

Harrow Beekeepers Association

The BBKA Basic Beekeeping Assessment

The BBKA Basic Assessment is the simplest qualification in beekeeping. It is designed to show a level of competence in the basic skills and knowledge of the craft. Acquiring the qualification can be really important if you want to keep bees on an Association apiary or on a local authority allotment site.

If you have kept bees for at least a year by the summer of 2017 you will be able to take the assessment. The syllabus is short and covers:

- Natural History of honeybees and general beekeeping
- Swarming, Swarm Control and Effects
- Diseases, Pests and Poisoning
- Practical Assessment on Colony Manipulation and Equipment

Preparation for the Assessment could be covered with 4 meetings (evenings) and, if you wish, a mock practical can be arranged.

The Assessment takes place in the summer - May/June/July/August, usually in our own Hatch End Apiary. It takes about 1 to 1½ hours.

Please indicate to Bill Fitzmaurice/Jo Telfer if you wish to join a group this spring to study for your basic and say which evenings you could be free.

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