

# A Beginners guide No 1

## Receiving, Transporting and Hiving a Nuc.



### Transporting

1. Wear your PPE with all bee related activities, but don't drive with your hood up.
2. The Nuc should be closed upon collection and no bees allowed to fly.
3. Use Two straps to secure the Nuc box so that it cannot come apart, during transit. The straps should run parallel to each other and not cross.
4. Place the Nuc in the boot of your car so that the frames run in the same direction as the car is travelling.
5. If it's a hot day open the car windows and ensure plenty of ventilation.
6. A water sprayer is useful to cool the bees if it can be sprayed through vents or travel screen.
7. Anchor the Nuc to the car or at least wedge it so that it cannot move or topple over in transit.
8. On arrival at your apiary, place the Nuc next to the empty hive you wish them to occupy.
9. With your bee proof PPE on, open the entrance and let them fly.
10. Leave the Nuc alone for 3 to 4 days minimum before you consider the transfer of frames into the hive..

### Hiving

11. Choose a warm sunny day for the hiving of the Nuc.
12. You will need your full PPE, a lit smoker and a hive tool
13. Take the roof and crown board off the hive.
14. Undo the straps, smoke the bees, remove the travel screen, crown board or feeder.
15. Move each frame of bees, one at a time, into the hive brood box, keeping them in the same order.

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16. Push all the frames to the front of the brood box, add a frame of foundation and a dummy board.
17. Knock the remaining bees in the Nuc Box into your brood box.
18. Replace the crown board and roof.
19. If they are short of food then put a feeder on and feed with syrup.
20. Leave the hive alone for 7 days and then inspect, when all the foundation has been drawn out then add another frame of foundation.