

Tarland Bee Group: Information Sheet 2019-20

Tarland Bee Group (TBG) is a project initiated and managed by Tarland Development Group (SCIO41508). The group has expanded rapidly over the last 5 years and we now have over 40 active beekeepers. Membership of TBG has many benefits:

- **Mentoring**

Group mentoring will be available to all members. This will take place at the community apiary twice a month, over the summer.

New beekeepers and those with less than 2 years' experience who have got their own bees will be teamed up with a more experienced beekeeper, who can give advice as required by phone or email in an emergency called on to provide advice and practical support at the home apiary if necessary (and subject to availability). Mentors will not look after participants bees for them. The supporting beekeeper will only be allocated to members who live within 10 miles of Tarland.

- **Queen Rearing**

Members with at least two years' experience can participate in the queen rearing project.

- **Oxalic acid sublimation treatment**

Members eligible for free oxalic acid sublimation treatment in winter for the control of varroa. This is provided by a group of trained beekeepers for members living within a 10 mile radius of Tarland up to a maximum of 6 hives. The necessary equipment can be borrowed by any member, to be used at their own risk, following an appropriate demonstration provided by TBG.

- **Bee notes**

Occasional information bulletins for guidance on seasonal care of bees, are distributed by e-mail.

- **Cheaper bees**

6 frame nucs can be purchased at a reduced rate (50%), when available. Queen bees can also be purchase at a reduced rate (50%), if available from the queen rearing project.

- **Talks and visits**

Members will receive notification of talks, both locally and further afield, workshops and visits.

Members may wish to join Aberdeen and District Beekeepers Association for additional talks, demonstrations and visits. See their website for details: <https://aberdeenbeekeepers.net/>

Members are also encouraged to join Tarland Development Group: Application forms available from: <http://www.tarland.org.uk/community/tarland-development-group/>

Tarland Bee Group: Application for Membership 2019-20

Name:

Address:

Email:

Tel.no:

Mobile:

No. of own hives:

No. of lease hives:

Years of beekeeping experience:

Type of membership: (delete as appropriate)

1. Beginner/less than 2 years' experience/ full mentoring
Fee – Individual £35 or Family/household £40
2. Peer support group
Fee - £15
3. Associate member
Fee - £10

Important Data Protection Information

Tarland Bee Group is a subgroup of Tarland Development Group (SCIO41508). We have asked you to provide some personal contact details to allow us to manage TBG related events efficiently. Your consent will allow us to keep you informed of our group activities and keep you in contact with fellow beekeepers. We will also email you with appropriate bee related information and our 'Monthly Bee Notes'.

Phone numbers – you do not need to give us your phone number, but it will help us contact you quickly to organize last-minute mentoring, swarm collection, notification of disease in the area etc.

Address – We have asked for your address and postcode to allow us to be able to visit your apiary for teaching, swarms etc. This information also helps us if bee inspectors are visiting the area and we elect to help them visit apiaries in the area. We will not pass your personal details to any third party.

Under 16s – no under 16s can give consent for themselves.

Yes please. I would like my contact details to be available to other TBG members to help with the smooth running of the group.

No thank you. I do not wish my contact details to be passed to other members of TBG.

Please note that if you have provided consent above, but at any time in the future you wish to opt out of receiving information from TBG and wish to be removed from TBG's mailing list, please email tarlandbees@hotmail.co.uk

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