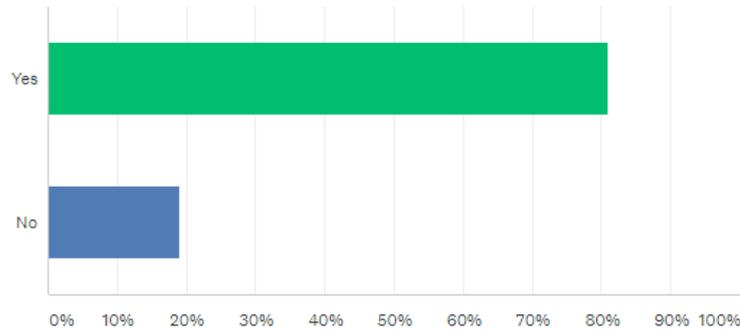


# Report on the SBKA Apiary Survey

## QUESTION 1

Would you be interested in developing an association apiary?

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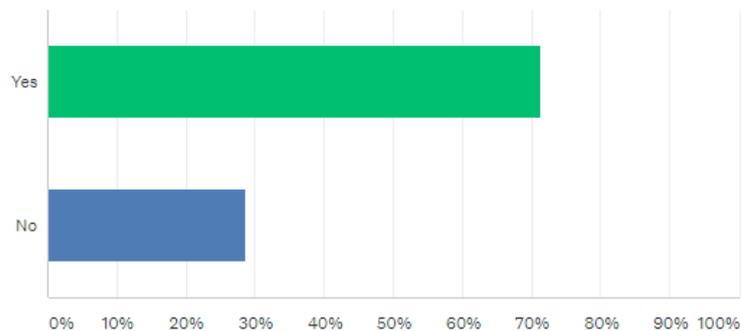


ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
Yes	80.95% 17
No	19.05% 4
TOTAL	21

## QUESTION 2

Would you use an association apiary?

Answered: 21 Skipped: 0



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
Yes	71.43% 15
No	28.57% 6
TOTAL	21

### QUESTION 3

**What would you hope to use the Apiary for?**

#### **Positive Comments**

Training courses  
education

Education, introducing new and potential beekeepers to the world of bees  
Education of beekeepers and the general public.

training purposes

Training

Training

Training

Sharing of skills and knowledge Hands on

To improve my knowledge about beekeeping

Getting to see how more experienced keepers tend to their hives.

Meeting and exchanging knowledge of keeping bees

learning

showing new members how to inspect, manipulate a hive

Advice

club socials which perhaps wouldn't fit in the pub,

extra socialising with club members who can't always make meetings & events

Club events

Socialising

potentially a site for people who wish to keep bees but don't have the space

Queen rearing good stock for the members

Queen rearing and learning for new beekeepers.

queen rearing and produce queens for club members

Queen rearing

Community beekeeping

#### **Negative Comments**

N/a

It would require a lot of committment from folk. A lot of decisions, who maintains, harvests, how to sell honey...etc. It can be done with a lot of committment. I just don't have the strength and time. Barely get my own done!

Well actually, I don't know.

## QUESTION 4

What should be the aims or focus of an association apiary?

### Positive Comments

Learning

Introduction for new bee keepers Skill and knowledge

To help and educate new beekeepers

teaching

Training for basic assessments

Training and Teaching

Education and training.

encourage more keeping of bees.

Education and introduction of beekeeping to newbies

Teaching new members.

Education

primarily education (us, children, adult groups like U3A, WI, etc)

Promoting beekeeping.

an introduction for new members to get them started in bee keeping

Supporting new members and improving beekeeping practice.

Schools?? Liability perhaps too high for that!

maybe in future involve community like small groups of school children

development of skills

How to refine techniques

Share knowledge

sharing ideas

sharing knowledge and techniques

learn and pass the bee craft on

To bring the group together on a joint venture

Also maybe some group initiatives

to enable any trials or studies members wish to do.

sharing building and socialisation

social

Gelling the membership

A focal point for members too interact learn

help on what a healthy hive looks like (noticing varroa and other diseases)

open apiary meetings

Breeding stock of queens for club members use.

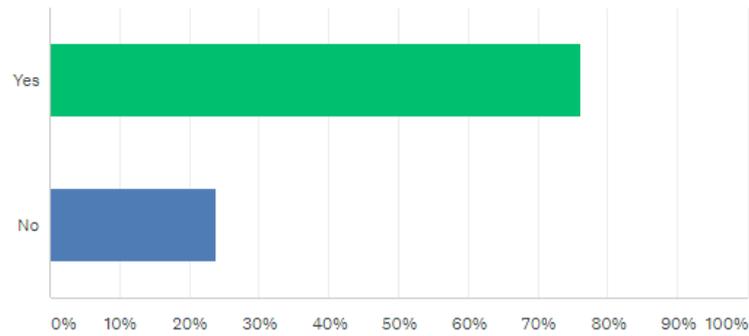
### Negative Comments

The challenge would be to ensure it is always looked after. I have little spare time but would willingly give some if it was well supported by others too.

## QUESTION 5

Would you be able to give your time to help?

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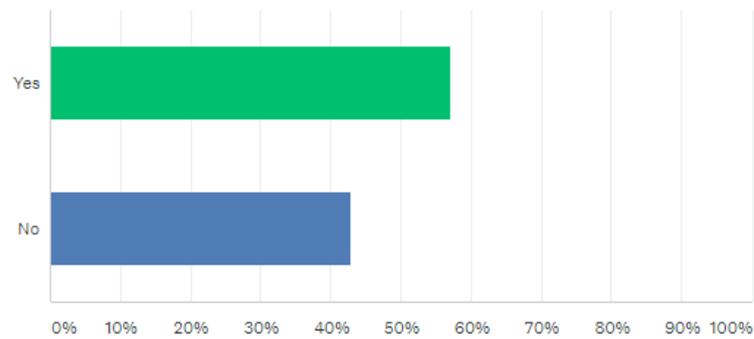


ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
▼ Yes	76.19%	16
▼ No	23.81%	5
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>21</b>

## QUESTION 6

Could you commit to a weekly/monthly rota?

Answered: 21 Skipped: 0



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
▼ Yes	57.14%	12
▼ No	42.86%	9
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>21</b>

## QUESTION 7

What facilities would we need to provide onsite?

### **Positive Comments**

hives

2 hives initially and make sure that the site was an advantage and worthwhile

At least two hives.

build steadily

variety of hives

Safe environment bee hives

shed for equipment

Shelter from weather.

Secure storage of kit

secure storage if equipment being left on site

room to get under cover if it rains

Storage

Security - i.e. fence

secure storage for equipment

A communal static caravan would be good to store equipment and refreshments

covered area in case a bad weather

Shed with tea making facilities

A shed to store equipment, a gas stove to make cups of tea.

Isolated site, good security

bee suits for visitors

bee suits, gloves

social area

possible refreshment area

Toilet, toilet, toilet, Toilets

toilets if possible

toilet facilities

Toilet facilities would be good.

Toilet would be nice.

Start small perhaps a WC

Possible toilets in the future

a decent bush!

Water, running water

wash facilities

hand washing facility

wash area to clean tools

electricity, first aid station/incident log book, health and safety briefing notes compulsory for every visit to site, booking in and out system,

Somewhere to park  
car parking, car parking

an apiary manager

Instead of meeting at the pub we could meet earlier at the apiary to do jobs

Classroom?

### **Negative Comments**

Not for me at the moment too busy with own bees.