

## Bumblebee Nest Recording Sheet

One of the aims of monitoring your bee nest is to see if it has been successful in rearing any new queens for next year

name		Please describe what your bees look like. Eg. large with red bottoms, or with 2 yellow stripes or 3 yellow stripes, with white tails or small bees with orange bottoms
address		
postcode		
tel no		
Please describe the location of your nest, eg. beneath wooden shed floor, in a compost heap		

### What to do

Just watch your bee nest as often as you can and put one of these letters into each box for the appropriate week

- Q** quiet - one bee only occasionally seen in or out
- M** medium activity - bees in and out often but not continuously
- C** continuous - bees in and out constantly
- N** none - or hardly any activity seen at all

<b>APRIL</b>	<b>EXPECT ONE LARGE QUEEN TO BE GOING IN AND OUT</b>				
	week ending 7th	week ending 14th	week ending 21st	week ending 28th	
<b>MAY</b>	<b>EXPECT TO SEE BEES RETURNING WITH POLLEN ON THEIR LEGS</b>				
	week ending 5th	week ending 12th	week ending 19th	week ending 26th	
<b>JUNE</b>	<b>EXPECT TO SEE MORE BEES CARRYING POLLEN BACK</b>				
	week ending 2nd	week ending 9th	week ending 16th	week ending 23rd	week ending 30th
<b>JULY</b>	<b>SOME NESTS MAY BECOME QUIET BUT OTHERS MAY BECOME EVEN MORE BUSY</b>				
	week ending 7th	week ending 14th	week ending 21st	week ending 28th	
<b>AUGUST</b>	<b>WATCH FOR LARGE NEW QUEEN BEES STARTING TO EMERGE FROM NEST</b>				
	week ending 4th	week ending 11th	week ending 18th	week ending 25th	
<b>SEPTEMBER</b>	<b>MANY NESTS WILL HAVE STOPPED BY NOW AND ALL THE BEES HAVE LEFT</b>				
	week ending 1st	week ending 8th	week ending 15th	week ending 22nd	