



The London Beekeepers' Association mentoring programme

Introduction

The purpose of the LBKA Mentoring Program is to educate new and novice beekeepers particularly in the practical aspects of beekeeping.

Who are the mentors?

Mentors are experienced beekeepers who wish to volunteer their time to teach new beekeepers at their, or an LBKA teaching, apiary.

How are places on the program allocated?

The availability of places on the program is subject to the mentors' capacity and the LBKA will offer places on the program to applicants only to those who have attended one of the LBKA Introduction to Beekeeping Courses.

What will be the content of the program?

The program content will be up to each mentor but would be expected to include weekly inspections throughout the active beekeeping season (most likely May to September) and discussions of different beekeeping methods and practices. A copy of the [BBKA Basic Syllabus](#) will be given to each mentor for distribution and use as they see fit.

What should the program aim to achieve?

Hopefully the LBKA Mentoring Program will provide: hands-on experience of beekeeping; help to decide how to participate in beekeeping in the future, introduction to people with beekeeping enthusiasm and expertise; and good preparation for the practical aspects of the [BBKA Basic Exam](#).

What are the general housekeeping rules?

Mentees will be responsible for their own health and safety while on the program and should provide their own equipment (including bee suit, gloves etc).

