

LBKA TEMPLE NEWSAM APIARY MANAGEMENT PROTOCOL

1. The apiary and colonies will be maintained to a high standard for teaching, display and demonstrating purposes.
2. Five colonies will be kept ie taken into winter, 4 National and 1 14 x 12
3. One hive per double stand.
4. Sufficient honey to be left with the bees to last until spring. Syrup feeding in Sept /Oct to supplement if necessary.
5. National hives to be double brood for winter reduced to single in spring.
6. Only docile locally reared bees to be kept.
7. All hives to contain a hive record sheet which must be completed on each inspection. Problems/need for action revealed during examinations of colonies by tutors / demonstrators will be notified to the apiary manager.
8. Three new frames with foundation to be added to each hive each year and all 4 year old frames removed. The date of introduction to be indelibly written on frames.
9. The apiary will supply (a) mobile observation nucs and b) fill the T/N observation hive in May each year + keep it alive throughout the season + dismantling at the season end in mid Sept.
10. Every colony will be treated for varroa. Open mesh floors (left OPEN) on each colony. Sacrificial drone should be adopted. Colonies should be treated, in the autumn (ie Sept) after surplus honey has been removed, with an approved varroacide. An additional treatment of oxalic acid solution to be applied at the rate of 5ml per seam of bees between mid December and Mid January
11. Only Temple Newsam hive tools (stored in soda), cover cloths, and gloves to be used. Personal leather gloves to be covered with disposables during examinations.

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