

10/04/04

Dear All

I have just received my copy of the BBKA News and of course someone has managed to get my contact details completely wrong!! So here is my correct address and phone number for your records:

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### BEE INSPECTIONS

As regional inspector for the South East Area I, and my seasonal colleagues, would like to feel that you will contact us if you have any concerns about the health of your bees – if you are worried, it does not matter if the bees turn out to be healthy. We never mind visiting and would much rather tell you that you have no serious problem and give any help or information as appropriate.

As you can see from the figures below, the most Efb was located in West Sussex and the least in East Sussex, following the pattern of recent years. We found more Afb last season than has been usual lately with a total of 14 colonies in the Weybridge/Staines area and 3 in the Chichester area. Other apiaries in these locations have been thoroughly checked and so far, the outbreaks appear to be contained. We will continue to check this season to be sure of no further problems. When these figures are looked at against the total number of visits, 706 Apiaries & 3788 colonies inspected, the foulbrood rates for the South East are approx:

- Efb    Apiaries       10.2%
- Efb    Colonies       3.9%
- Afb    Apiaries       0.9%
- Afb    Colonies       0.5%

During last season we looked for Small Hive Beetle in our routine inspections and targeted some areas that are likely to be high risk for importation. So far we have found none but it is up to all beekeepers to keep an eye out for these pests.

We have also been checking for Pyrethroid Resistant Varroa Mites and again in the South East we have found none but please don't feel too relaxed about this. I would be very surprised if we are not suffering this problem within the next two years. Now is the time to make plans about the treatment methods you will use when Bayvarol and Apistan are no longer effective. There are alternative biological control methods (drone trapping, open mesh floors etc.) that will go together to make up an integrated control system. We are fortunate that Apiguard is now a registered product and can be used instead of Apistan/Bayvarol but beware, nothing is as effective as these strips and colonies will

need to be monitored regularly for Varroa in order to be able to keep the mites at low levels. Please check the advice in the CSL leaflet "Managing Varroa" or for the latest information and the locations of resistant Varroa check the NBU website on: <http://www.nationalbeeunit.com>

### BEE INSPECTORS

The team of inspectors remains the same as last year:

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- Alan Byham                     East Surrey, West Sussex  
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For problems in areas not mentioned, please contact me, on 01737 230846

We in the South East are also fortunate to still have the services of James Morton as an inspector (following his promotion to National Bee Inspector) and he will be carrying out inspections in the West London area.

I am hoping to travel widely in the South East region this season and look forward to meeting many of you in the course of the summer.

With Regards

Alan Byham  
Regional Bee Inspector, South East Region

# Final Totals for Foulbrood 2003

## East Sussex

OS 10 km Square	Area Name	AFB apiaries	AFB colonies	EFB apiaries	EFB colonies
TQ20	Shoreham & Hove	0	0	1	3
TQ31	Burgess Hill	0	0	1	2
TQ43	Forest Row	0	0	1	2
Totals		0	0	3	7

## Greater London

OS 10 km Square	Area Name	AFB apiaries	AFB colonies	EFB apiaries	EFB colonies
TQ16	Kingston & Esher	0	0	1	1
TQ26	Epsom & Sutton	0	0	2	6
TQ28	N.W. London	0	0	4	5
TQ36	Croydon	0	0	2	3
TQ37	S.E. London	0	0	2	5
TQ39	Enfield	0	0	2	9
Totals		0	0	13	29

## Kent

OS 10 km Square	Area Name	AFB apiaries	AFB colonies	EFB apiaries	EFB colonies
TQ44	Edenbridge	0	0	1	1
TQ55	Sevenoaks	0	0	2	4
TQ56	Swanley & Kingsdown	0	0	2	2
TQ64	E. Tonbridge	0	0	1	1
TQ65	W. Malling & Hadlow	0	0	1	1
TQ74	Staplehurst & Marden	0	0	2	5
TQ75	Maidstone	0	0	2	2
TQ77	N. Rochester & Hoo	0	0	2	4
TQ95	Wichling & Eastling	0	0	1	2
TQ96	E. Sittingbourne	0	0	1	2
TR26	Hoath & Stourmouth	0	0	1	1
Totals		0	0	16	25

