

East Lancs BKA Weekly Hive Opening Report 1st July 2018



This Sunday's Apiary Session was a smaller outing with Stephanie Partington and Colin Lambert working through a few tasks with three beginners aided and abetted by Ken Isherwood, Pat Smith, Anne Marie Parker and myself. As it was a hot day, with due deference to the bees and us in our beesuits, we worked on just four of the hives.

Hive A1A

This colony was checked to see if it had brood and a queen as it's a split from A1. Eggs were found but the queen was not seen but is assumed to be present. A further check will be carried out later in the week.

Swarm C2

This swarm in a poly nuc was in need of a move to a full size hive, so we had all the parts ready and placed close to the nuc. Transferring the frames across, looking carefully for the queen, she was spotted by Stephanie and deftly marked with a red pen (signifying 2018).

This hive retains its C2 designation for the time being and increases the queen right colonies to four in advance of the three days of Basic Assessments later this month.



Hive A1

This hive just needed super frames adding to the empty super and a queen excluder placing underneath. This colony should have a yellow-marked queen and a further check will be carried out on it later this week to confirm she's still there..



Hive D1A

This colony, a split from D1 performed a month ago, was checked for brood and a queen but neither was found. The super, which is not being used by the colony was removed. This colony may be reunited with D1 later in the month (after the Basic Assessments).

Queen-right colonies

A1 (yellow) ,A3 (white), A10 (not marked) and C2 (red). The number of brood frames and amount of stores (honey and pollen) will be checked later this week.

That's all for now . . .

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