



Appoint a BPCA professional

The British Pest Control Association (BPCA) is the premier trade association for professional pest control companies in the UK.

By choosing a BPCA assessed member you can be assured that the services you receive are from a trained and trusted company that meets our strict membership criteria.

The right to display the BPCA logo is earned by our members, so ensure your contractor has it.

[bpca.org.uk/find](https://www.bpca.org.uk/find)

A BPCA member will:

- Adhere to our industry Code of Practice
- Include detailed advice on pest prevention measures
- Provide comprehensive reporting systems covering all treatment aspects
- Meet legal and 'due diligence' requirements, comply with legislation and avoid possible prosecution
- Be safe, ensuring staff, customers and members of the public are protected through RISK and COSHH assessments
- Be carried out by a suitably trained and qualified expert committed to Continuing Professional Development (CPD)





We're leaving you bee.

Why we didn't treat your bees...



Our responsibility

The Health and Safety Executive's Wildlife Incident Investigation Scheme refers to bees as "beneficial invertebrates" and should be protected where possible.

As a part of a responsible pest management industry we've pledged to educate customers on the benefits of bees as pollinators, their behaviour and their lifecycle - **before** taking any lethal action.

After talking with you, we agreed that the risk of being stung was low. Please contact us if you feel the threat has changed.

The bee species around your property are very important and beneficial. They do not ordinarily exhibit aggressive behaviour towards humans, therefore leaving them to fulfil their seasonal cycle benefits the ecosystem around your home or premises.

POLLINATORS, INCLUDING BEES, ARE IN WORLDWIDE DECLINE

THERE ARE OVER 250 SPECIES OF BEE IN THE UK - 25 BUMBLE BEES AND ONLY ONE HONEY BEE SPECIES!

Bees are great!

Forget about honey for a minute - bees pollinate about a third of everything we eat.

"Without the humble bee, we'd all be in trouble!"

IF BEES WERE PAID THE MINIMUM WAGE, EACH JAR OF HONEY WOULD COST £142,000!

MALE BEES (DRONES) DO NOT HAVE A STINGER

What to do while bees are active

- Keep your distance
- On warm days bees will be more active - this is completely normal, so don't panic.
- Enjoy them - bees are fascinating, watch them work from a safe distance
- If you have any children, it is always a great idea to educate them on the benefit of bees.

Can I prevent bees from nesting?

- There's not much that can be done to completely prevent bees from setting up home in or around your property
- Keep an eye out for bee activity, like nest building, in the middle of spring - early detection of bees can make relocation much easier
- Alternatively, just leave them alone! They will naturally go towards the end of summer - try to enjoy your bees!

If you have further concerns

- Since it is vital to protect bees, sometimes bee nests can be relocated, depending on the situation - but the associated cost can be high, speak to your pest controller for advice
- Lethal treatment with pesticides can be applied in extreme situations where safety is threatened -access, remedial work and cost need to be considered, and pesticide residue must be cleared away so that honey bees do not become contaminated

More info

bpca.org.uk/bees

friendsoftheearth.uk/bee-count

bbka.org.uk/winter-honey-bee-losses-in-england

This document was created by Beewise - a special interest group created by the British Pest Control Association (which really loves bees).

