

## **Sustainability - Bees and Queens for Everyone using simple low-cost methods**

There is growing concern amongst beekeepers about the ever-increasing importation of bees and queens into the UK. A 2018 Queen Replacement Survey conducted by Defra concluded that most beekeepers prefer home-reared queens but need help to produce them.

The Bee Improvement and Bee Breeders Association (BIBBA) are staging a series of one-day regional events during the winter of 2018/19 to help and encourage everyone from the small-scale beekeeper to BKAs and breeding groups to produce bees and queens from local stock, using simple techniques and at little or no cost.

Topics covered will include:-

- Why raise queens?
- Demystifying queen rearing.
- Simple queen rearing methods.
- Simple and efficient ways to produce nuclei.
- Methods for small and larger quantities.
- Producing bees and queens, yet still getting a good honey crop.
- Reducing winter losses.

This event will be useful for beekeepers of all abilities from beginners to the more experienced.

Hexham Beekeepers Association will be hosting one of these events in 2019. The all-day event (10.00am-4.00pm) is only £10 per person. Tea/coffee and biscuits will be provided, but delegates should bring their own packed lunch. Booking must be made in advance via the Bibba Website. Details are provided below:

Event date: **10<sup>th</sup> March 2019**

Location: **Newton & Bywell Community Hall, Newton NE43 7UL** (Newton is just off the A69 near Brocksbushes Farmshop)

Duration **10:00am to 4:00pm**

Cost **£10 per person**. Bookings via **<https://beekeeping.events>**

**N.B The booking site host events in other parts of the UK so please make sure you book on the North East event**