



The Buzz

The BeeArc Trust: Community Inspired By The Honeybee

Building the BeeArc

Inspiration From The Honeybee

The initial inspiration for the BeeArc came out of 30 years of research into the extraordinary medicinal properties of products derived from the beehive.

The more I found out about how the honeybee and beehive works, its cultural and spiritual meaning, as well as its critically important role within nature, the more it struck me that there was much more we human beings could learn from this humble and hard-working insect. What has emerged is the BEEARC project which has three essential components.

1. The BeeArc Discovery Centre

The Discovery Centre is creating a space where visitors can come to find out and better understand the extraordinary central and coordinating role of the honeybee within nature. In the centre the visitor will go on a journey through three pavilions illustrating three elements of the honey bee's life.

- **The Cultural Pavilion** will explore the ancient cultural and spiritual meaning and significance of the honeybee and how it has acted as a model for the development of human beings through the ages.

- **The Social Pavilion** will explore the unique and highly evolved social organisation within the beehive – an organisation which is able to coordinate the activity of up to 70,000 separate bees in a single superorganism.

- **The Environmental Pavilion** will explore the extraordinary and fundamental role of the beehive in nature and for man, as a key element in our food production and the producer of a new generation of medicines.

2. The BeeArc Research Institute

The Research Institute is collaborating with local universities to explore and identify more sustainable ways of working with nature and with the honeybee-ways in which we can repair some of the damage human beings have done to the natural world. The Institute will also explore more sustainable medicine, agriculture, economic and environmental life as well as our cultural and community life.

3. The BeeArc Craft Community

The Craft Community, which surrounds the BeeArc, will put into practice those more sustainable ways of working, living and celebrating life together learnt from

our practical and research findings. Central to the Craft Community will be a renewal of our ability as human beings to work together and in particular to make things, to support health and the health of our community by producing truly nutritious food and to find social and cultural nourishment together.

A Building Fit For The Future

Our plan is to house the BEEARC in a building fit for the future, a building that can illustrate and become a model of true sustainability both in terms of energy efficiency and social living.

Camphill Architects who are designing the building have a world-wide reputation for creating buildings that work with and are in harmony with nature.

Local and Global

The BeeArc is both a local and a global project. It is LOCAL in that the project will be working with our local and village community to harmonise social and economic activity in a way which brings benefit to all. The BeeArc is GLOBAL in that it has grown out of the founder's international research work. Ambassadors for the BEEARC are now working in twenty countries to promote the principles and practice of the BeeArc.

The BEEARC in Goathland will be the first physical centre for this Global expertise. Future international developments of the BeeArc concept will be coordinated from Goathland on the North York Moors.



EXHIBITION AND INFORMATION DAY

**WEDNESDAY 25TH OCTOBER 2023
12.30 TILL 7.00
GOATHLAND VILLAGE HALL**

**Please come along and share with us our
vision of Sustainable Community**

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What You Would Like To See

Results of the BeeArc Survey

First of all, a big thank you to all of you who took the BeeArc survey. Just over 20% of you replied which is brilliant, producing some interesting results which we can now share with you.

What You Would Like to See In Goathland

A Bakery

Nearly half of all the people who responded would like to see a Bakery in Goathland.

Produce Sharing

Over a third of you would like to see a produce sharing scheme.

Community Compost and Skill Sharing

One third of respondents would like to see a community compost scheme and a way of sharing skills in the community.

Shared Transport and Shared Energy

Just under one third of you would like to see a shared transport scheme and some common approach to energy usage.

Things You Would Like to Get Involved With

Local Walks

Nearly half of you would like to explore local walks.

Helping Others

One third of you want to get involved in helping others.

Eating Together

One third like the idea of eating together .

Natural History/Book Club/Theatre

One in 5 of you are interested in natural history, being part of a book club (there already is one) and theatre going.

Craft Skills

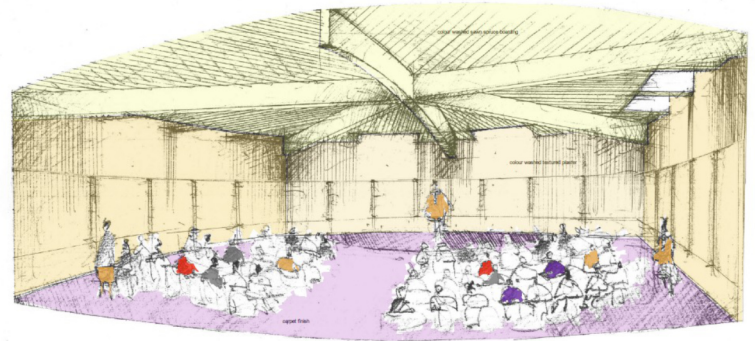
Top of the list for learning a craft skill was pottery followed by woodworking and woodturning. Other skills mentioned were spinning, weaving, languages, cheese making and yoga.

Thank You

Thank you very much for sharing your thoughts with us. We were sorry that we were not able to get the survey to everyone in the village. We may do a follow up in the new year.



Hives of Activity



Creating shared places, spaces and opportunities where we can make things, talk about our shared interests and ideas and meet together.

Lost Heritage & Lost Spaces

Many people today have grown up without the knowledge, the skills, even the inclination to work with our hands. Older people may remember the village blacksmith, potter, baker, even local cheese and butter-making. Many of these traditional skills have been lost from local communities.

A New Longing to Learn

The BeeArc Trust believes there is a powerful interest, even longing, to bring our hands back into creative use by making things. Our recent survey illustrates a strong interest in people wanting to learn to craft skills.

Connecting Pupil and Teacher

At Hives of Activity we are committed to putting people who want to learn a skill together with those who would like to teach.

