

STARTER KIT

# HIVE

A COMMUNITY BEEHIVE ON YOUR STREET



# ABOUT THE PROJECT

On any street there are trees, flowers and shrubs that would benefit greatly from having a beehive nearby.

The Hive project allows you and your neighbours to become a street of beekeepers, learning and sharing the enjoyment of looking after these very important insects.

You'll learn how to keep bees at The Warehouse Apiary over the summer period, how to create a colony and care for them over the winter ready to move them to your street the next summer.



# WHAT'S IN THE KIT



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BEEHIVE



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PROTECTIVE  
SUITS & GLOVES



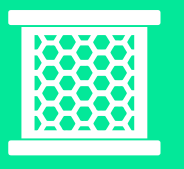
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SMOKERS



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SHEETS

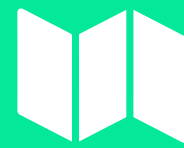


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PACK OF  
FRAMES



BEEES



PROMOTIONAL  
MATERIALS



SUPPORT



WORKSHOP  
& TRAINING



INSURANCE

# WORKSHOPS & NETWORKS

To help with the planning and organising of your Tomorrow Today Street, a number of workshops have been designed and scheduled across a 5 week period. These workshops will be scheduled at different times and repeated each week so everybody has a chance to join in!

Workshops will be informative and informal, guiding you and your neighbours through the nitty gritty details of the projects work and how you can start them on your street.

Follow the link to keep updates: [https://www.facebook.com/pg/weareeveryone.org/events/?ref=page\\_internal](https://www.facebook.com/pg/weareeveryone.org/events/?ref=page_internal)

## HOW TO ORGANISE TOMORROW TODAY STREET

How to plan and organise a Tomorrow Today Street with your neighbours. Learn how to get others involved in your neighbourhood and start a team. We'll go through ways to asset map ideas to get you and your project started.

Some of the projects require online Health and Safety training which we will explain how to carry out and complete.



## HOW WE WORK

Learn about our principles and how they can help you to make your project inclusive and welcoming to all of your neighbours as the project grows.



## DIGITAL BRIEFINGS

Introduction to the digital tools you can use to support the Tomorrow Today Street projects. We'll go through the uses of different social media platforms and softwares, and follow easy steps.



## INTRODUCTION TO THE HIVE

In this workshop you'll get to see what's inside your Starter Kit, how to use it and why it's so important to save the bees.



## ALL ABOUT HONEY BEES

Find out about honey bees, the species you're most likely to find in the UK and ask questions.



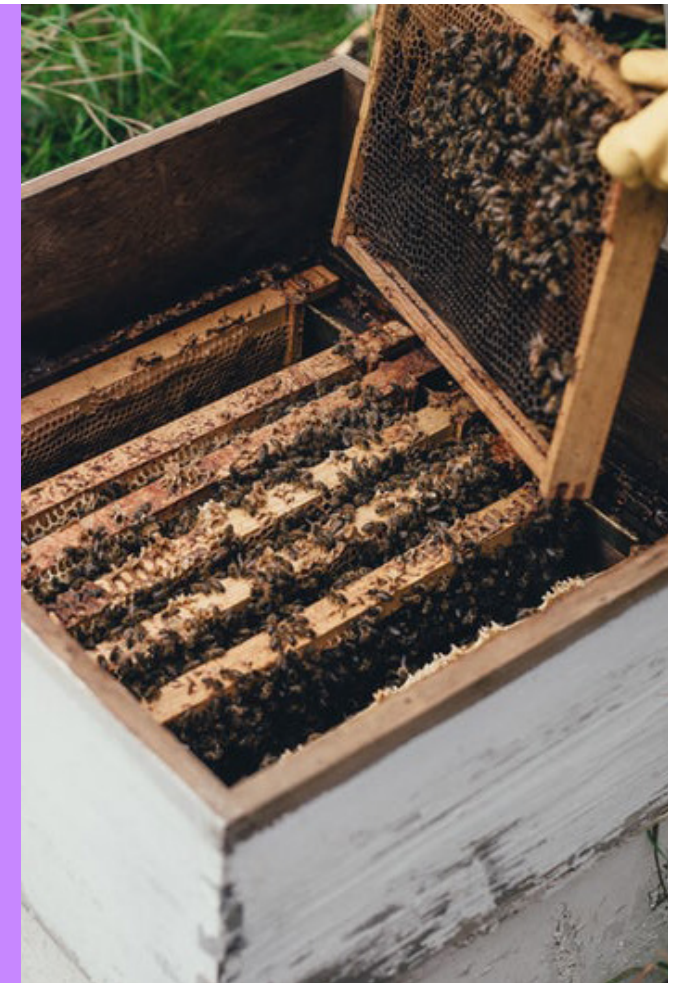
## BEEKEEPERS CALENDAR: WORKING TOGETHER

Beekeeping is a great activity to do with friends, family and neighbours. In this workshop we'll plan how we can work together using the Beekeepers Calendar.



## SETTING UP YOUR HIVE (BUILDING FRAMES)

In this workshop you'll learn how to build frames for your hive and take a closer look at the tools needed to keep bees safely.



## HEALTHY HIVE

Learn how to keep a healthy hive, spot infections and treat them properly.

