



Bristol Beekeepers

Bristol Branch of Avon Beekeepers Association

A registered charity established to advance the science of Apiculture and to promote and foster the education of the public therein.

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An Introduction to Beekeeping.

10th Jan, 17th Jan, and 24th Jan 2026

A three day introductory course to Beekeeping, by
Bristol Branch of Avon Beekeepers Association, at:

**Little Stoke Social Club, Club Lane
Braydon Ave, Little Stoke, BS34 6DN**



Beginners Course 2026

Many people aspire to take up beekeeping to save the bees and the planet, without any real understanding of the issues involved, the commitment required, or the costs and risks involved. Our course aims to give you a good grounding in reality and will bring you into the educational processes of the local association, to equip you at the start of your journey towards becoming a competent beekeeper.

Course Content:

The course aims to introduce complete novices to the world of beekeeping, and to give them sufficient information to:

- become inspired about bees and beekeeping.
- decide if they really do / don't want to start keeping bees. (Reality check) and understand the costs and commitment required, as well as the hazards of beekeeping.
- make sensible decisions about sourcing equipment, hives etc. Know some of the dangers inherent in sourcing equipment from unreliable places. (Ebay!)
- know sufficient theory to build on at subsequent practical apiary sessions in "the season" – April onwards
- know what the Bristol Beekeepers and the BBKA can offer in the way of support and encouragement etc.
- know where to start looking to find other reliable sources of information.

Of necessity, not everything in beekeeping can be covered, and concepts need to be dealt with at an appropriate introductory level, not in great depth.

The course contains both lecture style teaching and practical elements, and we try not to keep you sitting still for too long. It is a good opportunity to meet and talk to beekeepers and get your hands on real beekeeping equipment.



Course Fees: The cost of the course is **£150**, which includes a reference book (BBKA Guide to Beekeeping), local association membership to November 2026, and a variety of other materials. Tea / coffee is provided, but you will need to bring a sandwich lunch.

The course runs from 10:00 to 4:30 each day. Free parking is available at the Little Stoke Social Club.

Enquiries:

If you have questions please email Carol, our secretary, at secretary@bristolbeekeepers.org.uk.

Booking:

Your place will be confirmed once the course fee is paid and you've completed the application form which can be found at the following link, or email Carol and she will send you the link: <https://forms.gle/vdaQWzQVTcy757N39>

Payment is to be made by Bank Transfer to: ABKA Bristol Branch, Lloyds Bank Sort code 30 98 97 Account 34549260 – please include "course-" and your surname as the reference. We usually find the course reaches capacity, at which point applications won't be accepted and a waiting list will be operated, to be used in the event anyone drops out.