

Buying and Selling bees

- At SCBKA we are passionate about locally adapted bees. Not only will they have a better chance of survival over a longer time but they are likely to stay gentle for longer and our specification for your nucleus ensures you have the best bees at a fair price from the start.
- Our Nuc co-ordinator David Roberts brings together buyers with SCBKA members wishing to sell nuclei and queens. Ring David on 01978 854484
Email: flogalog245@gmail.com

Criteria for Selling Bees

Our Nucleus Specification

1. Minimum of 5 frames of wired full-drawn comb in good condition. Norm is British Standard deep brood frame with either standard national self-spacing (Hoffman) DN4 side bars, or spacers to suit DN1 side bars.
Buyers must check with suppliers on this specification as there are frames for different hive types and with different spacing. Buyers must ensure that the nucleus they are buying is compatible with the hive type they have or plan to buy.
2. Brood of all stages should be present and found on at least 3 frames. 2 frames must contain stores and worker bees should be on at least 4 frames. Some of the sealed brood must have been produced by the present queen.
3. A laying queen, with evidence of newly laid eggs, should be marked cleanly on thorax, with the colour appropriate for the year she emerged:

White	2021	White	2026
Yellow	2022		
Red	2023		
Green	2024		
Blue	2025		
4. The Queen should have emerged in current or previous year. She should not have had her wing(s) clipped unless this was specified by the buyer.

5. Bees and brood must be healthy and show no visible signs of brood disease, pests or viruses. New beekeepers are advised to contact their local bee inspector to arrange an inspection after they have transferred the nucleus colony to its permanent hive. Contact details can be found through the internet by searching on [BeeBase](#).

6. The seller must be able to specify the provenance of the queen and which colony and apiary she emerged from, the date, the method of rearing e.g. split, grafting, cup kit. together with the postcode of the mating site

Queen Rearing

SCBKA operates a thriving queen rearing group which aims to provide virgin, mated queens and nuclei colonies with AMM (native honeybee) traits.

SCBKA Nucleus Coordinator Role

Our aim, as far as practically possible, is to ensure those beekeepers participating in this endeavour comply with the stated values of SCBKA. The co-ordinator is not responsible for pricing, delivery, or post-delivery service. These guidelines comply with the values of SCBKA and rely on the goodwill of buyers and sellers. Whilst every effort is made to ensure compliance with this guidance it is the responsibility of the purchaser to ensure that the bees they buy meet their requirements

Seller Please sign the declaration below and return to Dave Roberts:
flogalog245@gmail.com

Declaration:

I am the seller (Name).....

My Postcode is.....

Tel No.....

I agree to abide by the above criteria to ensure that all members and beginners in particular have the quality of bees to which we at South Clwyd Beekeepers Association aspire.

Signature:.....

Date:.....