

## **ALLOTMENT BEEKEEPING GUIDE LINES.**

A plot holder wishing to keep bees on Newhall Allotments will be required by the committee to agree to, and conform with, the following set of conditions before permission will be given to keep bees.

1. The Beekeeper must be a member of the British Beekeepers Association (BBKA) and have insurance.
2. The Beekeeper must have passed their Basic Beekeeping Exam. Courses are run by Sutton Coldfield and North Birmingham Beekeepers Association.
3. The neighbouring plot holders on any adjacent plots must be asked if they object to bees being kept on the plot close to them
4. The committee hold the right to set the maximum number of colonies for the whole allotment site.
5. A 10ft (3mtrs) fence must be erected around the bee colonies.
6. Colonies must not be sited near a public footpath
7. A notice must be put up to warn other plot holders that bees are being kept on the relevant plot. This notice must include a contact number to deal with any issues relating to the bees e.g., swarming
8. The Beekeeper may keep a maximum of 4 colonies with 4 Nucleus, at times of swarming, on their plot.
9. The Beekeeper must remove their colonies off the allotment immediately should they become a nuisance to any plot holder or if they give up the allotment.
10. The potential Beekeeper must have had an allotment for a minimum of two years before being considered for permission to keep bees on it and should not only keep bees on his allotment but also cultivate the plot in accordance with the rules of the allotments.
11. The final decision will rest with the committee who must consider all plot holders when making their decision.