

Frequently Asked Questions

Who would benefit from the day?

All ages from 8 upwards, with a general interest in the fascinating world of bees.

Is previous experience required?

No, the experience is tailored to suit the audience of the day.

What clothing do I need to wear?

Protective clothing is provided. You'll need to bring wellington boots & warm clothing, as part of the day is outside.

Will I get stung?

We take every reasonable step to avoid this. However, beekeeping does carry the risk of this possibility. A small proportion of people are allergic to bee stings. Should you be concerned, or you have asthma or a heart condition, please consult your doctor prior to booking.

Do I need to bring lunch?

Refreshments & lunch are provided.

Are you registered?

Yes, Mal is a member of the British Bee Keepers & the Yorkshire Bee Keepers Association. Registered at the National Bee Unit.

What is the cost?

£75pp* payable in advance. In the event of the day being cancelled, a full refund will be given.

How do I book?

If you'd like to register your interest, please email us at hello@walkersnurseries.tv

**Please note: the price shown is for 2024, there may be variations for future years.



£75* per person
Running on selected dates
between June and August

Beekeeping Experience Days

Receive a practical basic introduction into the world of bees & beekeeping, at Walker's very own apiary.



What's involved?

- Examination of a national beehive and its structure
- Get kitted up in a bee suit and try out the smoker and hive tool
- Hands on experience of opening a beehive and removing frames for inspection
- Identifying the castes of the honey and other bees
- Recognising brood and stores (honey)



Your teacher - Mal, has been keeping bees for many years & is keen to inspire others with his passion.

"We were inspired by Malcolm's low key advice & tuition and found the hands on experience fascinating. This is a lovely environment to become acquainted with beekeeping. We feel sure that we will take on our own hives, once we know enough."

Pam & Paul Harrison

Health & Safety

We'll start the day in the classroom, with a health & safety briefing.

An Introduction to Beekeeping

Next, we'll watch an informative video, on the lifecycle of the honey bee. You'll also learn about the national beehive & its component parts. Along with an explanation of the various groups, which exist to support beekeepers.

Complementary Lunch

We'll stop off at The Glasshouse Cafe, for a delicious, homemade lunch.

The Apiary

After lunch, it's time to get the Bee suits on! We'll make our way to the apiary, for the hands on experience.

Lighting up a Smoker

Under the careful supervision of Mal, pairs will enter the apiary & try out the smoker.

Basic Tasks

Once you're comfortable, Mal will show you how to perform basic tasks, on live hives.

Afterwards

Return to the classroom for a debrief & your chance to ask Mal any further questions about beekeeping.