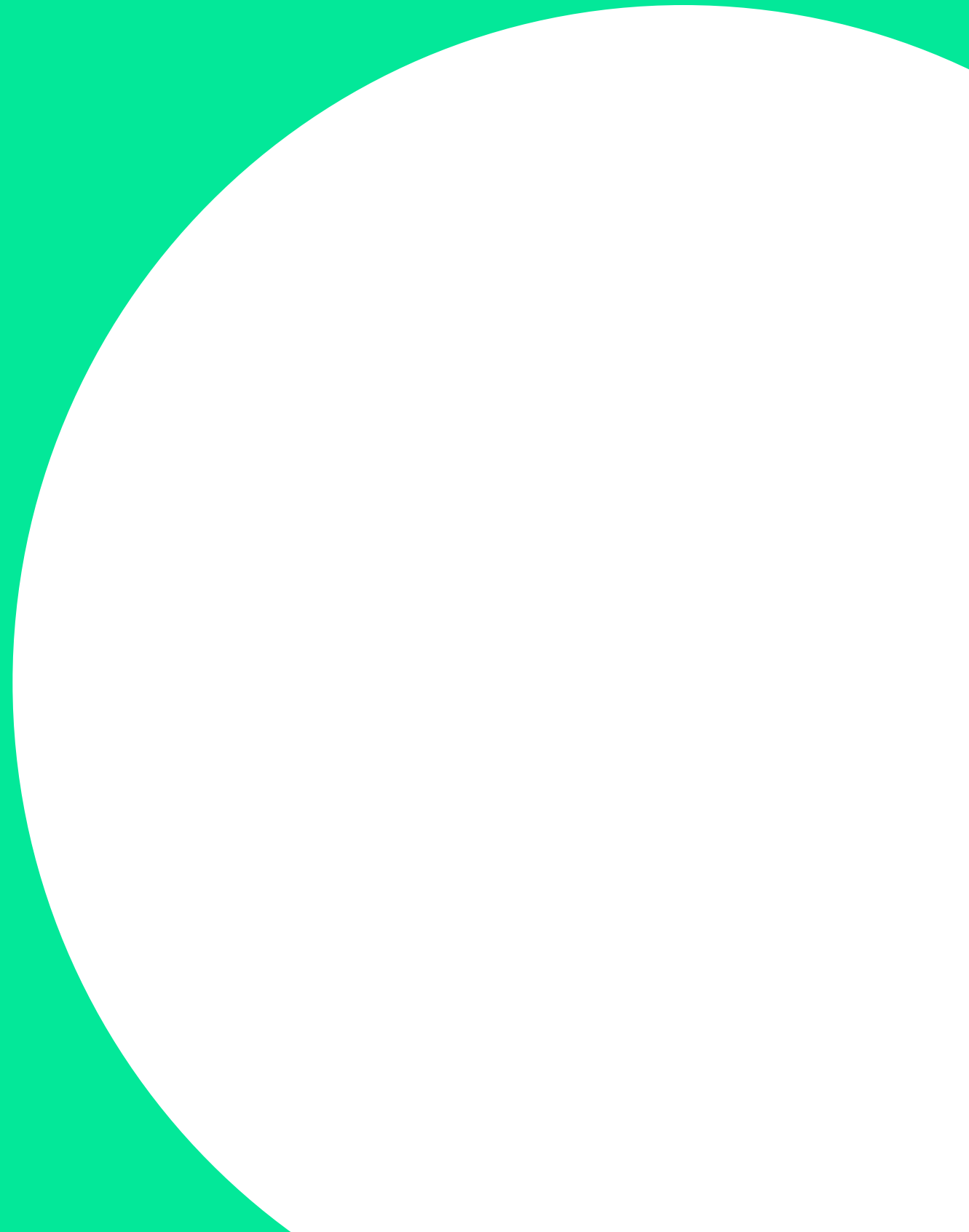


## EXTRACTING HONEY

We encourage people not to take all the honey from the bees! In this workshop you'll learn about extraction and how to respect the hard work the bees put in all summer whilst still enjoying some honey for your street.



# THE BIGGER PICTURE



# ABOUT EVERY ONE EVERY DAY

For the past two years Every One Every Day has been working with people across the borough, joining together to share skills, start projects and make friends. Residents have been pouring their creativity and energy into these projects, ranging from cooking, making, sewing, playing, growing, sharing, composting, film and writing.

## WHAT IS EVERY ONE EVERY DAY ABOUT?

There are five high street shops around the borough and one large public makerspace called The Warehouse in Thames.

People pop in to have a cup of tea and share their project or collaborative business idea and then work with the design team.

Over the last two years the project has grown a large enthusiastic network of over 6000 local people, who are doing practical things together to make everyday life better for everyone.

So far more than 150 neighbourhood projects have started with lots of local people participating, with as much or as little support as needed, including cooking, beekeeping, growing, making, repairing and much more.

Many small things done by many people really add up, and really do make friendly, healthy and happy neighbourhoods.

Lots of wonderful things are being achieved by local people, families, friends and neighbours!

## HOW DOES EVERY ONE EVERY DAY WORK?

Practical hands on ideas – not lots of meetings Every One Every Day builds on the ‘hands on’ projects that people have been creating over the last few years in their own neighbourhoods. These types of projects welcome people from all walks of life.

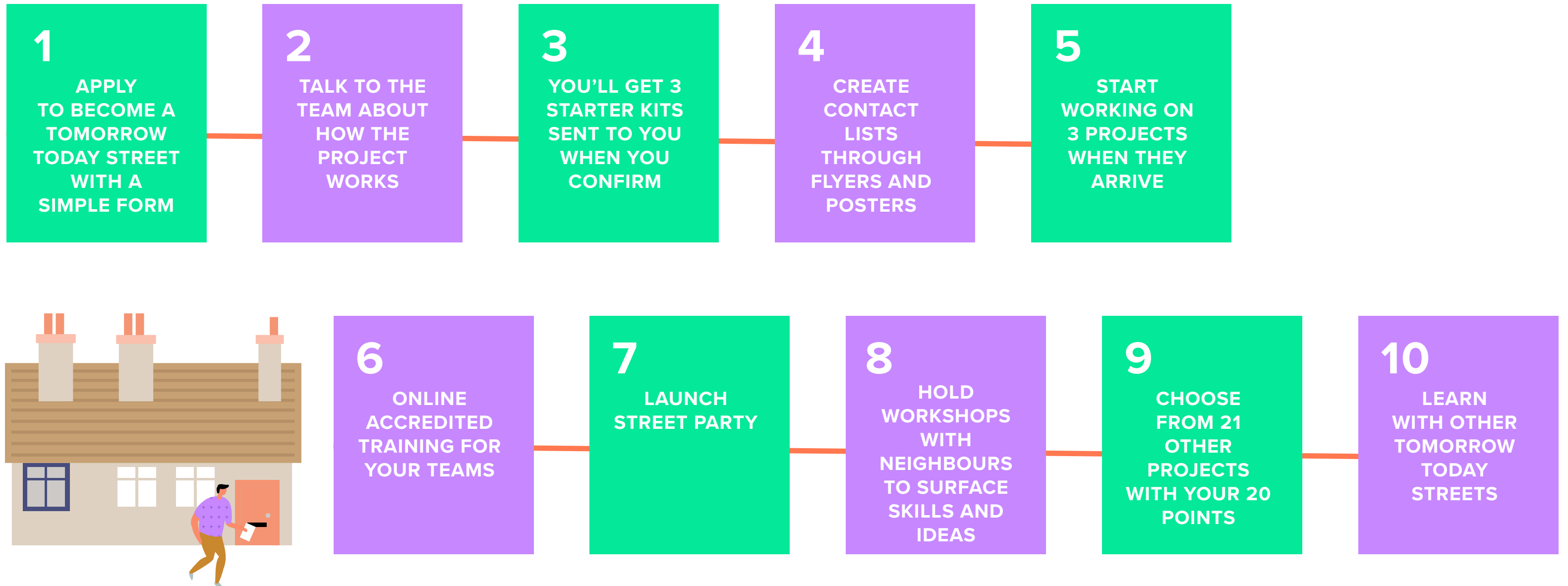
These projects include:

- Sharing skills, spaces and resources.
- Families working and playing together.
- Batch cooking and community meals.
- Food growing and tree planting.
- Trading, making and repairing.





# HOW IT WORKS



# INCLUSIVE PRINCIPLES

HOW THE TOMORROW TODAY STREETS WILL WORK WITH NEIGHBOURS AND THE EVERY ONE EVERY DAY TEAM

**1**

**OPEN TO EVERYONE  
- NOT EXCLUSIVE GROUPS OR CLUBS**

Anyone can start a Tomorrow Today Street, as long as you live in the borough you're ready to go! If you need help connecting with your neighbours to get started the Neighbourhood Shop Teams are ready to help.

**2**

**EVERYONE IS VALUED, ON AN EQUAL FOOTING**

The whole street matters! Starting a Tomorrow Today Street means creating space for everyone to have a say in picking projects, planning and taking part.

**3**

**PROJECTS THAT BENEFIT THE WHOLE STREET  
- NOT JUST INDIVIDUAL HOUSEHOLDS**

The projects are designed to work together and benefit everyone in your street. The Starter Kits are full of great bits for everyone on your street to use, it's important to make sure that material and equipment are accessible and are easy to borrow and keep safe.

**4**

**PRACTICAL SPEEDY WAYS OF WORKING IN PROJECT TEAMS - NOT COMMITTEES**

It's important that when planning the projects to start on your street, you and your neighbours share responsibility and make decisions together so you can get started quickly. Different people will form small teams around each project, and those who are actively involved will have the most influence over the decisions.

