

Asian Hornet - Traps



European Hornet

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Now the Asian Hornet has entered Britain it is time to consider control. The Asian Hornet can be distinguished from its local (and benign) cousin by being much darker and having yellow legs.

Cleveland Beekeepers Association has decided to be proactive and to encourage all its members to put hornet traps in their apiaries in early spring. Every queen killed is one whole colony removed and in spring the hibernating queens will be searching out your apiaries.

The association has purchased enough bottle converters to give on to each member and a surplus that can be bought for 60p each.



To convert a bottle simply cut a 2 inch cross in the bottle and push the converter in

The bottle should be baited either with :-

protein - pet food/tinned tuna mashed into water

something sweet NOT HONEY - dark beer and fruit jam

You will probably trap queen wasps and some other small insects. Monitor the trap regularly and if you think you have caught an Asian Hornet please contact a member of your committee/ seasonal or regional bee officer.