



Could I Keep Bees?

Why keep bees?

- Help the environment and biodiversity
- Enjoy a fascinating hobby
- Produce your own honey and beeswax
- Meet new people – there is lot's of help available.

Where can I keep my bees?

- In your garden
- On a roof
- In unused farmland
- A nearby apiary - ask your local Beekeeping Association

What equipment do I need?

- Basic personal protection: a one-piece bee suit, gloves and wellington boots
- Smoker and hive tool
- Hive and frames with wax foundation
- A nucleus of bees – usually obtained in June or July

How much does it cost?

- Protective clothing ~£110
- Hive ~£200
- Your first nucleus of bees ~£100

Remember: a hive may produce 30lb of honey in an average year, which can be bottled and sold for £5 per lb

How much time does it take up?

- Looking after a hive takes about half an hour per week between April and October.
- Occasional external inspection of the hive is required in the winter
- That's it!

How do I get started?

- Come to our Visitor Centre in the Conwy Valley, read the information and see the exhibits
- Take one of our Apiary Tours
- Go on a one-day **Beekeeping Taster Day** to see if beekeeping suits you
- Contact your local beekeeping association (see www.beeswales.co.uk) or obtain further information from the Welsh Beekeepers Association at (www.wbka.com) or the British Beekeepers Association (www.bbka.org.uk)
- Before you obtain your bees, you should go on an **Introductory Beekeeping Course**. These are normally run over the winter, and details can be found as above

Where can a new beekeeper get help?

- Your local Beekeeping Association
- They will run courses
- They can put you in touch with an experienced local beekeeper who can mentor you

What about Health and Safety?

- You are unlikely to be stung if you wear the correct clothing. Make sure you protect your neck and head
- Most beekeepers get stung occasionally and become immune to stings
- A few people suffer a severe reaction to bee stings. This includes some beekeepers, who always carry an EpiPen in case they are stung.
- If you keep bees at home, carefully consider the siting of a hive in relation to neighbours – be considerate!

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Allwn i gadw gwenyn?

Pam cadw gwenyn?

- Cynorthwyo'r amgylchedd a bioamrywiaeth
- Mwynhau hobi difyr
- Cynhyrchu eich mêl a'ch cŵyr eich hunan
- Cwrdd â phobl newydd – mae llawer iawn o gymorth ar gael.

Ble alla'i gadw fy ngwenyn?

- Yn eich gardd
- Ar do
- Ar dir ffermio nas defnyddir
- Mewn gwenynfa gyfagos – holwch eich Cymdeithas Cadw Gwenyn leol

Pa offer fydd arna'i ei angen?

- Offer diogelwch personol sylfaenol: gwisg gwenynwr un darn, menig ac esgidiau glaw
- Mygwr ac offer cwch gwenyn
- Cwch gwenyn a fframiau â sylfaen cŵyr
- Cnewyllyn o wenyn – byddant ar gael fel arfer ym Mehefin neu Orffennaf

Faint mae'n costio?

- Dillad amddiffynnol ~£110
- Cwch gwenyn ~£200
- Eich cnewyllyn ytcyntaf o wenyn ~£100

Cofiwch: gallai cwch gwenyn gynhyrchu tua 30 pwys o fêl yn flynyddol, a gellir ei botelu a'i werthu am £5 y pwys

Faint o amser y bydd ei angen?

- Bydd angen hanner awr yr wythnos rhwng mis Ebrill a mis Hydref i ofalu am gwch gwenyn.
- Bydd angen archwiliad allanol achlysurol o'r cwch gwenyn yn ystod y gaeaf.
- Dyna'r cyfan!

Sut alla'i gychwyn?

- Dewch i'n Canolfan Ymwelwyr yn Nyffryn Conwy, darllenwch y wybodaeth ac edrychwch ar yr arddangosfeydd
- Dewch am dro o amgylch ein Gwenynfa
- Dewch i **Ddiwrnod Blasu Cadw Gwenyn** i weld a yw cadw gwenyn yn addas i chi
- Cysylltwch â'ch cymdeithas cadw gwenyn leol (ewch i www.beeswales.co.uk) neu holwch Gymdeithas Gwenynwyr Cymru (www.wbka.com) neu Gymdeithas Gwenynwyr Prydain (www.bbka.org.uk) am ragor o wybodaeth
- Cyn cael eich gwenyn, dylech fynychu cwrs **Cyflwyniad i Gadw Gwenyn**. Cynhelir y rhain yn ystod y gaeaf fel arfer, ac mae manylion ar gael o'r ffynonellau uchod

Ble all gwenynwr newydd gael cymorth?

- Eich Cymdeithas Cadw Gwenyn leol
- Trefnir cyrsiau ganddynt
- Gallant eich cynorthwyo i gysylltu â gwenynwr lleol profiadol a all eich mentora

Beth am iechyd a diogelwch?

- Byddwch yn annhebygol o gael eich pigo os byddwch yn gwisgo'r dillad priodol. Cofiwch warchod eich pen a'ch gwddf
- Caiff y rhan fwyaf o wenynwyr eu pigo'n achlysurol, a dônt yn imiwn i bigiadau ymhen amser
- Bydd rhai pobl yn adweithio'n ddifrifol i bigiadau gwenyn. Cadwch 'Epipen' gyda chi bob amser rhag ofn i chi gael eich pigo
- Os byddwch yn cadw gwenyn gartref, ystyriwch eich cymdogion wrth ddewis lle ar gyfer y cwch gwenyn – byddwch yn ystyriol!