**5**

**CHILDREN ENCOURAGED TO BE INVOLVED IN PRACTICAL PROJECTS AS MINI-MAKERS  
- NOT JUST SPECTATORS**

There's always something for the kids! Across the 24 projects you'll find lots of activities that children and young people can host, take part in, learn from and enjoy! At Every One Every Day children are mini-makers, creating, learning and sharing their skills.

**6**

**SUPPORT FROM EVERY ONE EVERY DAY**

The Every One Every Day team will help you every step of the way. They will support your street with lots of tools, ideas and plans to kick off your Tomorrow Today Street the right way. We're learning and researching together to make everyday life better in your street.

# BIG TEAMING ON YOUR STREET

Every person on your street has something amazing they can contribute to making your Tomorrow Today Street wonderful! Big teaming is a different way of working, the aim is to get as many people in your street benefiting and contributing from these practical projects as soon you can.

Often with neighbourhood projects committees are established to control and direct activity. This is mostly done because small groups may be managing money and some kind of governance is required. Working through committees often leaves people working on them exhausted, it can slow things down, and make it hard to move things from talking to action and cause people to lose interest.

The Tomorrow Today Street project is set up so that people can get things done and done quickly, not wasting any precious enthusiasm.

The Starter Kits come complete with equipment, materials, insurance and support so there is no need for governance around money in the usual way.

The aim of big teaming is to allow smaller groups of people to collaborate together on individual projects that engage their skills and ideas and fit within their daily life. For example 4 people may come together to start a bread making project like Loaf — that bakes regularly and shares this bread with neighbours. Another set of neighbours may come together to plant and look after an orchard, share the harvest or arrange jam making. A group of parents may collaborate to start a walking bus.

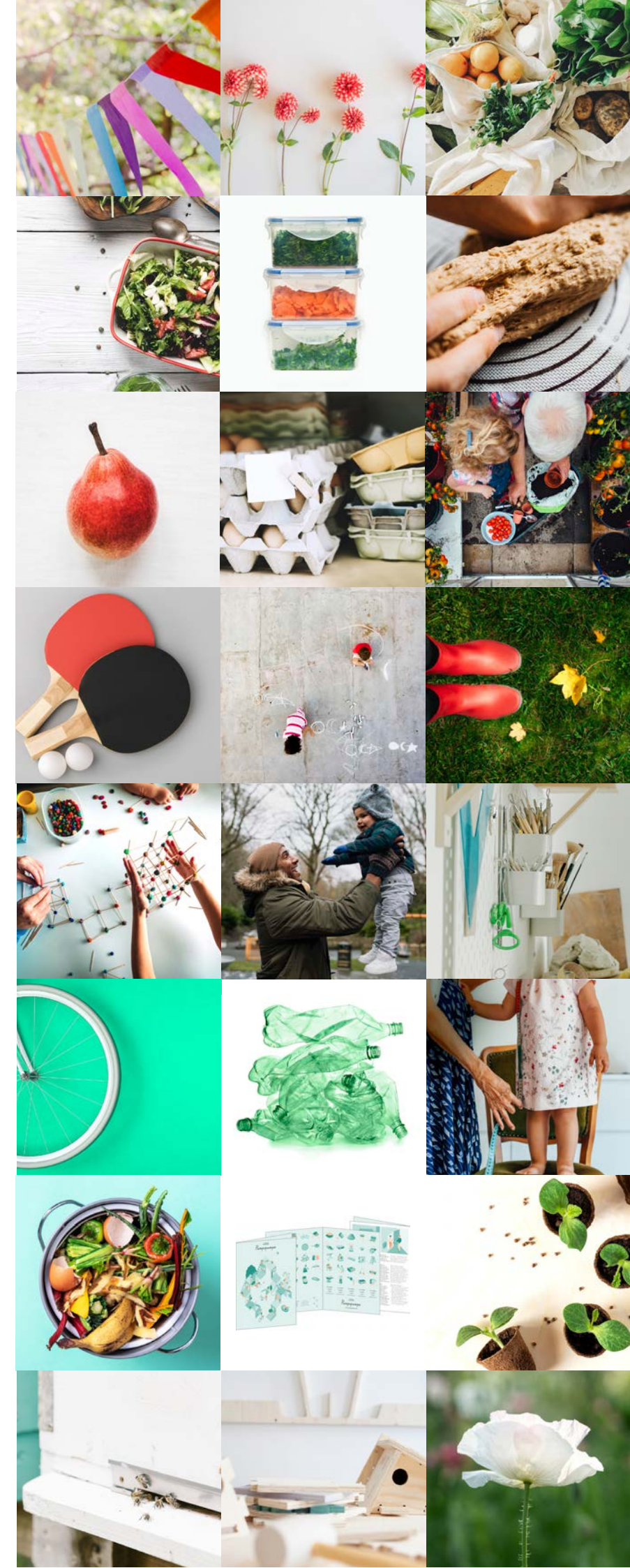
As the teams and projects grow - many people will participate and be involved, get to know their neighbours and share ideas, food, skills and friendships.

Every Tomorrow Today Street has automatic projects which will help neighbours get to know one another better. Decisions will

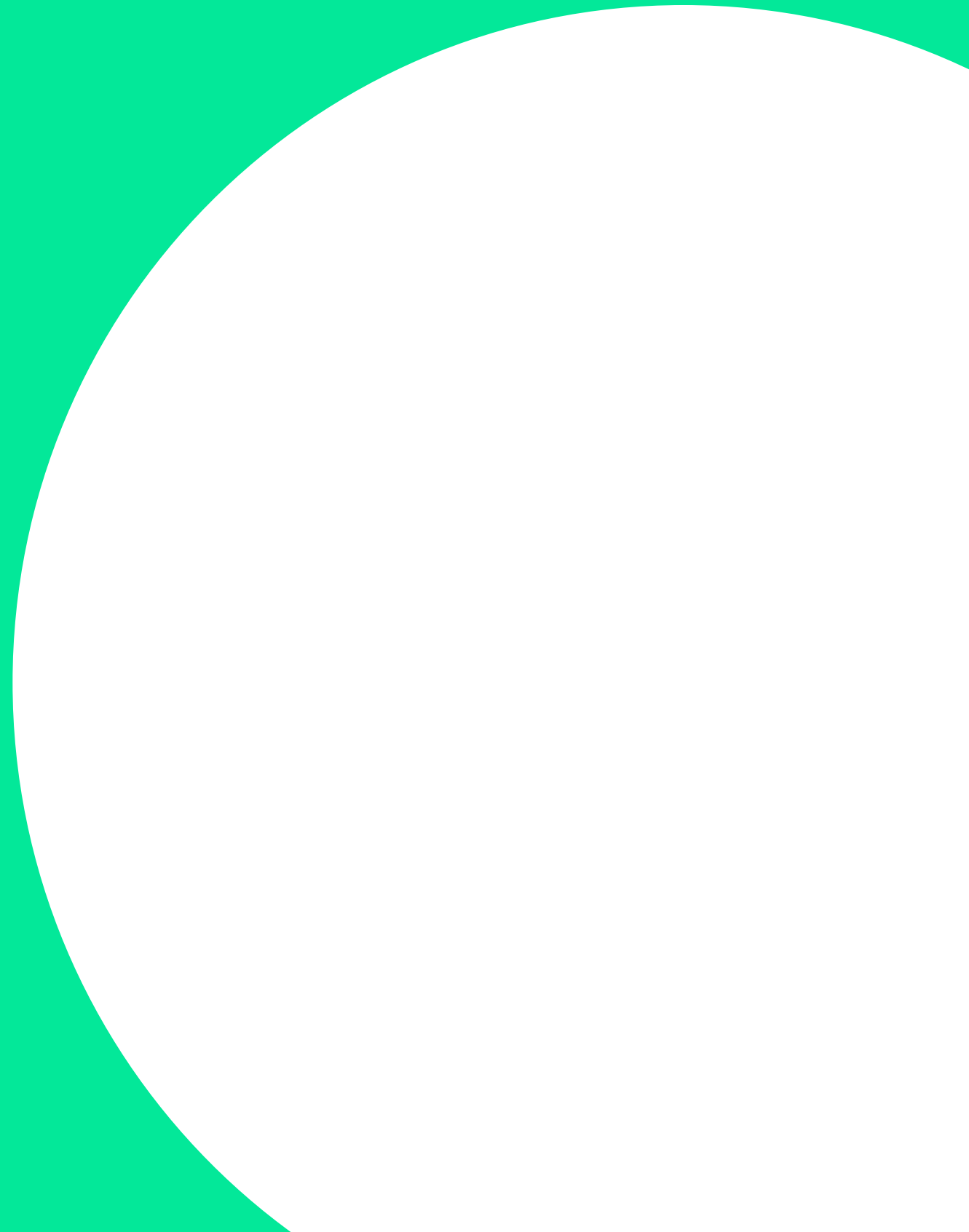
need to be made about which other projects will be chosen for your street.

