



Introducing Nuclei

- As Soon as you receive your box of Bees place it on the stand in what will be its permanent place and cover the top with a secure watertight roof.
- Open the entrance as soon as possible to allow the Bees to orientate.
- When the Bees have settled down from the trauma of the travelling (an hour or two) move the travelling box to one side and place the empty brood chamber on the floor and stand. Place two frames with foundation together against the inside end wall of the brood chamber.
- Carefully take the frames of Bees from the travelling box one by one and position in the brood chamber against the two frames already in place. Do not change the order in which they were packed. Take great care during this operation to avoid crushing any bees, they and particularly the Queen are fragile. Any bees left in the travelling box can be carefully shaken into the brood chamber.
- Fill the remaining space in the brood chamber with frames and foundation. The Nuclei should be central in the brood chamber. Place the crown board on top of the brood chamber carefully, again avoid crushing any Bees.
- Feeding the colony is important in the early stages in order that they can draw out and use the new foundation for egg laying and storing food and pollen. A variety of feeders are available to help in this task, feeding should continue until the bees are across ten frames (this won't be long).
- Rebuild your hive after fitting the feeder and enjoy the Bees flying to and fro they should very soon be seen bringing pollen in to feed their young.
- When you have removed the feeder it is now time to add the Queen excluder and a super or two and hope the weather is right for a good Nectar flow.
- We check every Nuclei to ensure the Queen is present before despatch so all should be well, remember you are receiving them during swarming time so you will need to be diligent to ensure you do not lose her in a swarm in the first few days or weeks. Remove any Queen cells found.
- We recommend that you join you local Association and befriend the Bee Inspector they are a rich source of advice and information. We stock many books on the subject of Bees aimed at the beginner and the more experienced. Information gained from whatever source will help you in the forthcoming year whether feeding Bees for the winter or treating for varroa mites at the proper time and in the appropriate way. Beekeepers are rightly enthusiastic about the craft and are normally very willing to give advice and help.
- You will have many questions; we are only a phone call away.
- Please ensure you are completely satisfied with the Bees supplied to you, as we cannot guarantee beyond delivery.
- All that remains is to wish you happy beekeeping; you will have many many hours of enjoyment watching this colony grow and go about its business as Bees have done for millions of years.