

Sussex Festival of Beekeeping 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 or on request to treasurer@sussexbee.org.uk - bees will not 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 Once an item has been accepted for Auction and the booking completed, it cannot be withdrawn from sale.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 College 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:

1. All electrical goods must have been PAT tested.
2. 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 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.
3. 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

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