The Every One Every Day team will arrange a workshop for your street where this can be discussed and projects chosen. Importantly, skills and enthusiasms will need to be gathered from people who attend the workshop and those who couldn't make it.

If three people come forward during this process and want to start one of the projects together, all efforts should be made to make this happen as quickly as possible.



# TOOLS TO ACT

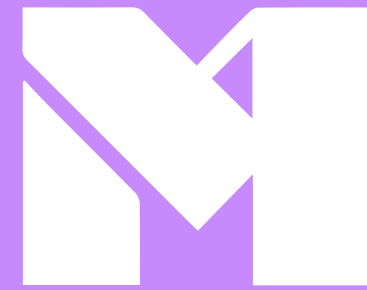


# DIGITAL TOOLS

There are many digital tools you can use to help you and your neighbours stay organised, plan together, share ideas and show your street to the world.

You will learn exactly how each digital tool could help you and which one is best for your street in the Digital Briefing Workshop (see workshop section).

The every one every day team will help you set up to organise your tomorrow today streets using some of these platforms.



## MIGHTY NETWORK

A social platform where you can organise as a street, document your progress and find all information regarding workshops.



## WHATSAPP

A great app for sending instant messages and pictures, Whatsapp is a great tool to chat and organise with your neighbours.



## INSTAGRAM

You can use Instagram as a photodiary, sharing lovely pictures of your street with family, friends and the world!



## MONDAY.COM

A great planning website which will help you create task lists with deadlines and assign roles to each person on your team. You can create a Monday's board with your Street Mentor so they can help you plan and stay on track.

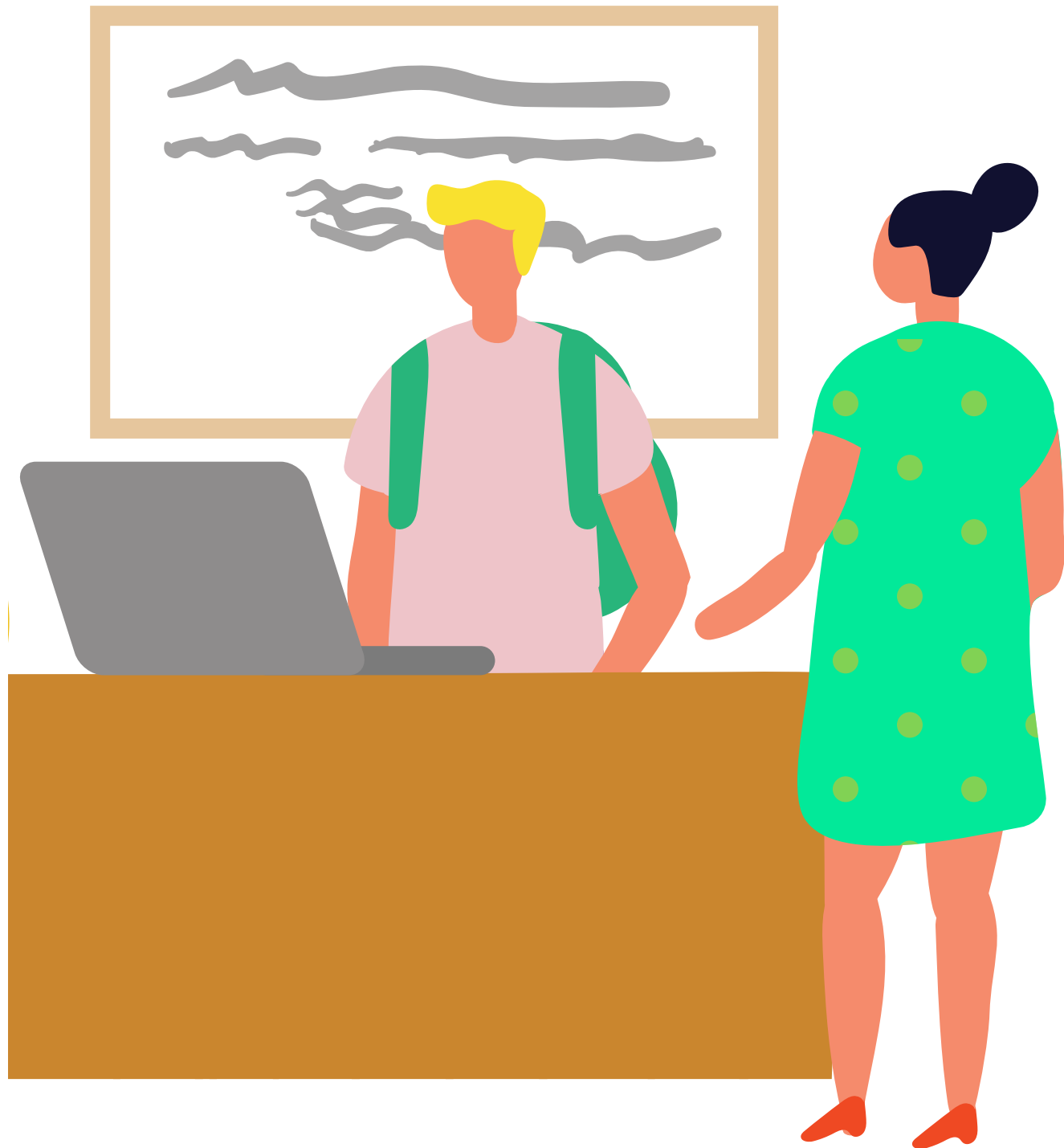


## MURAL

A giant online notepad you can use to draw plans, create moodboards and workflows.

# RESEARCH

SHARE THE STORY OF YOUR STREET



## BECOMING A MEMBER OF EVERY ONE EVERY DAY

As your Tomorrow Today Street grows and more of your neighbours become involved, it's important that they become members of Every One Every Day so they are covered by the insurance policy and can take part in the programmes evaluation. A simple online digital sign up form has been created for you to share at sessions.

## INTERESTING RESEARCH ROLES

Research isn't just about writing notes and recording numbers. You and your neighbours can take on different roles to keep track of your project and showcase all the amazing work you'll be doing together. The Photographer, The Counter, The Maker and The Writer are all roles for people to find creative ways to tell your streets story.

