

# The Basics of Beekeeping – Practical Details



The course will be held as 8, two hour sessions, detailed below.

Week	Subject	Topics
1	Introduction	Honeybees Importance of Beekeeping Equipment
2	The Colony	Queen, workers and drones Division of labour in the hive Individual Lifecycles
3	The Hive	The bees' nest Hive Components Supers Frames
4	History	Origins of Bees Types of Hives and adv/disadv.
5	Beekeeping Year	Spring Management and Inspections Summer build up and harvesting Preparation for Winter
6	Swarms	Reasons for swarming Prevention Control Collection
7	Queens Pests & Diseases	Queen Marking Brood diseases Adult diseases Varroa
8	Bees, plants and hive products  Getting started	Pollination, nectar and honey Local forage crops Harvesting Honey Wax, propolis and pollen Setting up an apiary Getting Bees

The course will commence on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> February 2012. (Depending on numbers and requirements there sessions may also be held starting on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> Feb and at 2 week intervals for 4 hours from Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> February).

The course will be followed by a 2 hour hands-on session to be organised as weather permits and as suitable for the class.

If at the end of the course an individual wishes to commence beekeeping, then all assistance will be given, however the supply of bees cannot be guaranteed.

Course cost 60€

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