



## **Policy for the keeping of bees on Littlehampton Allotment sites**

1. Bees may only be kept on the following Town Council allotment sites:
  - Mill Lane
  - Trinidad
  - Worthing Road
2. Written permission in the form of a bee agreement is required from the Town Council.
3. The placement of bees on site without a bee agreement will be subject to immediate removal at cost to the Tenant and a bee agreement will not be agreed retrospectively.
4. The placing of beehives on an Allotment is subject to acceptance by the Tenant of direct responsibility for insurance and compliance with the Bee Keepers Agreement, including notifying the Department of Agriculture of their location. Beehives are subject to requests in writing.
5. Anyone wishing to keep bees on a Littlehampton Town Council allotment will have to provide evidence of:
  - Previous bee keeping experience
  - Membership of the British Beekeepers Association (BBKA)
  - £10 million pound 3<sup>rd</sup> Party Public Liability Insurance
  - Beebase registration
6. Adequate arrangements must be made with the Town Council to ensure any problems caused by the bees in the absence of the plot holder can be resolved i.e. an emergency contact number and the ability of the plot holder to be able to attend the site promptly.
7. Plots hosting beehives should be located at the edge of allotment sites and at least 20 metres away from residential boundaries.
8. A maximum of 5 hives may be kept on any single allotment plot.
9. 6 foot (2 metre) secure closed style fencing must be placed around the hives. The fencing must be regularly maintained.
10. Beehives must be checked weekly by the beekeeper during Spring and early Summer.
11. The contact details of the beekeeper should be displayed on the fences surrounding the hives.
12. A copy of the BBKA leaflet L002 “bee stings” should be laminated and fixed to the fences surrounding the hives.
13. Further requests for beekeeping will be considered carefully by the Town Council in order not to locate plots in close proximity of one another. A distance of at least 30 metres between bee plots should be maintained.
14. Bee handling should be undertaken when the bees are at their most active therefore limiting the amount in the hive when handling.
15. The Town Council reserves the right to remove beehives if they become a serious nuisance to other plot holders.