It would be great to know how this project goes. Every Beekeeper must keep a diary, noting important things from your weekly inspection so that you can keep track as a street. This diary can include pictures and videos from your hive as they will be a great learning resource each year to see how your beekeeping develops over time!

Things to make a note of:

- When the queen was marked.
- Pictures of capped cells.
- How many frames full of honey / wax.
- Pictures of the hive in different seasons.
- Date of each inspection.

## EVERY ONE EVERY DAY PRIVACY POLICY

Download and share the privacy policy with neighbours taking part in sessions so they know exactly how their information will be used.

# HEALTH & SAFETY

To ensure the safety of everyone, we ask that residents running the Hive Project have certain training prior to the event. This is to align to our insurance policy - just incase!



**FIRST AID**

**LIFTING &  
HANDLING**

**HOW TO SAFE  
AROUND BEES**

**RISK  
ASSESSMENT**

**BUILDING  
SAFETY**

**HOW TO KEEP  
OTHER PEOPLE  
SAFE**

# GETTING NEIGHBOURS INVOLVED





# ROLES IN YOUR STREET

Tomorrow Today Street projects include a variety of roles that allows different people on your street to get involved in ways that best match their individual interests, skills and abilities. Here are some examples of roles that you might need for your street.

## TEA MAKER

You will have the very important role of spreading positivity and putting smiles on faces by making and sharing warm beverages as everyone joins in with activities, sessions and games.

## MEETER & GREETER

Help your neighbours feel welcomed as they show interest and join in with your project.

## PHOTOGRAPHER

As the photographer, your role will be to capture memories and moments that shows your street as you take part in projects together. Ideas: how neighbours make decisions, how ideas grow and how much fun you have and what you learn during projects.



**GAMES MASTER  
(HEAD OF GAMES)**



**BEE  
BUDDY**



**STORYTELLER**



**CHICKEN  
WHISPERER**



**FIRST  
AIDER**



**PING PONG  
PLAYER**



**SHOPPER**



**WASHER  
UPPER**



**COOK**



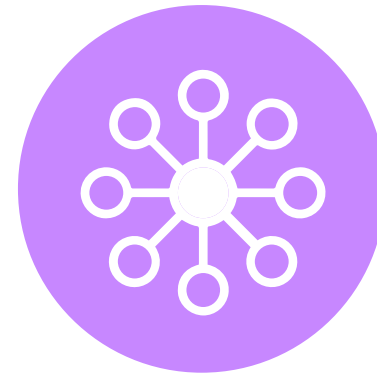
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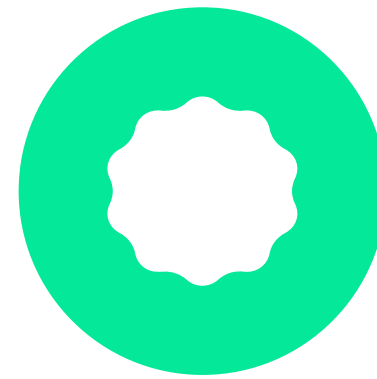
MEETER &  
GREETER



CLOTHES  
MENDER



FILM  
MAKER



BADGE  
MAKER



BAKER



KNITTER



WRITER



DIY  
EXPERT



RESEARCHER



DOG  
WALKER



LISTENER



MAKER

# HOW TO COMMUNICATE

There are as many ways to communicate as there are ways to help each other out! For your group conversations, you can use a WhatsApp or Facebook group that everyone can join to stay up to date.

People over the world have different ways to talk to their neighbours, from putting up a note on their windows to writing nice messages on post-it notes... let your imagination fly!

A phone call to check in, a chat over the fence or on the street are also all good ways to share some neighbourliness.

For the less tech savvy amongst the group, these add a personal touch that all the other formats may not, so don't underestimate how far a text can go!

There are loads of ways to get neighbours involved, and a simple conversation is usually a good way to get things going. If there are neighbours you know that have children around a similar age, a knock on the door and a quick chat never goes a miss .

You can also put one or several posters up on your street to describe what the project is about and how your neighbours can get involved.



## WHATSAPP

Whatsapp groups have become very popular because they allow people to send and receive messages, pictures, videos and voice notes.

Your Street Mentor can help you moderate your group if you need or give you advice on how to manage the group.

## LEAFLETS, POSTERS & NEWSPAPERS

Posting leaflets through doors, and putting posters in the area helps inform those who you may not reach through door knocking.

You can leaflet to get people involved in your Tomorrow Today Street or inform them of an upcoming event.

## FACEBOOK

You may want to create a private Facebook page, it's a popular way people can share videos, photos and plan! It's also a good way to create events and keep track of those coming along to sessions.

It's also a great way to save memory on your phones and computers by keeping it all online.

## NEXT DOOR APP

The app is localised, so people living on nearby streets can recommend message each other, reach out for support or invite people to events.

# GETTING OTHER PEOPLE INVOLVED

Don't forget that some of your neighbours might not be online so phone calls and chats over the fence or on the streets are also a good way to communicate and get people thinking about the future together.

It's really useful to have a way of staying in touch with everyone who's involved. Some people may want to be super involved, and others may want to help out for a little and take a pause, whatever the circumstance, you'll need to have an easy way to talk to each other.

## BUDDY UP

There may be some people that aren't online, or have access to the internet that you've spoken to about the project. To keep them in the loop, buddy that person up with someone who preferably lives nearby who can hand deliver the message, or give them a ring about important changes, meetings and fun goings-on.



## MEETINGS

It's very easy for meetings to become a bit tiresome! But by asking everyone at the beginning if they need any time from the meeting to think things through, give an update, come up with ideas together, try to gather this at the start and allocate time for each individual request. You'll soon see that you've created an entire meeting content together!

Planning and attending meetings can be a bit tiring. So it's best if meetings are kept to a minimum. However, if you would like to meet with your team, it's best if everyone has a chance to share. You could message people beforehand to find out what questions they have or do this together at the beginning of the meeting. You'll soon see that you've created an entire meeting content together!

# MAKE MAGIC COMBINATIONS WITH NEIGHBOURS BY MIXING UP PROJECTS TOGETHER!



## FEED THE BEES

### HIVE

CHECK ON YOUR HIVE



### REWILDING BEES & FLOWER

PLANT WILDFLOWERS  
NEARBY



### SEED & PLANT EXCHANGE

SWAP BEE FRIENDLY  
PLANTS AND SEEDS



## HONEY BREAD

### HIVE

HONEY FROM HIVE  
AS A SPREAD



### LOAF

MAKE BREAD FOR  
OPEN TABLE



### OPEN TABLE

DESCRIPTION ENJOY  
ALL AS PART OF YOUR  
MEAL!

# HOST A BEE DAY

The best way to get people excited about bees is to show them! Bee Day is an afternoon dedicated for neighbours to ask questions and take part in some simple and fun activities. The Bee Day can be hosted at the Warehouse Apiary or you can set up a simulation on your street! Using the contents of your starter kit (minus the bees) you can set up a mock apiary and give neighbours a tour.



## LOOK INSIDE A BEE HIVE

Depending on the location this will be a closer look at an active or empty hive. Learn about the different parts and how to build and maintain them!

## SUITED AND BOOTED

You may know what one looks like but this is your chance to get inside a bee suit!

## ALL ABOUT HONEYBEES

Ask an experienced beekeeper questions, if there isn't one in your street or available on the day you can research the answers online and in the Beekeepers Manual.

## LOCAL HONEY

Simple and delicious! Sample honey from a local beekeeper, even play spot the difference with store bought honey! Contact your Street Mentor to find a local supplier.

