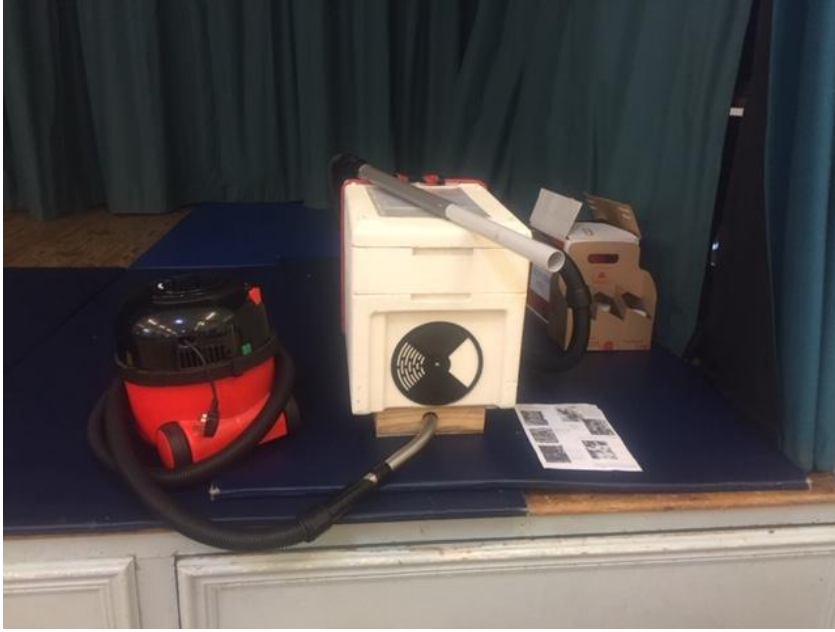


Making a simple Bee-Vac.



If you have collected hanging swarms and are thinking of doing extractions from buildings, a Bee-Vac is very useful addition in your armoury, for difficult bee colony extractions. It's particularly useful, where the queen is hiding usually underneath a clump of bees in the deepest recesses.

These are the basic items required:

A Standard Poly Nuc. + Eke and a standard vacuum cleaner.

The suction box is made from 1300mm x 15mm x 75mm deep timber with plywood base, pinned and glued to make an air tight seal. To complete the seal run some draught excluder strip along the top edge.

As shown below:



The suction box is positioned underneath the open mesh floor and a 2nd hose to collect the bees is connected into the side of an Eke above the frames of foundation.

A vacuum is thus created in the main body of the nucleus box which creates the suction at the top hose and this usually proves to be just sufficient not to damage the bees. But this of course can be further reduced by the normal slider aduster on the hose from the vacuum cleaner.

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