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Celebrating over 90 years of support for beekeeping
And beekeepers in and around the Medway Towns



Preparation For The BBKA Basic Assessment

The BBKA Basic Assessment is a measure of your achievement in basic beekeeping skills and knowledge of the craft. It can be a springboard to launch you into a better understanding of beekeeping and is required before taking any other of the BBKA exams and assessments.

MBKA will support its members to achieve this standard and to prepare them for this we will be running a **FREE** short course of two classroom and one apiary sessions at some point during May 2019 (exact dates to be agreed later). Bob Smith will be leading the course assisted by a team of experienced beekeepers.

The Basic syllabus can be found on the BBKA website: www.bbka.org.uk/

To undertake the Assessment, you need to have managed at least one colony of bees for a minimum of 12 months. The Assessment consists of four parts and you need to achieve the 50% pass mark in all four parts. A credit will be awarded if the total mark is 75% or greater.

The 4 parts are:

1. Practical assessment of your ability to handle bees and beekeeping equipment
2. Oral questioning on your general knowledge of Beekeeping.
3. Oral questioning on Swarming and Swarm Control
4. Oral questioning on Diseases and Pests.

The assessment takes about an hour and will be held in a local apiary, there is no written part and the pass rate is very high.

If you are interested in joining these preparation sessions or just want to find out more about the BBKA Basic please contact:

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