

Swarm Collectors

Below is a list of beekeepers who are happy to help catch swarms. Please choose the nearest beekeeper to you from the list below and if you cannot make contact, then go to the next nearest on the list below. Be patient, because during the swarming season all of us may be very busy collecting swarms (or on holiday!).

We usually make a charge to cover our petrol expenses and time. Normally £20 callout as this could involve returning in the evening to collect the flying. However, this is open to discussion with the collector once they have assessed the swarm and how difficult it may be to remove.

The bees you see flying around are the scout bees that have been negotiating a new home, which could be in a chimney, under roof tiles or outbuildings. If they take up residence in your home this would involve scaffolding and a great deal of time and cost to get them removed!!

All our swarm collectors are members of the BBKA and are therefore covered by insurance.

Sevenoaks Area

	Swarm Collector	Contact Number
Borough Green	Bob Blair	07 801 865 817
Ide Hill	Cliff Hayward	01 732 750 885
Kemsing	John Farrow	07 989 421 927
Seal Chart	Sarah Rapley *	07 970 484 232
Sevenoaks	Tim Johnston	07 757 722 555
Underriver	Andrew McFadyen *	07 740 640 686 or 01 732 835 358

Tonbridge & Tunbridge Wells Area

	Swarm Collector	Contact Number
Tunbridge Wells	Nick Barter	07 834 154 707
Tunbridge Wells	David London	07 825 276 060
Tunbridge Wells	Oliver Sinclair	07 764 740750
Tunbridge Wells	Vic Webb *	07 582 701 247 or 01582 529518

Bees in Buildings

Beekeepers who may be prepared to extract established colonies from buildings, depending on the difficulty are highlighted above with a * and once again we would charge £20 callout plus £15/h in the time spent removing them, but this is open to discussion with the collector.