

## BCOG Bee Report August 2017

The apiary has a new hive. I added a Warre hive at the end of June. A Warre hive is a vertical top bar hive that is simple to build and easy to use. ... The Warre hive is friendly to the bees since they are allowed to draw out their own comb.

I bought a Native Black Queen and added a couple of thousand bees from the hive nearest the gate. Unfortunately there was a gap between the frames and quite a few bees had returned to the original hive when I inspected the next morning.

I have been feeding this hive to encourage comb building and on my last inspection I saw 5 or 6 bars of comb. With some nursing the hive will hopefully survive the winter. There has been slow but steady coming and going at the hive entrance.

The other two hives are both doing well. The original hive swarmed in the middle of May while I was away but the hive was strong enough to supply bees for another hive in Bridport which I started in the middle of June. I also took bees from the hive nearest the gate to start another colony in a Warre hive at Litton Cheney.

