



BASINGSTOKE AND DISTRICT BEEKEEPERS ASSOCIATION

A Talk on “NON-NATIVE SPECIES THAT TARGET THE HONEYBEE”

By Nigel Semmence – APHA’S Contingency Planning & Science Officer

On 20TH MARCH 2020 AT SHERBORNE ST. JOHN VILLAGE HALL, RG24 9HR

We are delighted to announce that Nigel Semmence, APHA’s Contingency Planning and Science Officer will be coming to Basingstoke on the 20th March to talk about “Non-Native Species that Target the Honeybee”

In this talk Nigel will cover the three major exotic pests of honeybees; Asian Hornet, Small Hive Beetle and Tropilaelaps Mites. The talk will cover aspects of their biology, why they are considered a risk, and the possible pathways for arrival in the UK. In particular, he will focus on the contingency plans for these species and give details of the current NBU surveillance.



Some of our members will already know Nigel from when he was the Regional Bee Inspector for this area. He last came to speak in Basingstoke over six years ago, when our meetings were held at Queen Mary’s College. On that occasion it was about Bee Diseases.

Nigel started beekeeping in Norfolk as a teenager and joined the National Bee Unit in 2009 as Southern Region Bee Inspector. He has been in his current role since 2015.

By the way, don’t worry about the size of the virtual Asian Hornet in the picture, they are somewhat smaller in reality!

We are inviting members of other local associations to join us on the 20th March, and since the hall is limited to a seating capacity of 120, please tell us if you are coming. We have created a short online form for you to use.

[Click here to tell us if you are coming to Nigel Semmence’s talk on the 20th March](#)

Attendees are asked to donate £2, which can be paid when signing in on arrival. Your donation goes towards the cost of the venue. If you can avoid paying with large denomination notes it would be helpful.

Coffee, Tea, Cakes and Biscuits will be available on arrival and after the talk, so please let us know by 18th March if you are attending and have any dietary issues. This will help us ensure that there is enough cake for everyone.

The event is being held at our usual venue, Sherborne St. John Village Hall, Kiln Rd, Sherborne St John, Basingstoke RG24 9HR (Opposite “The Swan” Pub). The hall will be open from 19:00 and Nigel’s talk is scheduled to start at 19:30. Because car parking is limited, if you are able to share cars it would be appreciated, and make sure you let us know if you have any mobility or dietary issues?

BDBKA would like to invite beekeepers from other associations to join as Associate Members, which will qualify them for reduced pricing for future all ticket events and to take advantage of our other Member Benefits. We have several high-profile speakers planned for our 2020/2021 evening meetings, one of whom will be invited to give our annual “John Furzey Memorial Lecture”.

Associate Membership of Basingstoke and District Beekeeping Association can be taken out online:

[Click here to join Basingstoke and District Beekeeping Association](#)

We look forward to seeing you at Nigel Semmence’s Talk and wish you a successful 2020 Beekeeping Season.

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Full details of future events as they are announced can be found on our website at www.basingstokebees.co.uk