

Beekeeping on Allotments.

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The following are guidance notes to act as a supplement to the Allotment

Rules

1.0 Any tenant wishing to keep bees on an allotment should inform the Clerk

prior to the event.

2.0 No more than three hives should be kept on an allotment with the intent

that no more than two colonies are kept on a regular basis. An interim increase can be acceptable in order to cope with swarming, but the intent

should be to remove the swarm(s) as soon as possible.

3.0 The tenant is expected to comply with The British Beekeepers Association

latest version of document L015 "Allotment Beekeeping". In particular he/she must be a member of BBKA in order to ensure adequate insurance

cover. L015 is a mandatory addition to this procedure.

4.0 The BBKA documents L002 "Bee Stings" and L002A "A Summary of Actions in the Event of a Serious Bee Sting Reaction" are integral to this procedure. L002A must be displayed on the allotment.

5.0 To facilitate an understanding of swarming a leaflet has been prepared

entitled "Swarms". It also gives a list of people to contact in the event of swarming or any other occurrence. This must also be displayed on the allotment.

6.0 A "BEEWARE" sign has been prepared to alert other allotment holders

that bees are kept on a particular allotment.

This must be displayed on the allotment.

7.0 An "Apiary Risk Assessment (5 Point Plan)" regarding health and safety

around honeybees must be completed by the tenant prior to bees being introduced. This requirement of this RA can be reviewed at any time by the Clerk or his appointee but will be reviewed as a minimum every twelve

months.

8.0 All documents referred to above can be obtained from the Clerk.