

Forum for the Welfare of the Honeybees

Join in the debate about keeping bees next weekend at Quakers Meeting House on Victoria Terrace.

Bees not having a part of their own essential honey? colonies translocated to work on the pesticides? imported bees bringing new diseases?

Should science look into the implications of these beekeeping practices? Would it make sense to agree on a Best Practice Code for beekeeping that guarantees a basic Welfare for the honey bee? Citizens, beekeepers and scientist have a date on 5 December to share their opinions. Read more on the Facebook page [here](#).

Your presence is important for this to considered happen nationwide!

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Invitation to The Forum on the Welfare of the Honeybees



11 am to 1 pm at the Quakers Meeting House, 7 Victoria Terrace, BHQ 21, Salisbury

7th of November '15

5th of December '15

18th of January '16

1st of February '16

5th of March '16

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Focus to effect positive change on welfare for honey bees

Individually, or in our personal and professional circles, or as groups, we can effect positive change on welfare for honey bees. We are creating a forum to share knowledge and exchange ideas that help us to deepen the understanding of what welfare for the honey bees may mean. We welcome you to drop in to get inspired, and get insight to help inform your choices.

We will be meeting monthly, and the opportunity exists within the coming months to connect collectively, and to take part in a sharing group to engage with national discussion. We encourage reflection and working groups ranging across theory, artists, cinematographers, legal, scientific and technical fields, that support and celebrate what's good for the bees.

While we support existing campaigns for honey bees, we take welfare concerns as the driving public pieces in understanding the crisis the honey bees face. Our position as bee farmers and beekeepers triggers our critical thinking, and our understanding is that welfare is key. We highlight areas of concern where a rethink in terms of welfare for bees adds necessary perspective.

- The widespread practice of harvesting honey exclusively for human consumption drives on the quantity of honey that is essential as food for the bees.
- Feeding sugar as replacement food is practiced alongside excessive harvesting. Bees are thereby deprived of their natural food, which is highly nutritious and medicinal, and comprises of exactly those balanced constituents that fulfil the requirements of a colony's well-being.
- Sugar crops are grown using pesticides, and usage as a food is yet another way bees are exposed to pesticides.
- Transporting bees is a cocktail of problems for the purposes of honey production.
- Importing bees is a high risk endeavor, liable to have caused introduction of diseases already. As bees are still being imported from other countries, bee welfare is at risk.

Please feel welcome to bring any people you feel may be interested to come along or invite any people you feel may like to attend any other upcoming dates for meeting.