



WILDHIVE



Notes from the beekeeper



Spring 2023

The hives at Callow Hall overwintered well and despite the relatively cool spring are building up in population steadily and will hopefully be ready to take advantage of the abundant flowers in the area during the summer. So far this year the bees have brought in large amounts of pollen from the willow trees in the surrounding area - this pollen provides essential protein for rearing brood (young bees). At the moment when the weather is warm enough they primarily forage on the dandelions and the abundant blackthorn and hawthorn hedgerows in the area. Most of the nectar they bring in at this time of year is consumed by the hive as the population rapidly expands. From May onward they will hopefully begin to store honey that can later be harvested.



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