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| **Title** | **Apiary visit – beginners and up to 2 years.** |
| **Date** | **7 July 2024** |
| **Start and finish times** | **11.00 to 12.30** |
| **Location** | **25 Catisfield Road**  **Fareham PO15 5LP** |
| **Meeting point** | **At house** |
| **Other sites to be visited** | **nil** |
| **Number of participants** | **6** |
| **Leader name** | **Alan Baxter** |
| **Course delivery** | **Face to face in the apiary with live bees. 3 colonies available for practical work in pairs.** |
| **Cost** | **Nil** |
| **Brief description** | **Basic inspections, aim of inspection, hive tool handling, use of smoke, keeping the colony under control, reading the colony, finding and marking the queen, swarm prevention. Apiary hygiene.** |
| **Learning objectives** | **To carry out a safe, efficient inspection with confidence. To recognise the signs of swarm preparation and actions to take. Find and mark a queen safely (practice with drones)practice good apiary hygiene procedures.** |
| **Plan for the day** | **Arrive at 11.00, suit up and light smokers. Watch demonstration. Carry out tasks themselves including finding the queen and shaking down the bees to look for queen cells.**  **Finish 12.30 with refreshments.** |
| **Course level** | **Beginners and up to 2 years beekeeping.**  **Encourage participants to prepare for the Basic Assessment.** |
| **What to bring** | **Bee suit, gloves (not leather) hive tool, smoker.** |
| **Accessibility** | **Accessible for all disabiities** |
| **Other information** | **If wet, bring an umbrella.**  **Risk assessment at start** |
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