# PROMOTIONAL MATERIALS

These bright and colourful leaflets and posters will help you get your neighbours excited and let them know their road is about to become a Tomorrow Today Street!

## INDOOR & OUTDOOR POSTERS

Waterproof and regular posters to catch your neighbours eye as they walk by. Pick a lamp post that gets a lot of traffic!

## LEAFLETS

Pop these leaflets through your neighbours door.

## NEWSPAPERS

Once you and two of your neighbours have started, you will be sent 30-50 newspapers to get even more people involved. The newspapers contain a breakdown of all 24 projects and all the introduction information.

## CONTACT CARDS

A small card for you to write your name, email or phone number so your neighbours can get in touch to find out more.

# OTHER MATERIALS

Posters, leaflets and social media are the best way to promote your event, you can place them on your street, at nearby cafes, communities spaces (such as libraries) and your front window.

It gives you the material to show people on your street the amazing things they can do and get involved in.

Our Every One Every Day shops will be more than happy to promote your event with posters and leaflets.

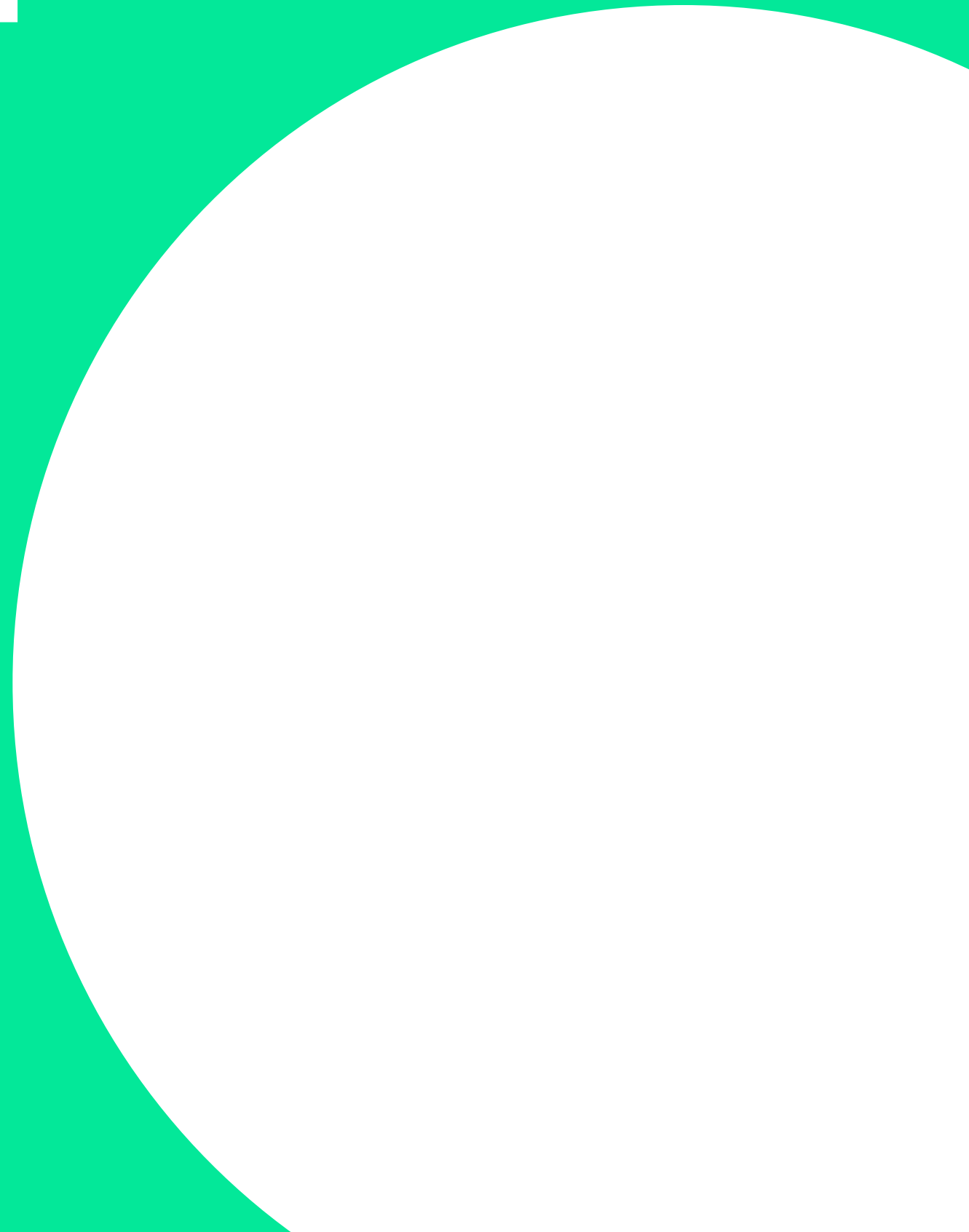
## THIS KITS INCLUDES:

- 1 x Bee Day Poster - to get your neighbours excited about starting the project.
- 1 x Bee Day Leaflet - to hand out and pop through letterboxes.
- 1 x Hive Here Poster - to let people know there is community hive nearby and some basic safety instructions.





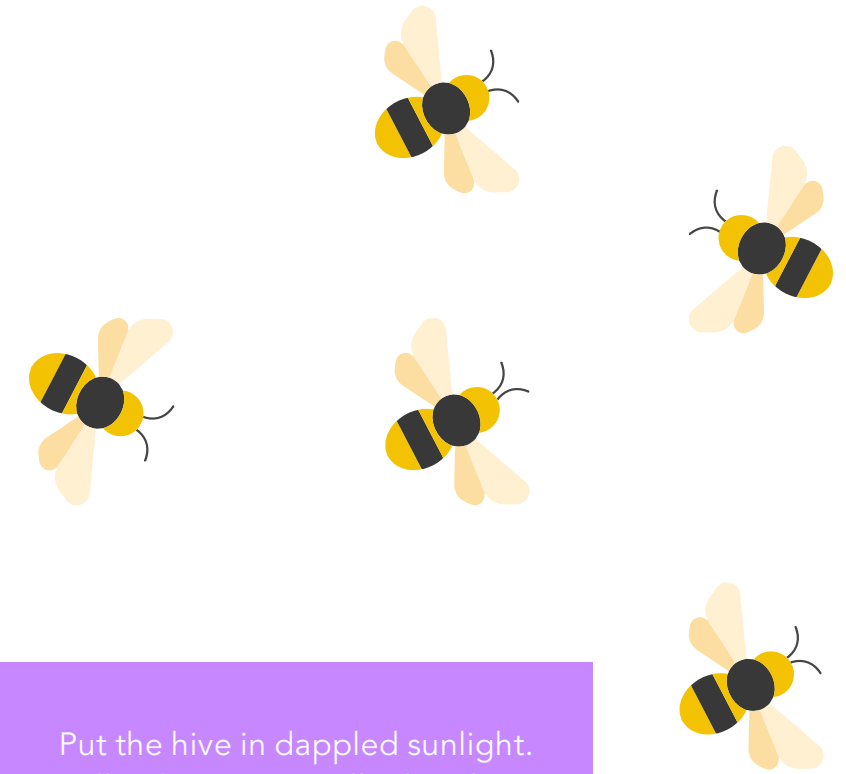
# HOW WILL THIS WORK ON STREET



# CHOOSING A LOCATION

Gardens, allotments, schools, libraries and other community spaces may all be the perfect place for street's hive. If it is in a residential area, it's important to let those living nearby that a hive is coming and assure them you will be keeping it safely. You can share

your risk assessment and explain bees flight path to assure they won't be lots of bees flying in their garden. Bees are a great addition to every neighbourhood, increased pollination means healthier trees and flowers! Your Street Mentor can help you make a plan.

