

Terms and Conditions - Auction of Bees and Beekeeping Equipment 25th March 2017

Selling at the Auction

1. Items eligible for sale will include:
 - a. Bees
 - b. Beekeeping equipment & related items
 - c. Gardening tools & apiary maintenance equipment
2. Seller's premium: 10% of the hammer price. Late entries will attract an additional 5% premium.
3. Reserve fee: If a reserve is placed on an item, a minimum fee of £1.00 per lot will apply, even if the item is unsold.
4. Unsold lots :
 - a. Sellers must remove any unsold items from the auction site by 5:00 pm. on the day of the auction or they will be disposed of by the auctioneer.
 - b. An "unsold lot" notice obtained from a cashier must be presented to a porter in order to retrieve unsold goods.
5. Payment of successful sellers: will be by cheque sent out within 10 days of the auction date.
6. Registration:
 - a. Goods should be registered for auction by Tuesday, 21st March by completing and submitting the **Seller's Entry Form**, see Reigate Beekeepers website at: -<http://www.reigatebeekeepers.org.uk>
 - b. Completed forms should be emailed to the auctioneer at: - **cleaver.paul@gmail.com**
 - c. Entries registered after Tuesday 21st March will attract an additional Seller's premium of 5%.
 - d. Entries can be submitted on the day but it will be on a first come basis as the auction is restricted to 300 lots.
 - e. Late entries may not appear in the catalogue.
7. Delivery of Goods:
 - a. Goods must be received at the Mickleham site between 8:30 am. and 10:30 am. on auction day.
 - b. All goods to be auctioned must be accompanied by a completed **Sellers Entry Form**.
 - c. Auctioneer reserves the right to reject goods deemed to be in dirty or poor condition.
 - d. Drawn comb in any form is not being accepted for sale. Should any be delivered it will be disposed of by the auctioneer.
 - e. All live bee colonies offered for sale must have been inspected by an appropriately experienced beekeeper prior to the auction, unless prevailing weather conditions make such inspections impractical; in which case bees will be offered for sale 'subject to satisfactory inspection'. Contact the auctioneer at least 2 weeks before the auction if you wish to sell bees.
 - f. Due to the early date of the auction, bees for sale should NOT be brought to the auction site and may be offered for sale 'subject to satisfactory inspection' prior to collection direct from the seller.
8. Sellers of Bees should provide the following details:-
 - a. Seller's name, address and telephone number, and approximate location of the bees.
 - b. If an independent pre-auction inspection is not feasible (see 7e & 7f), the date of the bees last being inspected, full description of their status then, and any subsequent treatment/feeding.
 - c. Indication if the nuc. box or hive is to be sold with the bees, or if not, stating the deposit required.
9. Sellers of Electrical items must complete a declaration for any electrical items entered for sale: -
 - a. Supplied in good working order with a suitable plug.
 - b. Items conform to British Standard or European Standard basic safety requirements.
 - c. Carry either the CE mark, the BEAB mark or BS safety mark.

Buying at the Auction

10. Catalogue of Items:-

- a. A catalogue of items for sale will be available on Friday 24th March on the RBKA website.
- b. Printed copies will be available on the day, subject to availability.

11. Viewing:

- c. On sale day, viewing will be from 11:00 am. for inspection of items in the auction.
- d. Viewing may be limited in some sections of the auction whilst the auction is in progress.
- e. Every care will be taken to describe the lots accurately in the catalogue, but all lots are sold as viewed and no responsibility can be accepted by RBKA or any member for any error, mistake or omission made in connection with the catalogue or the Auction sale.
- f. No guarantees or warranties are provided for any items whatsoever.
- g. It is recommended that you bring a tape measure to check sizes of hive equipment.
- h. Bees for sale may not be on site and their sale may be 'subject to satisfactory inspection' if the prevailing weather has prevented independent pre-inspection by an appropriately experienced beekeeper. Hives will not be opened on the day. A description of the bees, size of colony, age, history of queen, etc. will be available on the day.
- i. Bees for sale may not include a nuc box or hive in the sale price and if so buyers will need to make sure that they have suitable equipment to transfer the bees into.

12. Bidding:

- j. In order to bid, you must register for a Buyer's Number at the desk in the village hall and pay a non-refundable fee of £1.00.
- k. Before bidding on an item, make sure that you have checked the item, making yourself fully aware of any faults that there may be.
- l. Bidding on an item will commence when the auctioneer has announced the lot number of that item along with a brief description.
- m. The item up for auction will be on view or held up by a member of the auction team.
- n. To bid, raise your bidder number in the air clearly so that the auctioneer can see. Confirmation of your bid being accepted will be made by eye contact from the auctioneer.

13. Payment & Collection:

- o. Once bidding is complete, payment for successful purchases of one or more lots is made at the cashier's desk (in village hall). No Auction commission is added to the cost of goods bought.
- p. Payments to be made by 5:00pm on the day of the auction, or the items will be disposed of.
- q. Payment methods – cash, or cheque up to £250 with photo id (driver's licence or passport). Cheque limit may be increased if the buyer is known to a member of the RBKA committee.
- r. You will receive your payment receipt.
- s. Successful buyers of bees will need to liaise with the auctioneer to arrange for collection of colonies purchased. Buyer will need to provide their own hive equipment for transferring bees and frames into, unless the bees were sold with a hive.
- t. Give the receipt to an available porter in the auction area where the lot was purchased, by 5:00pm. They will collect your items for you and sign them out of the auction house.
- u. Do not collect the items yourself.

Useful Info, Links & Key Timings

- The Auction Sec's email address: **cleaver.paul@gmail.com**
- Reigate Beekeepers website: **www.reigatebeekeepers.org.uk**
- Register goods to be sold by: 21st March 2017 (or late entry fees apply)
- Catalogue available on-line by: 24th March 2017
- Auction location: Opposite Mickleham Village Hall, Dell Close, Mickleham, Dorking, Surrey RH5 6EE
- Viewing from: 11 am on 25th March 2017
- **Auction Commences: 12 noon on 25th March 2017**