

East Lancs BKA Weekly Hive Opening Report 23rd Jan 2018

It's a couple of weeks since I was last at Offshoots, and with the weather turning milder I noticed our own bees were out on "cleansing" flights so I went up to Offshoots earlier today to check the bees there.

Offshoots

As before, Pat Smith accompanied me into the apiary, so that she could gain further experience around the bees. Pat is booked to attend the Introduction to Beekeeping course starting in February.

Again none of the three hives (A1, A3 and A10) had consumed much of the kilogram packs of fondant. A few bees were flying in and out of each hive and A10 was by far the busiest. In each case I checked down between the frames to confirm there are live bees down in the brood chamber. In each case a few bees came up to see what the light was.

A10 is still the heaviest hive but both all three have dropped a bit but not enough to give concern. I will check them again in a week or so when I plan to start the oxalic acid treatment using a vaporiser.

Dyneley

I have not been up to Dyneley so far this year but have not had any adverse reports from the Landowner.

Hive Openings 2018

We have arranged to meet up with Juli and Barrie Scott early next month to do some further planning of the Hive Openings for 2018 based on the good start given to us by John Zamorski.

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Apiary Manager