOLATION APIARY

- a) With the prior permission of the Apiary Manager, WDBKA members may temporarily use the Isolation Apiary to hold their own colonies of bees for periods of up to 4 weeks.
- b) This will only be possible if sufficient space is available.
- c) Preventative measures against robbing, drifting and swarming will be employed.
- d) All hives will have Varroa floors.
- e) The apiary must be kept tidy, and comb/cappings sealed in a bee-tight container.
- f) All waste should be removed from the site.
- g) Precautions must be taken to avoid the risk of fire, especially when using smokers.
- h) Any apparent incidence of disease must be notified immediately to the Apiary Manager.
- i) Members attending the Isolation Apiary to work on their hives are required to log all visits with the Apiary Manager via text or email.
- k) Lone working at the Isolation Apiary is prohibited for health and safety reasons. Anyone attending must be accompanied by a friend or family member, or another WDBKA member.

10. The Apiary Manager may require a member to remove their bees, hives and equipment from the Isolation Apiary within 7 days of notice being served to their last known address/contact. If the terms of the notice are not adhered to, the Committee reserves the right to:

- a) Return the hives to the member.
- b) Sell the items for the benefit of the Association.

11. The following rules will be observed by members wishing to move bees to the Isolation Apiary

- a) Members subscription must be paid in full.
- b) Permission to move the bees to the Isolation Apiary must be obtained in advance.
- c) The member will allow inspection of the bees by the Apiary Manager or his/her agent.

12. If requested by the Officer carrying out the inspection the member will, at their own expense, send samples of bees and comb for examination by the NBU. The results shall be notified to the Apiary Manager as soon as they are received.

13. The Association reserves the right to treat infected hives with an appropriate treatment and bill the owner for the cost. In the event of a notifiable disease, the Association reserves the right to destroy the hives and pass costs to the member. Orders imposed by DEFRA will be adhered to and will over-ride any local arrangements.

14. These rules are intended solely to convey the requirements of the Association. Please contact the Chairperson if you have questions (contact details on the WDBKA website).