

Mentoring Report 2017

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Well 2017 wasn't all bad for me I manage to keep more bees than I lost and when it came to my Bees end of year Varroa treatment I found there was hardly any which was a first for me. Normally I have to wear ear protectors to drown out the noise of them hitting the inspection board; yes ok I exaggerate a bit.

As for honey, all I can say is I had some. Forage seemed to be in short supply and we did have starvation warnings from the Bee unit but my Bees seemed to plod on.

I also managed to keep hive numbers down to six so I can honestly say I was a success by my own low standards.

As for mentoring I extend my usual thanks to all those who have helped it is still an issue to persuade people to commit to helping their fellow Roseland members but we have fared ok. Our biggest issue is extending help to the increasing numbers of members in the Newquay direction. I personally have 4 mentorees.

I am not in the habit of keeping statistics on how many mentors have been found or who is mentoring who as this is a very flexible thing and as far as I'm concerned if people get the help they need then that's all that matters. Life is increasingly full of meaningless statistics and I'm not about to let them invade my hobby. As far as I'm aware I have one person requiring a mentor for 2018.

After a few years of doing this I am looking to stand down from this role this year, if anybody would like to come forward and contribute in this role please make yourself known. I will do all I can to help you get started.