

CBKA Auction Rules & Guidance 2026

Advice to Buyers

1. **If you intend to bid in the auction you must either register on-line or at the Auction Desk to obtain a bidding number prior to the Sale.**
2. Buyers should be aware that at the fall of the hammer the lot becomes the responsibility of the successful bidder. CBKA does not accept any liability for any loss.
3. In the event of a disagreement the lot may be put up for sale again at the sole discretion of the auctioneer.
4. Payment is by cash or card (credit/debit) only.
5. There is no Buyer premium. The hammer price is the price you pay.
6. No lot shall be removed from the sales ring without first obtaining a payment receipt from the Auction Desk. This must be given to a steward who will check the receipt before releasing the goods. Items must be removed by 4pm latest.
7. It is recommended that all second-hand equipment is sterilised before use.
8. Unless otherwise stated electrical equipment has not been safety (PAT) tested

Advice to Sellers

1. The organizers reserve the right to limit the number of lots to the first 200 accepted for sale and will be on a first come first served basis.
2. Entry Forms/on-line entries should be received by 18th April 2026 and will be free of charge.
3. Any entries accepted after 18th April 2026 will incur a late entry charge of £1.00 per lot. Late entries will only be accepted at the discretion of the organizers.
4. Entries for 'bees for sale' **MUST** be received by 11th April. Late entries will NOT be accepted.
5. Equipment for sale will be accepted on site only between 8.30am and 10:00am on the day of the sale.
6. All items for sale must be of reasonable and saleable quality and the booking-in stewards and/or auctioneer will have the right to refuse entries.
7. To avoid possible disease spread **no drawn comb, in any form, will be accepted for sale**. Should any be delivered, the vendor will be asked to remove it from the site. This does not apply to bees for sale!
8. Bees for sale are to be delivered between 8.30 and 10.00. Bees are to be in ventilated, sealed hives - not free flying. No bees are to be placed without permission and those placed with permission must remain sealed as they will need to be removed when the auction closes when it will still be daylight. Any hives found to be leaking bees are to be removed from the auction site **immediately** and will not be sold.
9. Sellers of bees **MUST** fix a card on the outside of the nuc. box or hive giving details of the colony. CBKA will provide sellers with a pro-forma for this card prior to the auction. If there is no indication to the contrary it will be assumed the hive/box will be sold with the bees. For the sale of nuclei it may be helpful to read BBKA leaflet L014.
10. It is the Seller's responsibility to indicate on the Entry form if they wish to place a reserve on an entry. This will be the minimum hammer price. A minimum reserve of £2 will apply to all lots.
11. **We will endeavour to make payment to Sellers by bank transfer within 14 days of the Auction.** Bank transfer will be to the bank details entered on the Entry Form and confirmation of payment will be via email only.
12. A sales commission of 5% of the hammer price will be charged for lots on entry forms received by 18th April which will increase to 10% for all entries received after this date. For items which remain unsold, a sales commission will be payable based on 2.5% of the Reserve price.
13. Sellers entering items for sale will be deemed to have accepted the Rules of the Auction.
14. **Any unsold items must be removed by the Seller by 4.00pm at the latest.**

General Advice

1. The auctioneer and/or organizers reserve the right to alter the contents of any lot if they feel it may be beneficial to vendor or purchaser.
2. Buyers and sellers of bees will have their details passed to their local Regional Bee Inspector.
3. The CBKA Organizing Committee shall not be liable for any loss or damage to any sellers' or buyers' property, unless it is attributable to the negligence or other failure to perform its obligations in connection with the Auction or under general law.

Items eligible for sale in the Auction will include:

- Bees, beekeeping equipment & related items
- Apiary maintenance equipment

Time-Table

8:30 – 10:00am	Delivery of all auction lots
11.00am	Auction commences