## Surrey

OS 10 km Square	Area Name	AFB apiaries	AFB colonies	EFB apiaries	EFB colonies
SU83	W. Haslemere	0	0	1	2
SU84	Farnham	0	0	1	1
SU93	Haslemere	0	0	1	1
SU95	W. Guildford/ Woking	0	0	2	2
TQ06	Weybridge	2	9	0	0
TQ07	Staines	1	5	0	0
TQ14	Dorking	0	0	1	4
TQ16	Kingston & Esher	0	0	2	13
TQ25	Reigate & Banstead	0	0	3	4
TQ26	Epsom & Sutton	0	0	1	1
TQ34	Smallfield	0	0	2	6
TQ35	Caterham & Oxted	0	0	1	2
Totals		3	14	15	36

## West Sussex

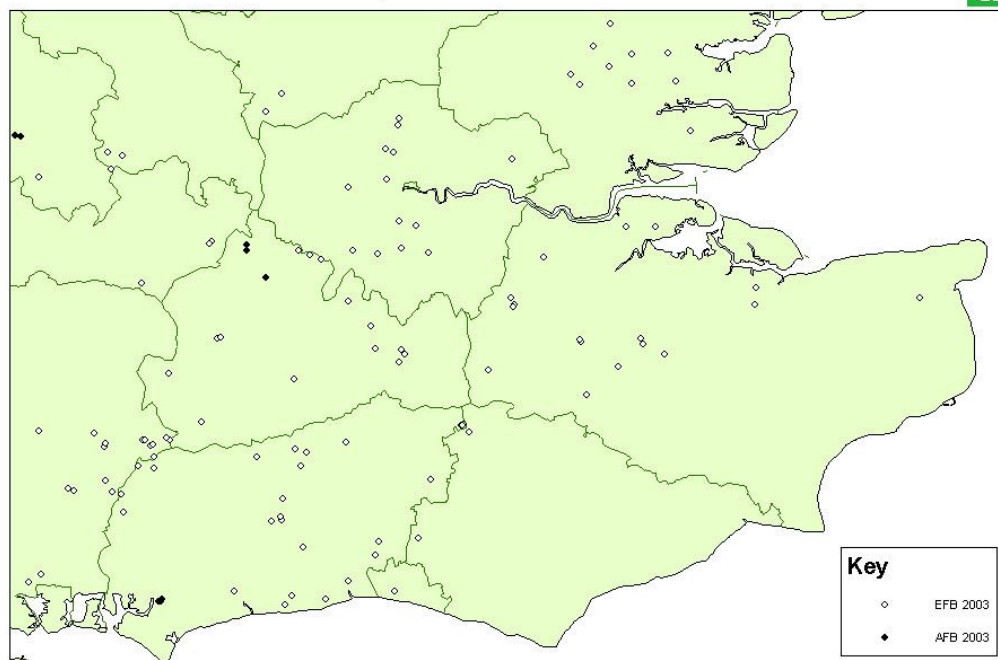
OS 10 km Square	Area Name	AFB apiaries	AFB colonies	EFB apiaries	EFB colonies
SU72	Petersfield	0	0	2	3
SU80	Chichester	3	3	0	0
SU82	Midhurst	0	0	2	2
SU90	N. Bognor Regis	0	0	1	5
TQ00	Littlehampton	0	0	1	3
TQ01	Pulborough	0	0	3	5
TQ02	Billingshurst	0	0	1	1
TQ03	Cranleigh	0	0	1	1
TQ10	Worthing	0	0	2	3
TQ11	Steyning	0	0	1	1
TQ12	S. Horsham	0	0	1	4
TQ13	Horsham	0	0	2	6
TQ20	Shoreham & Hove	0	0	1	1
TQ21	Henfield	0	0	2	8
TQ23	Crawley	0	0	1	2
TQ32	Haywards Heath	0	0	1	2
TQ43	Forest Row	0	0	3	4
<b>Totals</b>		<b>3</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>51</b>

<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>72</b>	<b>148</b>
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Note: The Area Name refers to the main town(s) or village(s) in the relevant 10 km Ordnance Survey square. However, this will not always correspond with the town or village where foulbrood has occurred. Please see an O.S. map or atlas for further details of the O.S. grid.

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### Confirmed Foulbrood Apiaries 2003



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