

# Workshop

## Working with beeswax

### *Christmas Gifts with Hive Products*

This workshop will show you how to use your hive products for a variety of gifts or for home use with recipes and ideas to take home. There will be some hands on time and a chance to experiment and details of legislation with respect to product safety.

Balms and polishes, candles, beeswax wraps, soap and Christmas decorations, using beeswax can capture something of the splendid qualities and properties of the hive.

**When:** Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> October 2019

**Time:** 10.00 – 13.00

**Place:** Saltisford Canal Trust

**Cost:** £30

**Number of Participants:** 14

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Although honey is seen as the main product of beekeeping, beeswax is a hive product with many uses. Inevitably, as a beekeeper you will have some wax as a by-product and may wonder what to do with it other than exchange it for more foundation at Spring Convention.

As a branch we try to capture expertise and enthusiasm about beeswax around several activities:

- The branch will be offering a workshop on working with beeswax during the autumn. This will include some fundamentals such as cleaning and using wax safely. There will be an opportunity to discuss wicking and to try candle dipping and make moulded candle. The basics of making beeswax cosmetics, including labelling and selling regulations, will be covered. This will be a hands-on workshop with plenty of opportunity to handle hot beeswax.
- Arising from previous workshops the branch invested in a Wax Kit that includes some of the basic equipment such as saucepans, small melting pots, a candle dipping container, moulds and other bits and pieces needed to try out making beeswax products at home. You will need to provide the disposables like wax and wicks but the kit is designed to let you experiment before you buy for yourself.
- Also arising from previous workshops a small group of us get together occasionally to play with ideas, try new recipes for balms, creams and polishes and generally exchange ideas and enthusiasm. The branch generously gives this group a small budget for ingredients and disposables.

If you are interested in any of these activities or want to borrow the Wax Kit, please get in touch with Gill Grimshaw at [gill@iamabeekeeper.com](mailto:gill@iamabeekeeper.com).