



Asian Hornet Update

An Asian hornet sighting was confirmed in the Tamworth area of Staffordshire on 2nd September. This is the first report since July, when a single hornet was confirmed in New Milton, Hampshire. In each case they were spotted and reported by a member of the public.

Since 2016, there have been a total of 15 confirmed sightings of the Asian hornet in England and six nests have been destroyed. Nine of these sightings occurred in 2018; an individual hornet in Lancashire (April) and Hull, three in Cornwall, two in Hampshire, one in Surrey (all September) and one in Kent (October).



The risk of an active Asian hornet nest being found in the UK is negligible during the colder winter months, but higher during the summer. Asian hornets have already been spotted this year in countries close to the UK (France and Jersey) and a risk remains at all times of year of accidentally transporting an Asian hornet when returning to the UK from abroad.

It is crucial you report any possible sightings so experts can take quick and effective action to eradicate Asian hornets in the UK.

Report suspected sightings, with a photo if possible, to: alertnonnative@ceh.ac.uk or: www.nonnativespecies.org/alerts/asianhornet

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BBKA 'Positive Thinking' Newsletter

The September publication of the 'Positive Thinking' Newsletter from the BBKA's Chair, Margaret Wilson can now be accessed on the WSBKA website: www.westsussexbeekeepers.org.uk/newsletters.html

The Newsletter highlights the problem with unregistered beekeepers following a confirmed outbreak of EFB in Middlesex. This follows 5 cases of AFB in 2018. The potential problem of catering establishments not disposing of empty honey jars in a way that keeps the honey residue away from foraging honey bees is also highlighted.

The ongoing hunt for the Asian hornet at this time of the year is flagged as vital.

And with the National Honey Show this month the need for more Honey Judges is highlighted. New judges come from the stewards who gain their experience by helping with many local honey shows. We can help the training and recruitment by accommodating one of the trainee stewards by letting the BBKA know about our local Honey Shows.



National Honey Show



www.honeyshow.co.uk/



The 88th National Honey Show takes place this month at Sandown Park Racecourse, Esher, Surrey, KT10 9AJ, from Thursday 24th to Saturday 26th October 2019.

The full lecture and workshop programme is now available on the Show's website where you may also purchase entry tickets and book for the workshops, although some are already sold out.

The Schedule and Entry Form is also available to download. Entries for most classes may be accepted up to 7th October or 14th October on payment of a late entry fee.

Melvyn's Missive



Chairman, Melvyn Essen is taking a break this month.

Around the Divisions

All Members are welcome to attend any Divisional meeting, but please advise the organiser if you plan to attend.

Central Sussex Division

Wednesday 9th October - 'Conservation on Chesworth Farm' with the farm warden. Roffey Millennium Hall, Crawley Road, Horsham, RH12 4DT at 7:30pm.

Further details of the Division's activities from Debbie Rowland: chairman@centralsussexbka.org.uk or website: www.centralsussexbka.org.uk

Chichester Division

Saturday 5th to Sunday 6th October - See the Chichester Beekeepers at the 'Weald & Downland Autumn & Countryside Show'. Singleton, Chichester, PO18 0EU. www.wealddown.co.uk/events/autumnsow/

Tuesday 8th October - 'Vita Europe' with Paulo Mielgo at the Fishbourne Centre, Blackboy Lane, Fishbourne, PO18 8BE at 7:30pm.

Further details of the Division's activities from Nick Brown:

secretary@chichesterbeekeepers.co.uk. Or website: www.chichesterbeekeepers.co.uk

Wisborough Green Division

Details of the Division's activities from Tess Clarke: secretary@wgbka.org.uk or website: www.wgbka.org.uk

Worthing Division

Saturday 5th & Sunday 27th October - meetings at the out-apiary from 2pm.

Thursday 10th October - meeting at Ferring Village Hall, Ferring Street, Ferring, BN12 5JP at 7:30pm.

... and Dates for your Diary

Thursday 24th - Saturday 26th October - 88th National Honey Show. Sandown Park Racecourse, Esher, Surrey, KT10 9RT. For full details go to the Show's website at: www.honeyshow.co.uk/

Sunday 3rd November - 'The Early Years' beekeeping course sponsored by WGBKA at Rudgwick Village Hall, Guildford Road, Bucks Green, RH12 3JJ. See article in last month's newsletter. www.wgbka.org.uk/

Sunday 24th November - 'Intermediate/advanced' beekeeping course sponsored by WGBKA, Rudgwick Village Hall, Guildford Road, Bucks Green, RH12 3JJ. www.wgbka.org.uk/

We are now on facebook so if you would like your events featured please send details to the Editor.



***'Share your Division's
activities with readers of the
County News'***

...and finally

Sussex Honey For Sale

Local Sussex Honey in 30lb buckets. 2018 harvest. Below 18% humidity. The honey was filtered at extraction and kept in airtight food grade polythene bags in 30lb buckets. Raw (no heat applied to the honey at any time).

£110 a bucket. For more information please send an email to:
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www.westsussexbeekeepers.org.uk

MEMBERS' COUNTY NEWSLETTER

Thanks to all this month's contributors. If you don't have access to the internet and want further details of anything in this newsletter, please contact the Editor & County Secretary. Likewise, if you would like to contribute to future newsletters please send articles and photographs to:

Graham Elliott, Editor & County Secretary, no later than the 20th of the preceding month.
secretary@westsussexbeekeepers.org.uk



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