**Meon Valley Beekeepers Association Annual Auction 2024**

**Saturday 4th May**

**Conditions of sale.**

**General**

The highest bidder to be the purchaser.

The Hon Auctioneer reserves the right to bid on behalf of intending purchasers unable to attend the sale.

 Should any disagreement arise, the lot will be put up for sale again, at the discretion of the Hon Auctioneer, whose decision will be final.

**For Sellers**

All items offered for sale should be delivered to the site between the hours of 08.00 and 11.00 on the morning of the sale, unless other arrangements have been made with the auction organiser.

To cover expenses, a commission at the rate of 10%, plus £1 per lot entered, will be charged.

No drawn comb, in any form, will be accepted for sale. Should any be delivered, it will be removed from the site for later collection by the proposed vendor.

All hives containing live bees must have been examined by Ministry Inspectors before the day of the auction and evidence provided that this has taken place. Only those confirmed disease free will be accepted for auction.

For lots to be included in the catalogue details must be sent to the Auction Manager by 22nd April. Lots will be accepted after this date at the Auction Manager’s discretion, but may not be shown in the catalogue. **Notwithstanding the above, the number of lots will be limited to 250.**

**For Buyers**

Every care has been taken to describe the lots accurately in the catalogue but all lots are sold as viewed, and purchased with all faults and errors of description or otherwise, and no responsibility can be accepted by the Association or any member, for any error, mistake or omission made in connection with the catalogue or this auction sale

Purchasers should be aware that at the fall of the hammer, the lot becomes the responsibility of the successful bidder. The Association does not accept any liability for any loss.

All items purchased must be paid for and removed by the buyer on the day of the sale. **Payment can be made by cheque, cash or card**. (**Please note that there will be a 2% surcharge if paying by card. This is to cover the costs that we incur**). Lots shall be collected only after payment for the items purchased. Purchasers will be required to produce receipts, for items purchased, to the auction stewards before removal from the site.

**All prospective purchasers must obtain a buyer's number before bidding.**

All colonies of bees will be inspected on the morning of the auction immediately before bidding starts. Anyone considering making a bid **is strongly advised** to be present at this inspection to satisfy themselves of the state of the colonies. Whilst a report on condition of each hive will be given before it is auctioned **this is not to be relied on and is for general information only.**

All purchasers are advised to sterilize all used bee equipment before use.