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| **Risk Assessment** | | | | |
| **Risk Assessment for the activity of** | **Beekeeping Society** | | **Date** | **24/03/2021** |
| **Unit/Faculty/Directorate** | **SUSU Beekeeping Society** | **Assessor** | **Olivia de Sousa** | |
| **National Governing Body** | ***British Beekeeping Association (BBKA)***  ***(https://www.bbka.org.uk/listing/category/coronavirus)*** | **Signed off** | ***Olivia de Sousa*** | |

| ***PART A*** | | | | | | | | | | |
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| **(1) Risk identification** | | | **(2) Risk assessment** | | | | **(3) Risk management** | | | |
| **Hazard** | **Potential Consequences** | **Who might be harmed**  **(user; those nearby; those in the vicinity; members of the public)** | **Inherent** | | |  | **Residual** | | | **Further controls (use the risk hierarchy)** |
| **Likelihood** | **Impact** | **Score** | **Control measures (use the risk hierarchy)** | **Likelihood** | **Impact** | **Score** |
| Poor beekeeping practices | Stings, injury, loss of hives | Any member of the society | **5** | **3** | **15** | * Thorough training has been provided by an experienced member of the BBKA to the initial group of student beekeepers. This knowledge will then be passed down in its entirety to any new members. * New members will be supervised by those originally trained until competence is assured. | **2** | **2** | **4** | If there is an issue with which the experienced student beekeepers are unsure, expert advice will be sought. |
| Bee Sting | Swelling | Any member of the society | **4** | **2** | **8** | * No one can go beekeeping if existence of allergy is already known. * In the event of an allergic reaction, see below. * To reduce likelihood of stings in general, extensive protective clothing must be put on some distance before the entrance of the apiary, worn at all times beyond the gate, and not removed until a safe distance away. Members will check that each other’s suits are done up properly, and that there are no bees around each other before removing gear. * Hives will be handled delicately and smokers will be used to help keep bees docile. * If bees are especially aggressive, seek expert help (e.g. requeening). * Stingers will be removed as quickly as possible to minimise the amount of venom injected. | **1** | **2** | **2** |  |
| Bee sting | Allergic reaction | Any member of the society | **2** | **4** | **8** | * No one can go beekeeping if existence of allergy is already known. * It is the responsibility of the individual to take suitable care and carry any medications for any known conditions. * Members will have access to a mobile phone to contact the emergency services in the event of an allergic reaction. * Visits to the apiary will always be in at least pairs. If someone is taken ill, the other person will help them to a safe distance away from the apiary and call for the appropriate help. * Hives will be handled delicately and smokers will be used to help keep bees docile. If bees are especially aggressive, seek expert help (e.g. requeening). | **1** | **4** | **4** |  |
| Tripping | Bruising, cuts, scraps  Break or fracture | Any member of the society | **2** | **2** | **4** | * Wellington boots are worn on visiting the apiary rather than laced shoes. * Equipment is not left on the floor | **1** | **2** | **2** |  |
| Dehydration | Fainting | Any member of the society | **2** | **2** | **4** | * Members encouraged to bring water bottles with them when attending apiary. * If a member feels unwell, they should be escorted from the apiary so they can remove protective gear, cool down and rehydrate. | **1** | **2** | **2** |  |
| Fire | Burns  Smoke inhalation | Any member of the society | **2** | **3** | **6** | * At least two people present at all times. * Smoker is lit in a controlled environment outside the apiary. * Equipment used for smoking is designed for the purpose and meets outside safety regulations. * Smoker is always kept at arm’s length. * The contents of the smoker are disposed of on the concrete away from the hives and are stamped out completely. | **1** | **3** | **3** |  |
| Accident with equipment | Cuts from sharp tools  Strained muscles from lifting hives/supers | Any member of the society | **2** | **2** | **4** | * Attendees instructed on how to lift safely using knees rather than back. * Members must have completed appropriate training prior to carrying out inspections * If necessary injured persons will be taken to the student union to be seen by a first-aider or security will be contacted. * Basic first aid kit is kept with equipment to deal with any minor issues as quickly as possible. | **1** | **2** | **2** | Any new members of the society will be fully trained in procedure and health and safety by current members, including familiarisation with the risk assessment, before going to the apiary. |
| Panic/Anxiety attacks | Fainting  Disruption | Any member of the society  Possibly other attending members if the situation were to get out of hand | **1** | **2** | **2** | * Anyone feeling unwell should be escorted from the apiary to a place where they are safe to take off protective gear which might be causing symptoms of anxiety or panic. * Gear is put on before entering the apiary, allowing members to get used to the feeling before visiting the bees. | **1** | **2** | **2** |  |
| Public going to hive unprotected | Stings  Distress to bees  Legal action | public | **2** | **3** | **6** | * Apiary position is not widely advertised. * Apiary is kept inside a locked compound, for which the key is kept behind the desk at SUSU and must be signed in and out. * Warning signs are up at the boundary to the apiary. | **1** | **3** | **3** |  |
| Society members working in the apiary | Spread of COVID-19 amongst society members. | Any member of the society at that apiary visit | **3** | **3** | **9** | * Implement social distancing measures during apiary visits here possible. * Remind members to stay home if symptomatic. * Limit number of society members attending apiary visits to to be in line with Governments rule of 6. (At most 6 people can go on a single apiary visit.) * Wear facemasks throughout apiary visit. | **1** | **2** | **2** | Consider encouraging members of the same bubble to come to the same apiary visit.  Consider trying to form regular groups for apiary visits to reduce number of people that a society member may have contact with. |
| Residue virus on equipment & surfaces | Spread of COVID-19 amongst society members. | Any member of the society that uses our equipment | **3** | **3** | **9** | * Beesuits are used by only 1 person per apiary visit and are washed between apiary visits in accordance with COVID guidelines. * Reusable gloves are used by only 1 person per apiary visit and are washed between apiary visits in accordance with COVID guidelines. * Hands are sanitised before and after beekeeping gear is worn. * Hive tools and smoker are sterilised before and after every session. | **1** | **3** | **3** |  |
| Returning to Southampton | Spread of COVID-19 | Society members | **3** | **3** | **9** | * If a student feels that they need to return to Southampton, they should follow the guidance laid out by the University (<https://www.southampton.ac.uk/coronavirus/faq/student-travel.page>) and upon their return isolate until two negative COVID-19 tests have been received. * Remind all members (and coaches where eligible) that it is essential for them to register for COVID-19 saliva testing and can register using this link (<http://www.southampton.gov.uk/coronavirus-covid19/covid-testing/hiow-testing-programme/uos-students.aspx>) * Remind all members Government guidance states if students have already travelled back to university then they should remain on campus and not return home at this time. | **2** | **3** | **6** | Encourage adherence to current guidelines  Remind society members of guidelines |

