



Dingwall & District Beekeepers' Association

Established 1925 | Re-established 1946

A small group of keen, hobbyist beekeepers based in Dingwall, with members from as far afield as the Black Isle, Alness and Poolewe, join us and develop your skills with others who share the same passion!

Over the hive at regular meetings throughout the summer, we talk about bees... In the winter, we meet in Dingwall for talks and presentations always followed by a chat over a cuppa!

We talk endlessly about bees culminating in showing off our produce at the Annual Honey Show! There's always so much to learn and we learn best from each other. Although we don't run structured beginners courses, our summer apiary sessions are run with 'Newbees' in mind and we have a mentorship programme.

We are always excited to meet new members regardless of age or experience and you will receive a very warm welcome!

For more information, email us or visit our website

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SWARMS

Don't Panic! Despite the noise, most honey bees are very docile at this stage. Firstly, are they honey bees? Are they readily accessible? Contact us or a friendly beekeeper with a photo or short video and someone will come and hopefully retrieve them from you.

IMPORTANCE OF BEES

Bees and pollinators are vital to the ecosystem and food production. Over a 1/3 of the food on our plate comes from a plant pollinated by bees! But they are under threat from climate change, pesticides and loss of habitat. There are over 250 different species of bee in the UK, of which over 90% are solitary bees, each nest the work of a single female. However, the honey bee lives in a large social hive of up to 50,000 workers and only 1 egg laying queen. Vulnerable to disease and swarming, they have a complex infrastructure – making for a fascinating and rewarding hobby.

Help Save the Bees (and the planet)!

- Plant a mixture of bee-friendly flowers in your garden
- Let your lawn grass grow
- Install a 'Bee Hotel'
- Avoid pesticides and chemicals wherever possible.

Join us!

