

Tarland Bee Group Lease Hive Guidelines 2019- 2020

- Hives can be leased from Tarland Bee Group (TBG) on an annual basis by members of TBG.
- Lease hives can be sited at the community apiary, or at the beekeeper's own home (beekeeper is responsible for transporting hive to own home, but advice can be given on how to do this)
- The cost of leasing a hive is **£45** per annum. This includes floor with entrance block and mouse-guard, brood box with frames and foundation, 3 supers with frames and foundation, crown board, roof and one rapid feeder. Plus, of course, a colony of bees.
- Beekeeper will be expected to purchase food, varroa treatment, and any additional frames and foundation as required.
- The lease hive can be shared with another named beekeeper.
- Half of any honey yield will be returned to TBG in appropriate jars for sale at Tarland Market. The beekeeper is responsible for the extraction and processing of the honey and for the cost of all jars, including those given to TBG.
- Any colony increase, whether from division or swarms, should be returned to TBG. If the beekeeper wishes to keep any increase, this should be discussed with TBG.
- At the end of the lease period, the beekeeper can opt to return the hive to Tarland Bee Group, or extend the lease for a further year. Hives may be available for sale after end of the lease by arrangement.
- As the hive and colony of bees remain the property of TBG for the duration of the lease, the beekeeper is expected to take good care of the colony and inspect when appropriate while in their possession, and is responsible for all feeding and disease treatment. This is the case whether the hive is sited at the community apiary or at the beekeeper's own home. Members of the TBG Steering Committee may request to inspect the hive at any point in the year to ensure good husbandry practices are being practiced. In the event of a colony dying, the beekeeper must replace the bees at their own expense.
- Anyone leasing a hive must read and agree to these TBG guidelines.

Tarland Bee Group: Hive Lease Agreement 2019 -2020

Leaseholder(s) details:

Name:

Address:

Phone(s):

Email:

Name:

Address:

Phone(s):

Email:

Site for hive – home or community apiary:

I agree to the terms of the lease as outlined in the Lease Hive Guidelines.

Signature:

Date:

Fees: Please send your completed form and a cheque (payable to Tarland Development Group) to Lizzy Shepherd, Coull Home Farm, Coull, Aboyne AB34 5JU.

Important Data Protection Information: Please refer to TBG Membership Application Form.