

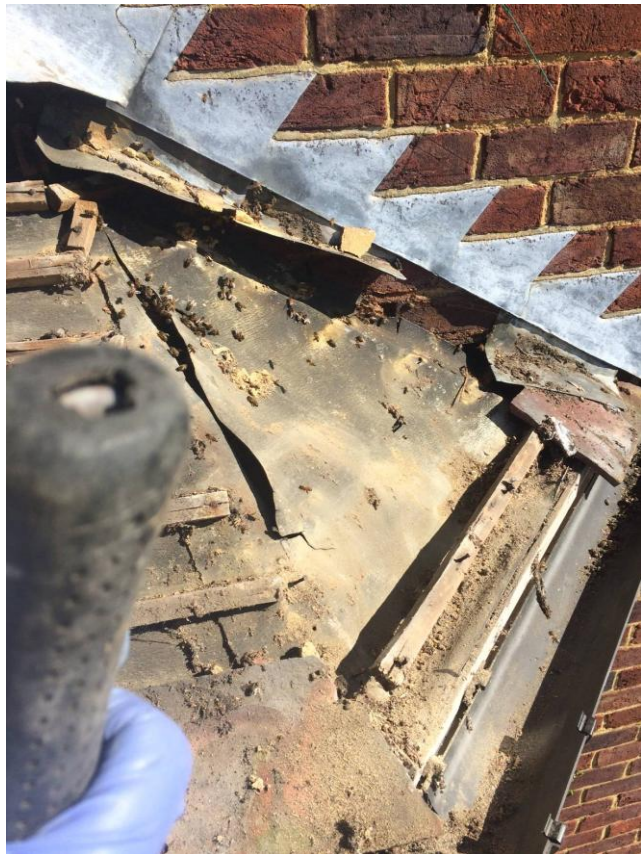
First Cut-out, in pictures, by the Sevenoaks Team - April 2016.



To save time, the tiles had been removed over bay window the day before, by Colin, the owner.



Removal of under felt to reveal colony below.



Removal of battening using a claw hammer.



Queen captured in the queen clip for transfer to the brood in the nucleus hive.

These are the owner's photographs



Both working in unison.



Sarah watching John working!!



Sarah reaching for a second crow bar to help with the batten removal.



Team effort, removing the battening.



John removing the corner under felt.



Colony covered in the red cloth to keep the brood warm. Sarah about to retrieve more comb honey for the owner.



Colony exposed at last.



Some of the comb honey, given to owners.



A frame of honey is held in position by rubber bands. This is placed in the poly nucleus with the other five brood frames.



Smoking the remaining bees, causing Sarah's back to be totally covered in bees.



Wild comb honey for the owner + Sarah's bucket of wax to be reclaimed later in her solar extractor.

SUMMARY OF THE DAY'S EVENTS:

Colin, the owner had kindly agreed to erect the tower and remove the tiling on the Saturday before we arrived, saving us a good deal of time.

However this operation still took all of Sunday morning and we left the Nucleus Hive with hopefully the queen, for the remaining bees in bay window roof to sense her and assemble in the hive.

We returned mid afternoon to find that there were still many bees above the bay window, so Sarah smoked them to try and coax them into the Nucleus Hive.

This luckily moved the queen out as well and Sarah having spotted her contained her in the queen clip and put her in the Nucleus Hive.

We left them to re-assemble and asked the owner to close them up late at night when all the flying bees should have returned.

John returned the next day to collect the complete colony.