

SOUTHEND BEEKEEPERS					
Introduction to Beekeeping					
Course Schedule 2026					
Pre-course	None - Southend video available on YouTube. Please contact us for a copy of the link at membershipsecretary.sdbka@gmail.com				Students are advised to watch the video prior to booking a place on the course
	The National Bee Unit offer tutorial information, reading and downloadable material at http://www.nationalbeeunit.com/index.cfm?pageid=167				
ALL theory sessions will be held at The Eastwood Community Centre Western Approaches Southend-on-Sea, SS2 6XY					
Doors open 7.00pm, tea & chat Start 7.20pm		7.30pm to 8.15pm		8.15pm - 8.45pm	8.45pm - 9.45pm
			Part 1	Break & Chat	Part 2
Theory	1	WEDNESDAY 25-Feb-26	Introducing BBKA / EBKA / Southend A Very Short History of Beekeeping		Setting up an Apiary
Theory	2	WEDNESDAY 04-Mar-26	The Beekeeping Year – Part 1 Spring into Summer		The Beekeeping Year – Part 2 Winter Prep to Spring
Theory	3	WEDNESDAY 11-Mar-26	Tools and Equipment Overview with demonstration of hive types		Equipment Continued
Theory	4	WEDNESDAY 18-Mar-26	Life Cycle, Communication & Basic Anatomy		Forage - it's not just about plants!
Divisional	Meeting	TUESDAY 24-Mar-25	Come and meet other Southend Beekeepers at our Division Monthly meeting at Rayleigh Methodist Church 78, Eastwood Road, Rayleigh SS6 7JP. Doors open at 7.15		
Theory	5	WEDNESDAY 25-Mar-26	Swarming impulse, artificial swarms and swarm collection		Honey Harvest, Processing & Legalities
Theory	6	WEDNESDAY 01-Apr-26	Honey Bee Pests and Diseases		Autumn, Winter & Spring : Feeding & Cleaning, Treatments
Divisional	Meeting	TUESDAY 28-Apr-26	Come and meet other Southend Beekeepers at our Division Monthly meeting at Rayleigh Methodist Church 78, Eastwood Road, Rayleigh SS6 7JP. Doors open at 7.15		
Practical	A	DATE TBC	Dates and times to be advised. We would expect training to commence mid-April but all sessions will be subject to local weather constraints.		
Practical	B	DATE TBC	Protective clothing can be provided, if needed. However, students must bring their own marigold gloves and suitable ankle-covering footwear.		
Practical	C	DATE TBC	All practical sessions will be held during the day. Each session approx. 2 hours Please be aware you may need to travel to your trainer's apiary.		