

# North Somerset Beekeepers

The Blagdon, Clevedon and District Branch of Avon Beekeepers Association

Charity No: 271717



Our branch was formed in 1952. It has been a source of education, knowledge and friendship for beekeepers of all ages from North Somerset and surrounding areas ever since.

We are an active branch with programmes of educational and social events throughout the year including a monthly lecture on a Saturday and study courses in the winter months.

The branch has a teaching apiary near Brockley Combe (near to the A370). Our branch hives are kept there. Beginners can also keep their hives at this apiary in their first year. From April through to September regular Sunday sessions are held at the apiary for both new and experienced beekeepers to meet and explore the craft together.

If you are considering beekeeping we would recommend our INTRODUCTION TO BEEKEEPING COURSE. There are 10 evening sessions from January to March followed by practical sessions at the branch apiary.

**[www.northsomersetbeekeepers.org](http://www.northsomersetbeekeepers.org)**

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# Introduction to Beekeeping Course

**The Course:** 10 Tuesday evenings

**The Dates:** 16 January – 20 March 2018

**The Times:** 7.30pm – 9.30pm

**The Venue:** Churchill Memorial Hall, Ladymead Lane  
Churchill. BS25 5NH

**Course Fee:** £95

This course is aimed at those who would like to learn about beekeeping and perhaps take it up as a serious hobby.

It is run by experienced beekeepers who are members of our North Somerset Branch. It follows the INTRODUCTION to BEEKEEPING syllabus set by the British Beekeeping Association and covers basic concepts of beekeeping including a practical lesson looking at construction of hive frames. Students also receive a copy of the book, A Guide to Beekeeping which was co-written by a member of our branch, Dr. Ivor Davis NDB and follows the course syllabus.

Having finished the course, you will be welcome to come to our teaching apiary to gain 'hands on' experience and meet with experienced beekeepers. Included in your course fee is ABKA associate membership (£11) - this will add you to our apiary insurance while you are handling bees but do not have your own bees. The apiary sessions run on Sunday mornings from April until the beginning of September. If you then decide to set up your own colony of bees you can, if you wish, keep your hive at the apiary for that first year. Helping hands are always available to you at the apiary and a designated mentor will be appointed for your second year.

If you require further information:

Our website: [northsomersetbeekeepers.org](http://northsomersetbeekeepers.org)

Course Secretary: Paddy Brading  
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# Introduction to Beekeeping Course 2018

## Application Form

Name: .....

Address: .....

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Email: .....

Telephone Number:.....

You can pay deposit of £30 by cheque:  
payable to North Somerset Beekeepers.

Or you can pay deposit of £30 online:  
Lloyds Bank. Sort Code: 30-99-51. Account No: 01839153.  
Please include: Your name and reference 'Intro'.

Balance of the fee (£65) to be received by 30th November 2017

This is a very popular course and entry will be on a 'first come first served basis'

I wish to attend the beekeeping course at Churchill Memorial Hall  
16th January – 20th March 2018. I enclose/have paid a deposit of  
£30.

Signed: ..... Date: .....

Please send completed forms with enclosed cheque, if applicable, to:

Mrs Paddy Brading, Course Secretary,  
Sidewing, The Croft, Cheddar BS27 3NH.

## A little bit about beekeeping...

If you would like to do some research on your own after talking to a beekeeper today.

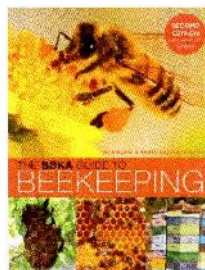
We recommend the following books:

### A Guide to Beekeeping

**Ivor Davis and Roger Cullum-Kenyon**

This is the only official beginner's beekeeping guide endorsed by the BBKA. It was published in 2012, revised and reprinted in 2016 and therefore bang up to date.

This book is supplied as part of our Introduction to Beekeeping Course and is an excellent, authoritative text, full of clear photographs and fascinating facts about bees.



A book worth buying even if you just want to learn about bees and not join a course just yet.

### Guide to Bees and Honey

**Ted Hooper MBE**

This is a revered reference book and an ideal guide for anyone wanting to start beekeeping as well as for more experienced beekeepers. Lots of information and illustrations throughout with advice for those who wish to maintain a few hives for personal recreational use as well as for those who want to expand an existing colony into a commercial venture.

