



Conwy Beekeepers (CBK)

2027 Beginners Beekeeping Course

In 2027 Conwy Beekeepers (CBK) are introducing a beekeeping course suitable for complete beginners. The course aims to provide participants with the knowledge and experience to manage their first colony of honeybees.

Course Structure & Details

Theory Sessions

- Format: 5 classroom sessions starting in January.
- Day & Time: Tuesday evenings from 6:45pm to 9:15pm (includes a short refreshment break).
- Location: St. Paul's Church Hall, Mostyn Broadway, Llandudno.

Topics Covered

Equipment required and types of hives, hive placement and apiary selection, basic honeybee biology and management techniques, safety, hygiene, and sting management, the beekeeping calendar, common pests and diseases and extracting and preparing honey.

2027 Provisional Theory Dates

1st Theory	Tuesday 26th January
2nd Theory	Tuesday 23rd February
3rd Theory	Tuesday 23rd March
4th Theory	Tuesday 20th August
5th Theory	Tuesday 25th May

Practical & Apiary Sessions

- Format: 4 practical sessions following the theory coursework, plus additional seasonal follow-up sessions.
- Location: CBK Apiary at Bodnant Garden.

Topics Covered

With the practical sessions, you can inspect colonies of bees under the guidance of some of our experienced beekeepers. On the first visit, you will observe the volunteer beekeepers as they explain what they are doing and why, but in later weeks, as your confidence grows, you will learn to handle the bees yourself and practice what you will need to do to look after your own bees. There will be further apiary sessions later

in the year where you learn to carry out essential tasks to help prepare your bees for winter and prepare for the next season.

2027 Provisional Practical Dates

1st Practical	Sunday 11th April	2pm - 4pm
2nd Practical	Sunday 9th May	2pm - 4pm
3rd Practical	Sunday 13th June	2pm - 4pm
4th Practical	Sunday 11th July	2pm - 4pm
Autumn treatments	Sunday 08th August	2pm - 4pm
Prepare for next season	Sunday 12 th September	2pm - 4pm
Winter treatment	Sunday 28 th November (tbc)	12pm – 2pm

Support Network

- Bee Buddy:** CBK will endeavour to pair each attendee with an experienced 'Bee Buddy' to assist through your first year of beekeeping.
- Community Groups:** Access is provided to the CBK members-only Facebook group and WhatsApp group for ongoing guidance.

Membership

To participate in the course, participants must be a member of CBK. Membership benefits include:

Full membership with Conwy Beekeepers and the Welsh Beekeeping Association.
(Full single membership £27)

Public & Products Liability Insurance.

Bee Disease Insurance covering your first 3 colonies.

Pricing, Booking & Payment Terms

- Course Fee £110:** Includes a copy of the *Haynes Bee Manual*.
- Course Payment:** Payable by bank transfer within 48 hours of booking to secure a place.
- Membership Payment:** If you are not already a member of Conwy Beekeepers, you may join at any time before the 15th January 2027 and get the remainder of this year free. Please see membership instructions on the website [Membership – Conwy Beekeepers](#). A reminder will be sent in early December and must be completed by **15th January** at the latest.
- Refund Policy:** Non-refundable, except in the unlikely event of course cancellation, where a full refund will be issued.

Availability:

Places are strictly limited and allocated on a **first-come, first-served** basis.

Booking Information

To book on the course please click [here](#).

If you have any questions or experience difficulties using the booking system, please email: secretary@conwybeekeepers.org.uk

Conwy Beekeepers looks forward to introducing you to the wonderful world of beekeeping!