

The banner features a collage of images related to beekeeping: a close-up of a honeycomb, a wooden beehive, a person in a purple shirt, and a close-up of bees. In the top left corner, there is a circular logo for the Sussex Beekeepers Association (SUSSEX B.K.A.) with three beehives inside. The title 'Sussex Bee Market Auction Conditions' is written in white text on a dark blue background.

# Sussex Bee Market Auction Conditions

- ❖ Items for auction must be delivered to the college between 4:30pm and 6:30pm on the day prior to the event or between 8:30am and 10:30am on the day.
  - ❖ All items of equipment for sale by Auction must be of reasonable quality.
  - ❖ All hives of bees must be accompanied by a description – a form is available to download from the website.
  - ❖ Bees cannot be released on site and the vendor must provide a travel screen and a hive strap if appropriate.
  - ❖ All equipment will be inspected before being entered for sale. **The Committee will exclude from auction any items not reaching the desired standard.** [Drawn comb, rusty tin-wear and non-beekeeping items will **NOT** be accepted.]
  - ❖ A commission of 10% will be deducted from the selling price.
  - ❖ Payment will be by cheque which will be posted to your address within a week of the Auction.
  - ❖ The vendor may fix a reserve price when booking in the goods.
  - ❖ Once an item has been accepted for Auction and the booking completed, it cannot be withdrawn from sale.
  - ❖ A non-returnable entry fee of **50p per lot** will be charged for auction items.
  - ❖ Starting bids will not be less than £2-00.
  - ❖ If you wish to bid in the auction you must register with the Treasurer and obtain a bidding card.
  - ❖ Items become the property of the purchaser only after payment.
  - ❖ Goods will only be released on production of a receipt issued by the Treasurer.
  - ❖ All Auction lots **including bees** must be cleared from the venue by **5pm** on the day of the sale.
  - ❖ Unsold goods and money should be collected from the relevant stalls, unless a steward or the stallholder has been informed differently.
- **Important Notes:**
- **All electrical goods must have been PAT tested.**
  - **If you wish to sell live Bees in the Auction you should contact the Treasurer on 01424 838302 or by email to [treasurer@sussexbee.org.uk](mailto:treasurer@sussexbee.org.uk) to request a copy of the additional conditions related to the sale of Live Bees. Confirmation of the entry of the Bees must be with the Treasurer no later than 12noon on the day before the auction.**
  - **All Equipment must be sterilised before it may be accepted for Auction. It is strongly recommended that all second-hand equipment be sterilised before use, by blowlamp or washing soda, to eliminate the spread of Bee Disease**

**N.B. Vendors entering items will be deemed to have accepted the conditions of the Auction as above.**



### **Further Regulations for Entry of Bees for Sale.**

1. A separate certificate of description must accompany each container of bees.
2. Every container of bees and each frame to be sold must be inspected and marked as such by an inspector of the National Bee Unit not more than 14 days or less than 2 days before the date of sale.
3. The seller must complete the Certificate of Description in the presence of the bee inspector who will sign and date it. The original is to be attached to the lot, and a copy given to the inspector. The seller should retain a further copy for future reference.
4. The bees must be transported to the sale and kept in a bee tight container indelibly marked with the seller's postcode and telephone number. The container must be fitted with an effective wire mesh ventilated screen securely attached to the container and must be delivered between 8.30 and 10.30 on the morning of the sale. Each container must be accompanied by the original signed Certificate of Description which must be securely fastened to the container in a protective transparent bag or envelope. Any lot not complying with these requirements will not be offered for sale.
5. It is the responsibility of the seller to ensure that the bees are properly looked after until sold or removed if unsold, (i.e. have adequate space and ventilation, be shaded, sprayed with water etc)
6. No bees are to be released or opened up before, during or after the sale.
7. All lots of bees will be sold only by the description in the Certificate and the buyer will be entitled to rely on the Certificate as giving a fair indication of the contents of the container.
8. All lots must be removed by the seller (if unsold) or buyer (if sold) before 4.00 p.m. on the day of the sale. The seller is responsible for ensuring safety and security until a lot is sold; immediately thereafter the buyer becomes responsible.
9. In the interest of pest and disease traceability both the buyer and the seller hereby agree that their details can be provided to the National Bee Unit
10. If a buyer believes that the Certificate does not provide a fair description of the contents of a container purchased at the Bee Market this must be notified to the Bee Market Treasurer within 24 hours of the completion of the sale and the lot must be presented to the Treasurer (or an appointed deputy) with the original Certificate and receipt for purchase within 48 hours of the completion of the sale. No other claimed discrepancies will be considered. No claims will be considered if the contents or the container have been damaged or inadequately handled or protected after the sale.
11. 11 The Treasurer (or an appointed deputy) will have sole and final responsibility for deciding whether, having regard to any natural changes since inspection, a container of bees is fairly described in the Certificate. The Treasurer may decide in the light of this decision to annul the sale and to withhold payment to the seller or to set an adjustment in the price not exceeding 20%. If an adjustment in the price is not set by the Treasurer the sale will be annulled and the seller will be responsible for collecting the disputed item from the buyer and it will become at the sellers risk. If the Treasurer decides to set an adjustment to the price the seller and buyer hereby agree to be bound by this decision.