

PETERFIELD TOWN COUNCIL

POLICY FOR KEEPING OF BEES ON ALLOTMENTS

Tenants must apply in writing for permission to keep bees on their allotment garden.

The following conditions must be met:

- Those plot holders wishing to keep bees must be a member of the British Beekeepers Association.
- Erection of a (5 foot minimum) screen around the beehive to ensure that the flight path of the bees is over the heads of gardeners. Screening could be made from gauze to let light through but not bees.
- Erect a sign on the gates to the allotments and also on the plot to advise other gardeners that there are bees present. A phone number must be on the sign for contact in case of bee emergency.
- The bee keeper must indemnify the Council against any claim for liability and provide proof of this insurance. British Beekeepers Association Members are all covered.
- To strive to ensure that the bee site is not a nuisance to anyone.
- Handling bees should be done at times when the bees are very active, thus leaving fewer in the hive.
- Always ensure there is someone else on site in case of emergency when handling bees.
- Do not handle bees when other people are gardening in the immediate vicinity.
- Do not allow the strength of colonies to increase to swarming strength in an unmanaged way
- Do not place hives in positions from which flight paths impinge on other allotment users or pathways.