Contribution Not Cash!

This is not a commercial venture. We may need to ask for a contribution, but our wish is that no one will be excluded from taking part.

Lonely Lives Need Hives

Loneliness, even in our beautiful North Yorkshire villages, is a health crisis. The loss of community connections and social activity has led to increasing isolation.

Life's a Picnic?

Many local people told us through the BeeArc survey that they would welcome the opportunity to meet others more socially, to share a meal, to go for a walk. So, the BeeArc is creating both spaces and opportunities for people to find each other and connect.

Only by Talking and Meeting

Only by talking and meeting together do we come to discover what needs and gifts we have, how we can nourish and support each other.

Celebrating Life

Being a human being is one of the greatest joys imaginable. At the BeeArc we believe that humans have a deep-seated desire to understand the world they live in and to share and celebrate this understand.

The Whole Equals More Than The Sum Of The Parts

Something special emerges out of all of these comings together in the desire to share, celebrate or understand. This something can be summed up in that saying: the whole equals more than the sum of the parts.

Goathland Nature Notes

As autumn settles around us with falling leaves and crisp, cold mornings, it's been wonderful to observe how the natural world is preparing itself for the coming winter months. Squirrels have been feasting on beech nuts, honeybees and other pollinators have been foraging on ivy flowers and hedgehogs have been making their night time forays over the wet ground.

We can help bees and other pollinators during this time of year by planning a garden that includes autumn flowering plants which are attractive to them, such as Michaelmas Daisies and Cosmos. Our rural hedgehog population has halved since the year 2000 and also needs our help. Hedgehogs hibernate anytime from October to April, but in warmer winters you might see them out in December. To prepare for hibernation hedgehogs eat as much as they can during autumn and build up fat reserves to see them through the winter. They then find a quiet place to rest during the colder months. We can help them through hibernation by providing a safe shelter for them and putting appropriate food in an accessible place. If you see a hedgehog that looks too small to survive hibernation, ask for advice from a specialist organisation such as The Whitby Wildlife Sanctuary or The British Hedgehog Preservation Society.



Hedgehog

Getting In Touch With Us

If you'd like to know more about the BeeArc project please email james.fearnley@beearc.com

Spicy Baked Apples with Honey

The apple harvest has been abundant this year and with all those lovely fruits, what better pudding could there be than apples baked in their skins and stuffed with honey, fruit and spice?

Ingredients

- Per person:
- 1 medium to large sized apple
 - A tablespoon of dried fruit such as raisins, or sultanas or frozen berries from earlier in the season such as blackcurrants, or blackberries.
 - A sprinkling of cinnamon
 - A generous dessert spoon of honey (add more to the fruit and spice mixture depending on how sticky you like the filling.)



Method

Core the apples and mix the fruit, cinnamon and honey together. Place the cored apples on a baking dish and press the fruit and honey mixture into the centre of the apple.

Bake at 200C/ 180C fan/ gas 6 for around 20 minutes or until the apples are cooked through.

This is a simple, delicious & comforting pudding, perfect with custard or ice cream during the "season of mists and mellow fruitfulness."

Word Search

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Words To Find:

CRISP APPLE OCTOBER RUSSET BLACKBERRY
ACORN EQUINOX PUMPKIN HARVEST COSY
RUSTLING CONKER BONFIRE AUTUMNAL

Wild Bees



Bees pollinate much of our natural food and bee numbers have been declining over the last decades which is bad news for bees and for the whole web of nature, including us. In the UK 35 bee species are under threat of extinction, with all bee species facing serious threats.

According to Friends of the Earth, the biggest single cause of bee decline is the intensification of farming, compounded by factors which include habitat loss, climate change, pests and the increased use of pesticides. Pesticides which are especially harmful are neonicotinoids and those which are glyphosate based, which have a devastating effect on bees.

We can help bees by not using these pesticides & weedkillers, and we can also support wild bee colonies seeking out suitable places to nest, by providing natural hives in which they can make their home.

Earlier this year, the BeeArc project had the pleasure of meeting Simon Kellam from The Natural Beekeeping Trust who gifted the BeeArc a beautiful tree hive for wild bees. We are very grateful to The Natural Beekeeping Trust and to EcoHive for the hive, which Simon installed this spring on an old oak tree in Goathland. Hexagonal in shape, it does not contain frames and leaves the bees to make their own comb and live their lives naturally without any interference from us. Within a few weeks of installation, wild bees had moved in, and over the past months we've observed their busy lives from a suitable distance.

At the BeeArc we are planning to make and install more wild hives and enable others to do the same.

For more information about The Natural Beekeeping Trust please visit:

<https://www.naturalbeekeepingtrust.org/>

For more information about EcoHives please visit:

<https://www.justbeeecohives.com>



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Nasrudin's Nuggets

Nasrudin is a figure from Sufi lore whose jokes are known all over the world for conveying gems of wisdom... but not necessarily in the most expected way!

Lending Your Washing Line

Nasrudin was standing in his garden one day sunning himself when a neighbour called out over the wall...

"Nasrudin, could I borrow your washing line?"

"No" said Nasrudin, "I am afraid you can't, I am hanging out my flour to dry on it today".

The neighbour gave a gasp of disbelief, and then said "How can that be - you can't hang flour out on a washing line".

Quick as a flash Nasrudin responded, "You can if you don't want to lend your washing line!"



Making Space for The Future

**Interested?
Would like to get involved?
Want to help?**

The BeeArc is not just another bright idea to make money, it is an attempt to create a space where new ideas and ways of living and working can emerge and come into being.

If you connect with this idea and would like to know more, make some suggestions, join in or offer your unique skills then please get in touch and let's have a conversation.

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