

Swarm Co-Ordinator February 2016

2015 was completely different to previous years and it is all down to Colin whom produced a fantastic comprehensive swarm Collectors list where the public could check on line to find their local swarm collector. In addition I updated my own list of all the swarm collectors. Thank you so much Colin for making my year easier.

The actual season started a month earlier than last year so from May to end of July I only had approximately 40 calls. Still a high number but out of those calls only 27 were actual swarms than needed catching.

I had some interestingly calls from the police and The Royal Mail this year where people have rung them for help. Thankfully using Colin's helpful list we were able to rescue and settle the bees into new homes.

I still receive interesting calls from the public who expect Bee Keepers to be able to dismantle chimneys, pull down ceilings or remove a colony that has been insitu for two years plus in a roof void! All for free even when it is explained that Bee Keepers are volunteers and not builders.