



## Alternative Approaches to Beekeeping

Sunday, 20<sup>th</sup> October 2024

10-30am to 4-30pm

Truckhaven Conference Centre, Carnforth, LA5 9RQ



According to the archaeological evidence, Mankind has been keeping honey bees for some 7000 years! Their methods were very primitive and involved killing some of the bees each year in order to harvest the honey.

This all changed after 1852 when the Reverend Lorenzo Langstroth from Philadelphia obtained a USA patent for a moveable frame bee hive, which was subsequently widely copied throughout the developed world. For the first time beekeepers could intervene in a hive and harvest the honey without harming the bees.

In the years that followed beekeepers developed a wide range of regular interventions into their bee hives as they sort to manipulate their bees. In parts of America this even went as far as mechanised beekeeping! However, many of these practices, known as conventional beekeeping, were designed for the benefit of the beekeeper and producing honey rather than the benefit of the bees.

Around the time of the Millenium, a growing number of beekeepers started to challenge conventional practices and devise new alternative practices designed solely to keeping honey bees in as natural a manner as practical, and in harmony with the environment.

Lune Valley Beekeepers was formed in 2016 to develop and promote alternative practices. We now invite beekeepers and anyone else who might be interested, to attend our conference - **Alternative Approaches to Beekeeping**.

The conference features three prominent speakers, with national and international beekeeping research experience. It will be the first time they have presented in the north west, and they shall cover a range of alternative approaches to beekeeping such as treatment free, insulated hives, natural comb, swarming, locally adapted bees and more.

**The course fee is £25 per person which includes tea/coffee/biscuits during breaks. PLEASE BRING YOUR OWN LUNCH.**

**Advanced booking is required.**

To book a place please visit [www.lunevalleybeekeepers.co.uk](http://www.lunevalleybeekeepers.co.uk) and click on course information.