

BEEKEEPING ON THE RPA SITE

1. Any plotholder wishing to keep bees on The Royal Paddocks Allotments site must first seek authorisation from the Plotholders Committee and must undertake to abide by any rules stipulated from time to time and satisfy the Lead Beekeeper of their competence. They will be required to have successfully completed the basic BBKA beekeeping course.
2. Any plotholder wishing to keep bees on the RPA site is required to be a current member of a local Beekeeping Association. (Membership of a Beekeeping Association provides members with third party/public liability insurance through their affiliation to the BBKA.)
3. All plotholders keeping bees on the RPA site must satisfy the Plotholders Committee and Lead Beekeeper that they have made adequate provision to ensure that any problems caused by their bees will be resolved. They must provide backup contact phone and email details.
4. The RPA beekeeping area is limited to a maximum of 16 hives. Any plotholders wishing to increase their own colony numbers within the area will need agreement from the Lead Beekeeper along with fellow apiary beekeepers.
5. All beekeepers must ensure that their bees are properly managed including routine hive inspections during the beekeeping season to check for any notifiable disease and the monitoring and control of varroa mites. New beekeepers are welcome to seek advice, help and support to ensure that their bees are properly managed in accordance with BBKA recommendations.
6. All beekeepers must observe any statutory beekeeping obligations in force for the time being and provide information and assistance as required by any authorised bee inspectors. Beekeepers are expected to assist with maintenance tasks in the apiary when required.
7. Any plotholder who allows their bees to cause a nuisance either to other beekeepers on the site or to other plotholders will be required to remove them immediately.

Statutory Nuisance (<https://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/1990/43/part/III>) Part III of the *1990 Environmental Protection Act* has a list of nuisances to which abatement (reduction) procedures apply.

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(f) any animal kept in such a place or manner as to be prejudicial to health or a nuisance;