



ULSTER BEEKEEPERS' ASSOCIATION

PRELIMINARY BEEKEEPING COURSE 2012

The Preliminary Beekeeping Course will be delivered at locations throughout Northern Ireland, as shown in the table below, by local Beekeeping Associations affiliated to the Ulster Beekeepers' Association (UBKA) in association with DARD's College of Agriculture, Food and Rural Enterprise (CAFRE).

This Preliminary Beekeeping course is aimed at those with an interest in, or who may be thinking about keeping bees, but have not yet attended a course. It covers the basics of beekeeping from setting up an apiary and acquiring bees to health & safety, hive management, swarm control, disease control and honey production. The minimum age for candidates participating in these courses is 16 years old.

The course will run for 10 sessions, one per week, normally commencing in January 2012. There will be 7 evening classroom sessions followed by three practical beekeeping sessions in the apiary in late April/early May when it becomes possible to manipulate bees.

The course provides the opportunity of achieving a Preliminary Certificate of Proficiency in Beekeeping awarded by the Federation of Irish Beekeepers' Associations.

The Preliminary course examination will be held on Saturday 19th May 2012.

The course fee is £100 which includes the examination fee.

The contents of the course include:

- Manipulation of a colony of honeybees.
- Understanding the construction of hives and siting colonies in an apiary.
- Natural history of the honeybee and colony structure.
- Examination of the colonies cyclical calendar.
- Examination of colony diseases and signs of pests or poisoning
- Harvesting honey from the colony.

Course Locations and Contacts

Local Beekeeping Associations(BKA's) affiliated to the Ulster Beekeepers' Association (UBKA), will deliver the 2012 Preliminary Beekeeping Course at eight locations throughout Northern Ireland as shown in the table below.

Local BKA	Course Location	When	Contact
Belfast and District BKA	Aslan Centre, 13a Knocknagoney Rd, Belfast BT4 2NR	7.30 Tuesday starting 21st February 2012	Alan Rea, 12 Kirkliston Drive, Belfast, BT5 5NX 02890654150 bbkasecretary@googlemail.com
Dromore BKA. Co Down	The Science Research Centre, Dromore High School,	7.30pm Monday starting 9 th January 2012	Norman Walsh, 43 Edentrillick Rd. Hillsborough BT26 6PG 028 92682578 norman@walsh43.plus.com
Fermanagh BKA	Enniskillen Campus of CAFRE	7.30pm Monday starting 16 th January 2012	Andrew Elliott, Lenamoyle, Florencecourt, Enniskillen BT92 1DZ. 028 66 348740 yv_elli504@hotmail.com
Killinchy BKA	Community Centre, 16 Lisbarnett Rd. Lisbane, COMBER Co Down BT23 5NF	Starting on Tuesday 17 th January at 7.30pm	Phelim Breen, 63 Beechcroft Park, Newtownards, BT23 8QL. 028 9181 6884 phelim_b@hotmail.com
Mid Antrim BKA	Unable to deliver a class in 2012 due to relocation of the apiary.		
Mid Ulster BKA	Loughry Campus, CAFRE, Cookstown	Monday evenings starting mid Jan 2012	Ernie Watterson, Flowermill Hill Coalisland Rd Dungannon BT71 6EP 028 87748640 thewattersons@dslpipex.com or John Ross 19 Dunamoney Rd Dungannon BT70 1PA 07512453424 johnross@ukgateway.net
RDBKA	Greenmount Campus, CAFRE Antrim	Tuesday at 7.30pm, Starting 7 th Feb2011	Susie Turner 7Nutts Corner Rd. Crumlin BT294BW tel 07920 231227 susie-bee@hotmail.co.uk
Roe Valley BKA	Limavady Community Development Initiative	Tuesday, 24 th January, 2012	Dave Atherton, 15, Temple Road, Enagh Lough, Londonderry, BT47 6TJ 028 7186 0075 davedrone@hotmail.com
Rostrevor & Warrenpoint BKA	Sweet Pea Café, Annett's Garden Centre, Warrenpoint	7.30pm Monday 30 th January 2012	Christina Joyce, "The Grange", 1 Mourne Park, Kilkeel, Co Down, BT34 4LB. beespoint@yahoo.co.uk 077 56392715

Application

Contact the above local Association venue of your choice to confirm details.

Complete the application form and send together with the course fee to the contact at the Association venue of your choice.

Courses will be filled on a first come first served basis.

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.....**Beekeeping in association with Ulster**
Beekeepers' Association (UBKA) and College of Agriculture, Food and
Rural Enterprises (CAFRE).

APPLICATION FORM

PLEASE USE A SEPARATE APPLICATION FORM FOR EACH APPLICANT

Name:		Date of Birth	
Address including post code:			
Telephone No:			
Mobile Phone No:			
e-mail address:			
Do you have a disability, special educational need or medical condition which requires attention?			
If yes, please give details.			

I consent to the above information being held on file and computer database by the local Beekeeping Association, UBKA and CAFRE for course administration purposes.

Signed

Date