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The Honeybee Conservation project in Stanton Park is not intended solely for honey production and requires funding towards specialist equipment for studying, bee breeding and queen production to "combat" Pyrethroid Resistant Varroa Mites. (PRV)

Donations toward this project should be made payable to "Swindon Honeybee Conservation Group"

A bit about the group and myself (as I am managing the project): SHCG was created to undertake the studies as already outlined. My 'Bee-Buddy' Ron Hill and I had been discussing the probabilities prior to PRV. It was when the first resistant mites were found in the UK that we approached Swindon Council for their help and support. The site in Stanton Community Park was offered and accepted in late July 2004. It is now under development to meet our requirements.

I learnt my beekeeping at the tender age of 12 whilst an evacuee from Tottenham to Kingham Hill, Oxon, and have kept bees for more years than I now care to remember.

With my colleague, Ron Hill, we have around 70 hives of bees in three different apiaries, (four sites with this Conservation Project).

I am president of Swindon & District Beekeepers Assn. Was also an executive committee member of the British Beekeepers Assn. (BBKA). Secretary to their Education & Husbandry Committee until 2005.

Secretary, Treasurer and News Editor to the Bee Instrumental Insemination Group (BIIG).

My Instrumental Insemination training was carried out at Ohio State University, Entomology Department.

BIIG is a recently founded group (2002), with about 50 members nationwide, of which I was a founder member.

SHCG is the Stanton Park project managed by Ron Hill and myself, assisted by members of "Friends of Stanton Park".

**Please always buy local honey and support British Beekeeping.**

**New beekeepers always needed and made welcome.**

**Training Courses Available.**  
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# THE SWINDON HONEYBEE CONSERVATION GROUP (SHCG)



**BASED IN STANTON PARK**  
**Stanton Fitzwarren**

## WOULD YOU LIKE TO BECOME A BEEKEEPER ?

Or

## JUST LEARN THE FASCINATING FACTS ABOUT HONEY BEES ?

Then why not

## JOIN ONE OF OUR TRAINING COURSES or Lecture Sessions?



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# HONEYBEE TRAINING COURSES

## NOTE 1

### INTRODUCTION TO BEEKEEPING.

Time: approx 20hrs. (Spread)  
Deals with the basics of beekeeping for the complete beginner, or to those with a very limited experience.

Topics covered will include:

1. What is a Honeybee?
2. Importance of Beekeeping.
3. Local & National Support.
4. Equipment.
5. The Colony consists of....
6. Division of Labour.
7. Individual Life Cycles.
8. The Bees Nest.
9. Hive Components.
10. The Beekeeping Year.
11. Reasons for Swarming.
12. Swarm Prevention.
13. Swarm Collection.
14. Queen Rearing.
15. Queen Mating.
16. Brood Diseases.
17. Adult Bee Diseases.
18. Varroa.
19. Mice & Vandalism.
20. Statutory Requirements.

(And much more)

By the end of the training it is anticipated that trainees will be able to manage a hive of bees without guidance or help, though a "Bee-Buddy" mentor is advised.

Candidates who complete the full course will become Associate Members of Swindon & District Beekeepers Association, and awarded a certificate of competence. Once you acquire bees you are advised to upgrade to Full Membership.

## NOTE 2

A less intensive "Introduction to Beekeeping" course.

## NOTE 3

A ½-Day insight into the "Wonders of the Honeybees World".

## NOTE 4

I often give lectures around the district. You will be kept informed of such lectures and invited to attend,

## NOTE 5

Group visits are invited and welcome but numbers will be controlled due to the limitation of sizes and number of Protective Bee-suits available. It may therefore be necessary to make arrangements for more than one visit.

**ALL VISITORS, including trainees, will be expected to wear long trousers tucked into Wellington boots and to supply their own 'Marigold' style gloves. Bee Suits will be on loan.**

**Though the disabled are not discouraged, some may find difficulty donning a protective bee-suit and as bees can sting, protection is vital.**

There will be a charge for the courses though not for visits. Donations to Swindon Honeybee Conservation Group would be welcome.

**Please bring your own lunch-pack and drink.**

Please fill in the details below

I am interested in: -

Taking the FULL BEEKEEPER COURSE to become a beekeeper  ✓  
(SEE Note 1.)

Taking the FULL BEEKEEPER COURSE but NOT to become a beekeeper  ✓  
(SEE Note 2.)

Take BASIC STUDY COURSE for Knowledge and Interest Only  ✓  
(SEE Note 3.)

Attend Lecture Session  ✓  
(SEE Note 4.)

Group Site Visit  ✓  
(Number in Group .....)  
(SEE Note 5.)

Date .....

Contact Name .....

Address .....

Post Code .....

Telephone .....

Email .....

DO YOU SUFFER ANY ALLERGIES OR PHYSICAL DISABILITY? Yes/No

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