



SKIRLING HONEYBEE PROJECT

The village bees had a very successful year last year making a new queen, lots of honey and scooping first prize in the honey class at Biggar Horticultural Show. All down to the great weather.

Thank you to everyone who purchased honey, the result being the bees have enough money to maintain themselves for at least the next year. So, even if we end up with a bad summer and no honey, the money is there to keep them going. They need money for treatments against pests and diseases, winter feed, sometimes spring and summer feed if the weather is bad, additional equipment and hopefully honey jars! We may also need to purchase another bee suit if visits to bees get very busy.

If anyone wishes to sow some bee friendly flower or wildflower seed in their garden some money from the bee fund can be used for this so please get in touch.

Bees have been making the best of the good days and have been out and about bringing in lots of pollen and some nectar. You may spot them in your garden, particularly if you have blossom on fruit trees at the moment, willow or hellebores.

Hive visits will be restarting fairly soon, depending on weather and what the bees are doing - so if you wish to participate and I don't have your details already please get in touch so you can be notified of when the visits will be.

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