

**LEEDS BEEKEEPERS ASSOCIATION**  
**VISITING ADVISORS PROTOCOL**

1. Visiting Advisors will be available to assist new and experienced beekeepers with problems the beekeeper cannot resolve themselves.
2. Out of pocket expenses will be charged for a visit, any further expenses will be a matter for the advisor and the beekeeper.
3. The advisor must be suitably qualified, particularly in respect of recognising symptoms of disease, such as EFB, AFB and other brood conditions. The beekeeper must understand that if a notifiable condition is found, i.e. EFB, AFB, Small Hive Beetle or Tropilaelaps, the visiting advisor and beekeeper will agree to report the matter to the appropriate authorities. This is required under the Bees Act 1980 and such visits by the local bee inspector incur no cost to the beekeeper.
4. The beekeeper accepts responsibility for the visit and will make sure as far as possible the visiting advisor will be operating in a safe environment.
5. The visiting advisor will take all necessary precautions against the spread of disease, either into or out of the beekeepers apiary, i.e. use of latex gloves, use of beekeepers hive tool and equipment, so far as is possible.
6. The same advisor must be used by the beekeeper when any further requests are made.
7. A record will be kept by the co-ordinator of all visits made by advisors, in order that any abuse of the system can be identified.
8. Where possible problems should be resolved over the phone or by e-mail. However, LBKA members should not be anxious about calling out a visiting adviser, when they are confronted with what they rightly or wrongly perceive as a real problem to them or their bees.

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