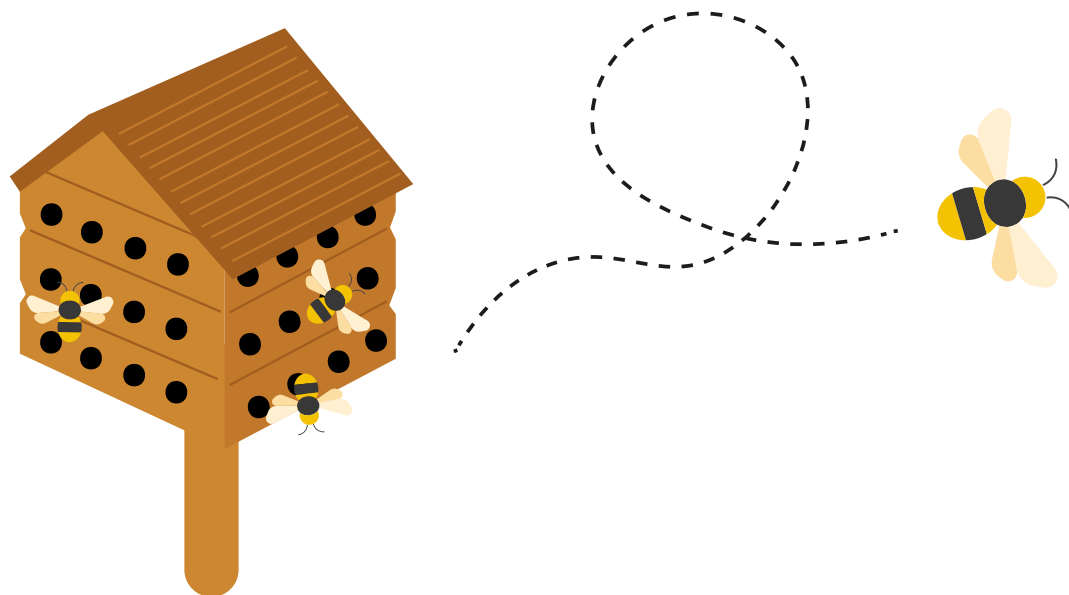


Place your hive so that it's easily accessible to carry your honey harvest the shortest distance possible from home or car. You don't want to have to carry hundreds of pounds worth of honey across a long field or down a fire escape!

Face your hive to the southeast so the bees get an early morning wake-up call and start foraging.

Provide a windbreak at the rear of the hive, this can be a fence, a wall or plants!

Put the hive in dappled sunlight. Full, direct sun all day long causes the hives to get very hot in the summer. The bees will spend valuable time trying to regulate the hive's temperature (rather than making honey). You also want to avoid deep, dark shade because it can make the hive damp and the colony listless.



Make sure the hive has good ventilation. Avoid placing it in a gully where the air is still and damp.

Place the hive so it is level from side to side, with the front of the hive just slightly lower than the rear - about an inch or so is fine - so rainwater drains out.

Choose firm, dry land with no likelihood of sinking.

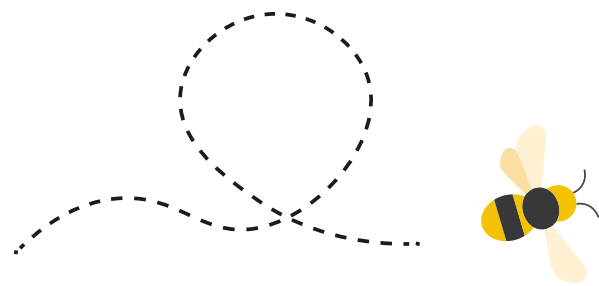
# BECOMING BEE KEEPERS

You and your neighbours will be able to gain first hand experience by looking after the bees at The Apiary, located at The Warehouse on Thames Road. Here you will accompany a beekeeper on their weekly inspections, learning how to manage a hive safely as well as planting to support the bee population.

There is also a Beekeeping Association in Romford.



# THE BEE KEEPERS CALENDER



## JANUARY

### INSIDE THE HIVE.

The queen is in her winter cluster, meaning she is surrounded by thousands of worker bees. Unless the weather is warm, between 40 - 50 degrees which is the right temperature for worker bees to make cleansing flights there is minimal activity in the hive. There are no drones in the hive, but some worker brood will begin to appear in the hive. The bees will eat about 25 pounds of stored honey this month.

### THE BEEKEEPER.

If there has been bad weather, such as snow or heavy rain and winds make sure the entrance of the hive is clear of any

obstructions. You may need to provide honey supplements such as fondant for the bees if the weather has caused a thaw which affects honey stores. This fondant is placed on the top bars of the hive.

As a group of keepers you can use this time to study together (you can never learn too much about bees), build equipment ready for the next season and plant some flowers nearby for the bees.

Beekeepers time: 45-60 minutes

## FEBRUARY

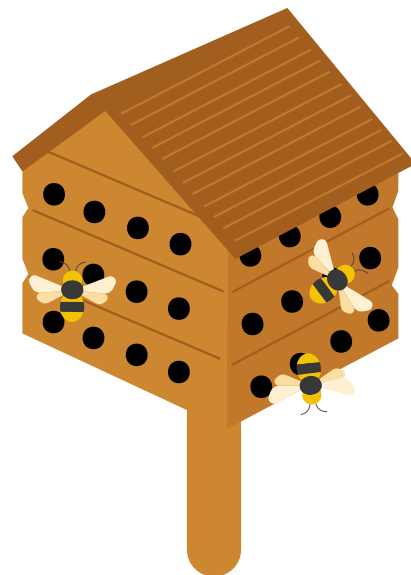
### INSIDE THE HIVE.

The queen is starting to lay more eggs each day, there are no males in the hive as of yet and the worker bees are taking more flights. The bees will consume about 25 pounds of honey this month.

### THE BEEKEEPER.

Due to the lack of activity this is the perfect time for you and your neighbours to read and watch videos and attend local beekeeping association meetings. Ask yourself, do you have everything you need for Spring?

Beekeepers time. 20-30 minutes



## MARCH

### THE BEES.

This is the month when colonies can die of starvation. However, if you fed them plenty of sugar syrup in the autumn this should not happen. With longer days, the queen increases her rate of egg laying. More brood means more food consumed. The drones begin to appear. The bees will continue to consume honey stores.

### THE BEEKEEPER.

Early in the month, on a mild day with no wind and bees are flying, you can have a peek inside your hive. It's best not to remove the frames. If you do not see any sealed honey in the top frames, you may need to provide some emergency food (fondant or granulated sugar if cold temps prevail, syrup if the weather is mild). But remember, once you start, you should not stop until they are bringing in their own food supplies. If you are going to do a spring Varroa mite treatment, now (or soon) is the time to start its application.

Time Spent. Estimate 2 hours this month.

# APRIL

## THE BEES.

The weather begins to improve, and the early blossoms begin to appear. The bees begin to bring pollen into the hive. The queen is busily laying eggs, and the population is growing fast. The drones will begin to appear.

## THE BEEKEEPER.

On a warm and still day do your first comprehensive inspection. Can you find evidence of the queen? Are there plenty of eggs and brood? Is there a nice pattern to her egg laying? Later in the month, on a very mild and windless day, you should consider reversing the hive bodies. This will allow for a better distribution of brood, and stimulate the growth of the colony. You can begin to feed the hive medicated syrup.

