

## BCOG Bee Report October 2016

In this late September and October sunshine the bees of both hives are incredibly busy. The new colony of bees nearest the gate have done very well. They are out flying and bringing back plenty of nectar and converting it to honey. I will, however, feed this hive through the winter to ensure they have plenty of food to see them through to next year. The other hive is full of bees and honey and I hope to take a bar comb to share on Apple Day. It has been a strange year for the bees. I have not seen or heard of many swarms and to the best of my knowledge this hive did not swarm this year. I think the wet and windy weather at the beginning of the season may account for this. Consequently the bait hive has seen no action this year. Hopefully it will have some success next year. I am happy that both hives are going into Winter in good order.

The national bee unit informs me that the Asian hornet has now been seen in Somerset. It is an alarming prospect. Please follow this link to see a poster identifying this pest with instruction on what to do if you sight one. <http://www.nationalbeeunit.com/downloadDocument.cfm?id=1224>

