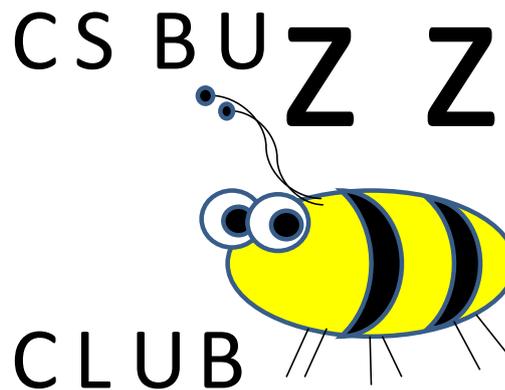


CS Buzz Club

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Briefing Note for Parents, Teachers & Youth Group Leaders

CS Buzz Club is the youth section of Central Sussex Beekeepers' Association. We are based at our club apiary which is located at Pease Pottage, just south of Crawley.



We are keen to encourage more youngsters to learn about beekeeping, and CS Buzz Club is intended to provide a fun, interesting and easy way to get involved.

How Does it Work?

We meet on Saturday mornings from 11am during the beekeeping season, which runs from late April to late September.

CS Buzz Club is open to children and teenagers aged from 8 upwards.

CS Buzz Club members must be accompanied by a responsible adult who must remain at the Club at all times and who is fully responsible for the children. (They will also be able to join in and will hopefully find it as fascinating as the children!)

We offer a Young Beekeepers Certificate Award, which is a structured learning programme covering both general knowledge about bees and practical beekeeping skills. CS Buzz Club members progress towards the Award through a series of stages. Typically, it takes between 4 and 6 sessions to complete.

CS Buzz Club is run by members of Central Sussex Beekeepers' Association, all of whom are volunteers. The association is a registered charity. We do not make a charge for CS Buzz Club, but we welcome any fundraising efforts or donations, all of which go to fund our charitable work in promoting beekeeping and caring for the bees.

Schools and Youth Groups

We are happy to consider special CS Buzz Club sessions for Schools and Youth Groups, at times to suit you, for example in a mid week afternoon slot. Such sessions might be suitable for a one-off visit or a series of visits to work towards the Certificate or as part of Science lessons. Please get in touch and we will see what we can do to work with you, subject to the availability of our volunteers.

Optimum numbers for a group are between 4 and 12 children.

First Aid and Bee Stings

We provide protective bee suits for children and adults, and we advise on careful beekeeping practices which minimise the risk of being stung. However stings cannot be entirely avoided. First aid is the responsibility of the children's parent, teacher or youth group leader.

Honey

We extract honey usually at the end of the season (August / September), and we will aim to organise at least one extraction session for CS Buzz Club. We sell the honey at a set price with all proceeds going to the Club to cover its costs and support its charitable work. We will do our best to ensure that CS Buzz Club members are able to buy one or more jars of honey they have produced, with special CS Buzz Club labels. Ultimately, honey production depends of course on the weather and the bees!

Beekeeping

If CS Buzz Club inspires you to have your own hive at home, school or elsewhere that will be great! We will be happy to help and advise (do not try without talking to us – there are a few important things to know in advance!). We also run a Beekeeping beginners course for adults every year.

Beekeeping is a seasonal activity – the natural time to learn and prepare is over the winter, ready to start in the spring. You can find lots of information online and there are many good books.

Legal and Insurance

Children are the responsibility of their adult carer at all times. As explained, our members who run CS Buzz Club are all volunteers. We encourage our members to obtain DBS certificates but we do not guarantee that all members have them, and we do not allow our members to take any responsibility for CS Buzz Club children.

We are a member of the British Beekeepers' Association and our apiary insurance includes public liability insurance.

Contact

To find out more, E-mail CSBuzzClub@gmail.com or call / text David Inglesfield on 07766 314 201.

We look forward to welcoming you and your child/ren to CS Buzz Club and the wonderful world of beekeeping.

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