

FROM THE NATIONAL BEE UNIT

Hive Count and BeeBase

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Many of you will have been aware of, and taken part in, last year's Hive Count which ran from November to the end of December 2016. To those of you who took part, we would like to say a big thank you.

The Asian Hornet

Part of the purpose of this project is to ensure that your records are as up to date as possible, something which is vitally important given the discovery of Asian hornets in the west of England last September.

One thing highlighted by the arrival of the Asian hornet was the need for accurate and up-to-date data for the number and location of beekeepers, apiaries and colonies in the UK. This information was and is vital to the National Bee Unit's planning and preparation for incursions of bee pests and helps us to respond effectively when an outbreak occurs.



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Our bees will soon be active so make sure you are registered on BeeBase so that you hear about any potential problems quickly



Charles Sharp Photography

The Asian hornet was spotted recently in the UK. Local beekeepers on the BeeBase register were alerted

Register your Apiary

During the outbreak last year, many beekeepers within the affected area came forward to register their apiaries and colonies, which was great.

However, it showed that we still have beekeepers in the UK who have not signed up to BeeBase. Having the correct information enables us to alert beekeepers with colonies that may be vulnerable to any exotic pest or disease. It helps us to identify sites where the pest might be found and helps us to plan our surveillance/detection activities and control strategies better.

It is therefore very important to be registered on BeeBase, so if you have not done so yet, please consider it now. Registration is a simple process and takes only a few minutes. Log on to www.nationalbeeunit.com and follow the link for registration. *

Don't put your bees at risk Register on BeeBase



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BeeBase is a **FREE** online service provided by the National Bee Unit to help protect you and your fellow beekeepers from colony threatening pests and diseases.

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