Time Spent. Estimate 3 hours.

# MAY

## THE BEES.

Now the activity really starts hopping. The nectar and pollen should begin to come into the hive thick and fast. The queen will be reaching her greatest rate of egg laying. The hive should be bursting with activity.

## THE BEEKEEPER.

Spring mite treatments should be completed, and removed prior to adding any honey supers. Add a queen excluder, and place honey supers on top of the top deep. Watch out for swarming. Inspect the hive weekly. Attend bee club meetings and workshops.

Time Spent. Estimate 4-5 hours this month.

# JUNE

## THE BEES.

Unswarmed colonies will be boiling with bees. The queen's rate of egg laying may drop a bit this month. The main honey flow should happen this month.

## THE BEEKEEPER.

Inspect the hive weekly to make certain the hive is healthy and the queen is present. Add honey supers as needed. Keep up swarm inspections. Attend bee club meetings and workshops.

Time Spent. Estimate 4-5 hours.

# JULY

## THE BEES.

If the weather is good, the nectar flow may continue this month. On hot and humid nights, you may see a huge curtain of bees cooling themselves on the exterior of the hive.

## THE BEEKEEPER.

Continue inspections to assure the health of your colony. Add more honey supers if needed. Keep your fingers crossed in anticipation of a great honey harvest.

Time Spent. Estimate 2-3 hours.

# AUGUST

## THE BEES.

The colony's growth is diminishing. Drones are still around, but outside activity begins to slow down as the nectar flow slows.

## THE BEEKEEPER.

No more chance of swarming. Watch for honey robbing by wasps or other bees. There is not too much for you to do this month. Have a little holiday.

Time Spent. Estimate about an hour or two.

# SEPTEMBER

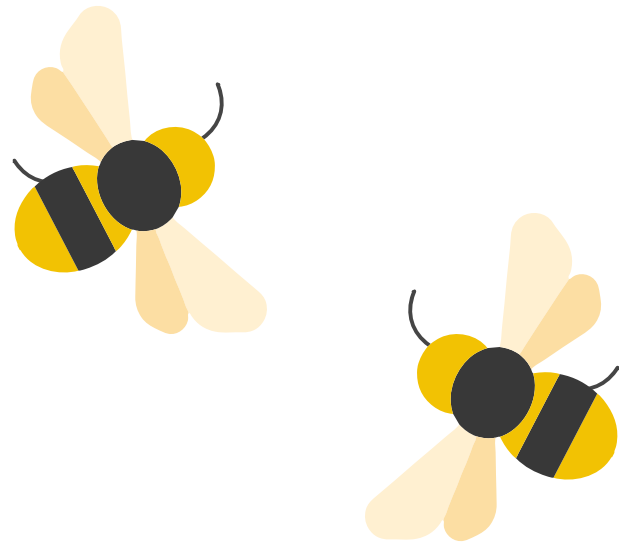
## THE BEES.

The drones may begin to disappear this month. The hive population is dropping. The queen's her egg laying is dramatically reduced.

## THE BEEKEEPER.

Harvest your honey crop. Remember to leave the colony with at least 60 pounds of honey for winter. Check for the queen's presence. Feed and medicate towards the end of the month (the first 2 gallons is medicated). Apply mite treatment. Continue feeding until the bees will take no more syrup. Attend bee club meetings.

Time Spent. Estimate 2-3 hours.



# OCTOBER

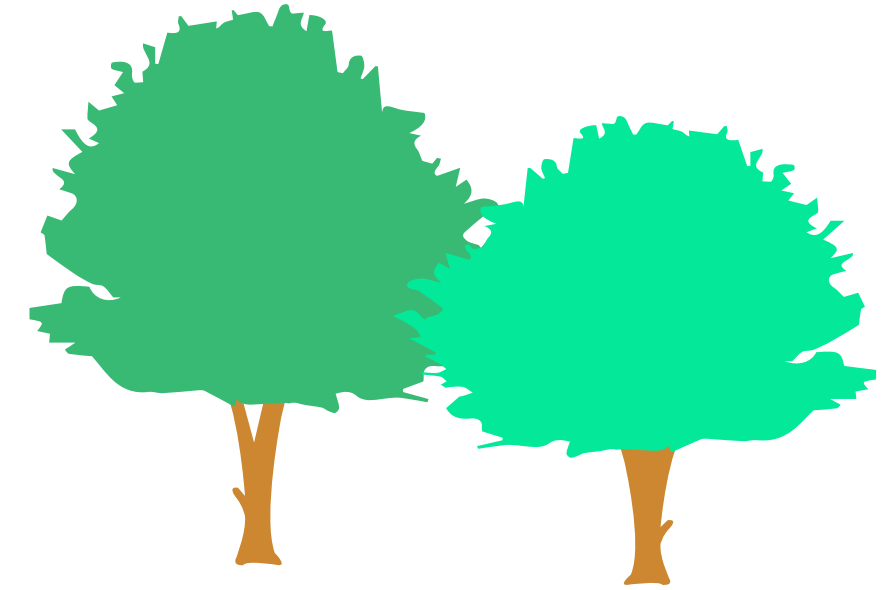
## THE BEES.

Not much activity from the bees. They are hunkering' down for the winter.

## THE BEEKEEPER.

Watch out for robbing. Configure the hive for winter, with attention to ventilation and moisture control. Install mouse guard at entrance of hive. Setup a wind break if necessary. Finish winter feeding. Attend bee club meetings.

Time Spent. Estimate 2 hours.



# NOVEMBER

## THE BEES.

Even less activity this month. The cold weather will send them into a cluster.

## THE BEEKEEPER.

Store your equipment away for the winter. Attend bee club meetings.

Time Spent. About one hour this month.



# DECEMBER

## THE BEES.

The bees are in a tight cluster. No peeking.

## THE BEEKEEPER.

There's nothing you can do with the bees.

Read a good book on beekeeping, and enjoy the holidays!

Time Spent. None

# TOP TIPS FOR YOUR WEEKLY INSPECTION

There is a lot more you need to know about inspecting your hive and you will learn it all in training! There are also a lot of helpful videos and books! Finding time to learn together is key when becoming a community of beekeepers!

## TOP 20 TIPS:

1. Have a reason or goal every time you inspect your colony.
2. During the autumn months pick the hive up from the back and front separately (or each side separately) and try to determine its weight. Check for movement at the entrance, if bees are flying, it's okay to inspect them.
3. Don't inspect on cold, rainy, and windy days. Choose the warm, calm part of a sunny day as most of the bees will be out flying.
4. Approach it from behind, applying lots of smoke, work gently and be focused so you only take as much time as you need to.
5. Look for the queen: she has a long, slender, unstriped abdomen and for a circle of workers around her.
6. Check for any parasites or pests—mites, wax moth larvae, mice, etc.
7. The best time to inspect a hive is between 11am - 4pm.
8. Always check the hive after you've put it back together to ensure it was done correctly!
9. Don't wear perfume, scented lotions, eat bananas or be around horses before checking your hive.
10. Have somewhere nearby to wash hands and tools before use to avoid infection.

## BOOKS:

1. The Beekeepers manual
2. The BBKA Guide to Beekeeping
3. The Backyard Beekeepers

## YOUTUBE CHANNELS

1. The National Honey Show
2. The Norfolk Honey Company
3. Inside The Hive TV
4. Beekeeping in 60 seconds
5. Enjoy Beekeeping
6. Energyhill's Bees



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