

The Oxalic Acid Treatment of Bees.

We are opening the apiary on **Saturday 6th January** from 10.30 -12.00 to allow members to collect oxalic/sugar solution and be given a demonstration and advice on it's use.

The amount of oxalic/sugar solution used is about 40 mls per hive, and making up such a small amount is difficult and not cost effective, so Furness Beekeepers are offering oxalic/sugar solution for beekeepers that would like to treat their colonies.

Ring Jim Knight on 01229 581151 if you need to collect at a different time.

Also members living closer to Kendal than Ulverston can collect theirs from David Walmsley 01539 721501
Please ring to arrange a mutual time

The use of a sugar syrup/oxalic acid solution is a proven method of the control of varroa mites in honey bee colonies.

The oxalic acid treatment is particularly effective if completed during the winter when there is little or no brood in the hive and the majority of the varroa will be living on the bees. The treatment does not kill varroa in the brood.

We are sure that this treatment helps to prevent colony losses in spring.

We also have a stock of Ambrosia Fondant for winter feeding of the bees if required. Packets of 2.5 kg of fondant can be purchased at £3.00 per pack. This can be collected at the apiary on Saturday 6th January or please ring to arrange a convenient time