



Malvern & Upton Beekeepers

Swarm Request - 2021

We can help you to get started as a beekeeper if you are an Associate Member of MUBKA, or we can provide an additional swarm if you are already a full Member.

We don't keep swarms in stock so during the swarming season we keep a waiting list and when you get to the top of the list you can expect to receive one soon, subject to the weather etc. You should keep an eye on the website to find out when your "Fulfilment Letter" is approaching. This form is your request to be placed on the list.

You must use the request form for the current year, printed from the website, when it is published (usually around April)

There are some basic requirements which you must comply with before you can be put on the swarm list for the first time, as a prospective beekeeper. They are:

- You must already be an Associate Member of MUBKA. When you receive a swarm you must pay the additional fee (£23.00) and become a full Member.
- You therefore need to attach a cheque for £43.00 This includes the swarm collection fee (£20.00) and the additional cost of full membership. This additional cost incorporates insurance for up to 3 hives.
- You must have a nuc or a full hive in a suitable position, have other equipment including a smoker, hive tool and a bee suit and be ready to receive a swarm of bees.
- You must understand what is involved in picking up the swarm from the swarm collector, transporting the swarm safely, and housing the bees in your hive. There may be no-one available to help you with this task and it is important that you are confident that you will be able to do it. Handling bees poorly will prejudice their health, and may be dangerous for yourself and for others.

If you are at the top, or near the top of the swarm list you may get a phone call to say that a swarm is available. So, it is important that we have appropriate contact phone numbers for you, and that you are easily contactable. If a swarm becomes available and we cannot get hold of you you will lose the swarm to someone else, and if this happens more than once you may go to the bottom of the list again. Please enter any phone numbers below, on which we can contact you, in order of priority. Please also let me know if you are going on holiday.

Phone 1 _____ Phone 2 _____ Phone 3 _____

YOUR OTHER DETAILS

(All details must be completed. A valid email address that you check frequently is essential)

Full Name _____ Current membership grade Ass. / Full

Address _____ Post Code _____

Email _____@_____ Date _____

I confirm that:

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- I already have appropriate equipment and a hive suitably situated for receiving a swarm of bees
- I have the necessary equipment, and skill to transport and then house a swarm of bees
- I attach a cheque for £43 (Associate Member), £20 (Existing full Member if number of colonies does not exceed insured quantity), £10 (Existing full Member wishing to collect swarm personally)

Please send this form and your cheque (payable to Malvern and Upton Beekeepers Association) to: John Moseley, MUBKA, Grange House, Grange Lane, Rushwick, Worcester WR2 5TG. I will confirm your request and keep you in touch by email. Queries to j.f.moseley@btinternet.com please.

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