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Southend & Dist. Meetings are held on the 4th Wednesday in each month at the:

WRVS Hall
 Bellingham Lane
 Rayleigh SS6 7DE

Dates can be found on our website:

sothendbeekeepers.wordpress.com

Our aims and objectives

To promote the importance of bees and pollinating insects to the environment.

To promote the keeping of bees in a responsible and bee friendly way.

To provide an education program to advance the importance of beekeeping to our members, schools and any shows attended by our members.

We have three out apiaries which can be used should you not have room in your garden for hives.

Swarm Collection

We provide a volunteer swarm collection service. For more information contact:-

Pat on 01702 477592

who will be happy to provide help, advice and guidance.



Division of the
 Essex Beekeepers' Association

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 British Beekeepers' Association

If you are interested in keeping bees or in bee conservation then we can help

Bumblebee

Wasp



Honey bee



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Some facts about our bees

In the British Isles we have Bumble bees, many Solitary bees and Honey bees-*Apis Mellifera* which means bee-honey. Often other pollinators are mistaken for the Honey bee

Fact-honey bees fly at about 18 MPH

Fact-a honey bee forages up to 3 miles from the hive

Fact-the Queen bee will lay up to 2000 eggs a day in the height of the summer and only mates 4 or five times at the start of her life which may be up to 4 years.

Fact-a worker bee will collect about 1 quarter of a teaspoon of honey in her lifetime

Life cycle of honeybee



A colony of bees is made up of a Queen bee, female worker bees and male drones. In the summer, this colony will have up to 80,000 workers and 2000 drones. An adult worker bee lives for up to six weeks. The first 3 weeks are spent in the hive, the rest out foraging for pollen and nectar. Adult drones just hang around and go off to mate with the virgin queens in 'drone congregation areas' and are very rarely seen after September.



Queen Bee

The honey bee collects nectar (carbohydrate) and pollen (protein) from flowers using their highly adapted senses of sight and smell. The pollen comes in many different colours and is carried in pollen baskets on their hind legs whilst the nectar is carried back to the hive in their honey stomach. It is the nectar which is processed by the house bees and becomes honey that can be stored in the wax honeycomb for the colony and eaten as it is needed.



If you wish to keep bees it is a good idea to take one of our beginners courses which incorporates both the theory and practical elements of the craft.



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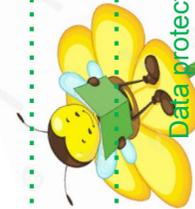
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