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Celebrating 100 years of support for beekeeping
and beekeepers in and around the Medway Towns



Animal & Plant Health Agency

On Thursday 13th April 2023 the National Bee Unit received a credible Asian hornet sighting from Folkestone, Kent. The following week the National Bee Unit received a credible Asian hornet sighting with a photo taken on the deck of a ferry from Poole, Dorset to Cherbourg on 10th April 2023. Since then, further credible descriptive sightings have been forwarded without photos.

We ask beekeepers and the public to remain vigilant and monitor for Asian hornet across the south of England. Please report suspected sightings using the 'Asian hornet Watch' app for iPhone

<https://apps.apple.com/gb/app/asian-hornet-watch/id1161238813>

and

Android [https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=uk.ac.ceh.hornets
&hl=en_GB](https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=uk.ac.ceh.hornets&hl=en_GB)

Or you can report using the online reporting form http://risc.brc.ac.uk/alert.php?species=asian_hornet

Record your monitoring trap locations on BeeBase by logging in and updating 'my apiaries' <https://www.nationalbeeunit.com/log-in/>

Further information regarding the yellow-legged Asian hornet can be found on Defra's Asian Hornet sightings page

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/asian-hornet-uk-sightings/asian-hornet-sightings-2020>

and on BeeBase's Asian hornet

page <https://www.nationalbeeunit.com/diseases-and-pests/asian-hornet/>