



## BEGINNERS CLASSES 2020

Kelso High School, Angraflat Road, Kelso, Scottish Borders,  
TD5 7NL

Course leaders John Wilkinson. Kate Atchley

1-4 pm

**Suitable for beginners or as a refresher.**

**Cost for 4 classes £100 – to include Border Beekeeper and Scottish Beekeepers Associations memberships for one year**

**February 9th Sunday Class 1**

**Film, The Honeybee**  
**Beekeeping equipment – basic requirements**  
**Hive, protective clothing, smoker hive tool, feeders**  
**Beehive parts; frames; making up frames;**  
**Bee space - importance of it in beekeeping**  
**Different types of hive – pros and cons**

**March 1st Sunday Class 2**

**Bee biology**  
**The honeybee colony ; queen, worker, drone**  
**Life cycle**  
**Division of labour; communication**  
**Beeswax comb the natural bees nest – construction of honeycomb**

**March 22nd Sunday Class 3**

**The beekeeping year – what needs to be done in each season**  
**Autumn; winter; spring; summer**  
**Apiary sites**  
**Equipment needed for each season**

**April 5th Sunday Class 4**

**Pests and diseases**

**Treatments****Bee plants****Hive products – honey; beeswax; pollen; propolis.****How to harvest and utilise them.**

As part of the course, we will also endeavour to provide some practical experience in the apiary at the end of the course. Mentors will also be assigned to new beekeepers and advice on acquiring equipment and bees will also be given.

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We will also have various books, DVDs and journals for people to use out of our collection.

For further information and to book a place, please contact :

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Booking is secured through the booking form on Eventbrite, and is non refundable, though if we are able to fill the place, we will endeavour to provide a refund.

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