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| ***PART B – Action Plan*** | | | | | | | |
| **Risk Assessment Action Plan** | | | | | | | |
| **Part no.** | **Action to be taken, incl. Cost** | **By whom** | **Target date** | | **Review date** | **Outcome at review date** | |
| 1 | Continue to follow Government guidance as it develops | Olivia de Sousa | Continuing | |  |  | |
| 2 | Continue to follow University guidance as it develops | Olivia de Sousa | Continuing | |  |  | |
| 3 | Follow all guidance from BBKA surrounding beekeeping during Covid-19 | Olivia de Sousa | Continuing | |  |  | |
| 4 | Registration for Apiary visits, to restrict numbers to follow rule of 6 | Olivia de Sousa | Continuing | |  |  | |
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| Responsible manager’s signature: Olivia de Sousa | | | | | Responsible manager’s signature: *Benjamin Lambert* | | |
| Print name: Olivia de Sousa | | | | Date: 31/03/2021 | Print name: Benjamin Lambert | | Date:  14/04/21 |

**Assessment Guidance**

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| 1. Eliminate | Remove the hazard wherever possible which negates the need for further controls | If this is not possible then explain why |  |
| 1. Substitute | Replace the hazard with one less hazardous | If not possible then explain why |
| 1. Physical controls | Examples: enclosure, fume cupboard, glove box | Likely to still require admin controls as well |
| 1. Admin controls | Examples: training, supervision, signage |  |
| 1. Personal protection | Examples: respirators, safety specs, gloves | Last resort as it only protects the individual |

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| **LIKELIHOOD** | 5 | 5 | 10 | 15 | 20 | 25 |
| 4 | 4 | 8 | 12 | 16 | 20 |
| 3 | 3 | 6 | 9 | 12 | 15 |
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| **IMPACT** | | | | |

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| Impact | | Health & Safety |
| 1 | Trivial - insignificant | Very minor injuries e.g. slight bruising |
| 2 | Minor | Injuries or illness e.g. small cut or abrasion which require basic first aid treatment even in self-administered. |
| 3 | Moderate | Injuries or illness e.g. strain or sprain requiring first aid or medical support. |
| 4 | Major | Injuries or illness e.g. broken bone requiring medical support >24 hours and time off work >4 weeks. |
| 5 | Severe – extremely significant | Fatality or multiple serious injuries or illness requiring hospital admission or significant time off work. |

Risk process

1. Identify the impact and likelihood using the tables above.
2. Identify the risk rating by multiplying the Impact by the likelihood using the coloured matrix.
3. If the risk is amber or red – identify control measures to reduce the risk to as low as is reasonably practicable.
4. If the residual risk is green, additional controls are not necessary.
5. If the residual risk is amber the activity can continue but you must identify and implement further controls to reduce the risk to as low as reasonably practicable.
6. If the residual risk is red do not continue with the activity until additional controls have been implemented and the risk is reduced.
7. Control measures should follow the risk hierarchy, where appropriate as per the pyramid above.
8. The cost of implementing control measures can be taken into account but should be proportional to the risk i.e. a control to reduce low risk may not need to be carried out if the cost is high but a control to manage high risk means that even at high cost the control would be necessary.

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| Likelihood | |
| 1 | Rare e.g. 1 in 100,000 chance or higher |
| 2 | Unlikely e.g. 1 in 10,000 chance or higher |
| 3 | Possible e.g. 1 in 1,000 chance or higher |
| 4 | Likely e.g. 1 in 100 chance or higher |
| 5 | Very Likely e.g. 1 in 10 chance or higher |