

Skep Making

This course will cover the techniques and tools required to start and build the two main skep types, using Huntsman wheat straw. This is a traditional long-stem variety still grown specifically for thatching. Students will be shown how to finish off the skep they have started, and will be provided with sufficient material to allow this to be done at home.



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Saturday 10th June 2012
£50.00

Beekeeping courses and events are managed and run on a commercial basis by John Hamer, a Surrey bee farmer, using his purpose built facility at Blackhorse Apiaries in St Johns near Woking. The centre comprises of a modern single story building containing a classroom with teaching aids, a honey and wax processing room with honey extraction and bottling equipment, a workshop for general maintenance and storage, and the usual facilities for tea/coffee and comfort. Outside the centre is supported by areas of car parking, hive demonstrations, examples of apiary layouts and beehive types, bee-houses, and a large apiary equipped with colonies of quiet bees. The classroom measures about 30sqm (320sqft) with a maximum seated capacity for 20 students. It has an OHP, Whiteboard, Projector Screen, Video Cassette, Microscopes, CCTV camera, Slide Projector and a Digital Colour Projector with connections for video, sound and PC.

All courses will be run subject to a minimum number of students attending. All materials and equipment, and tea and coffee, are provided.

Day courses include a ploughman's lunch.

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