

Bee Extraction 4th & 5th Nov.2020 at a Property Nr.Tunbridge Wells.

A rescue mission was made to "SAVE THE BEES" at this Farmhouse. They had been in residence for more than 7 years and the owner wanted the bees to be saved, so called Vic as they were holding up the builders carrying out their future 3 weeks work on the building.

These photos detail the sequence of events:



Vic about to remove the next row of tiles.



Tiling removed giving an overview of the entire honeycomb.



Vic demonstrating a very offensive weapon for cutting out the honeycomb!



Large bladed knife in action as Vic makes the first cut out.

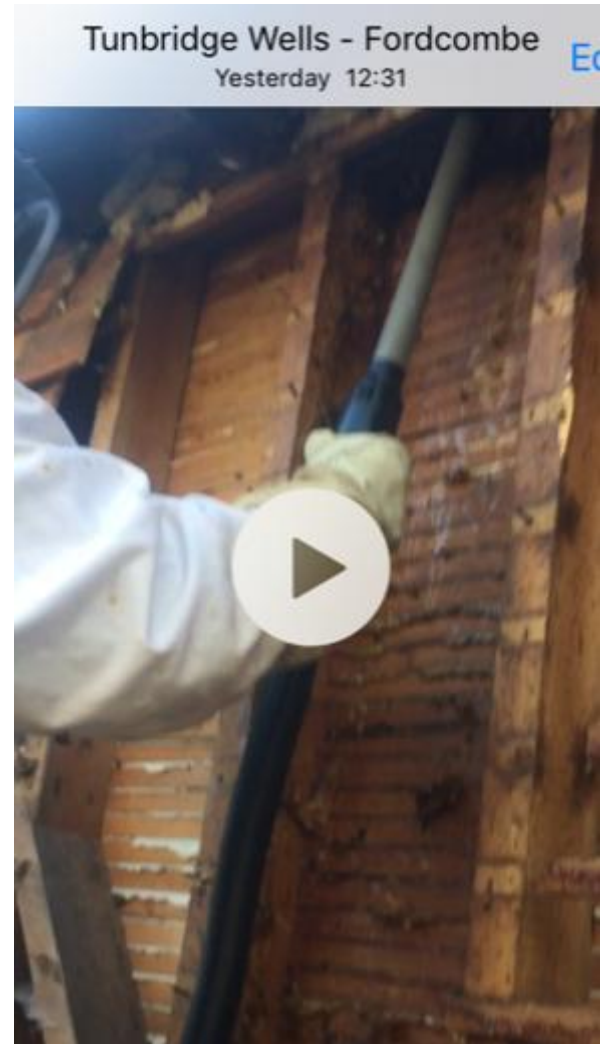


All honeycomb cut out and housed with bees in a nucleus. Vic hoped this included the queen and he left the bees to settle overnight. If he had the queen then the remaining flying bees should tuck themselves up with the others in the nucleus box.



However, Vic was contacted the next day to say that a large number of bees had assembled at the top of the cavity.

So a morning phone call to John Farrow to recruit him with his bee-vac to remove this clump of bees shown in the above picture, which hopefully were gathered around the queen?



This is Vic, the next day using the bee-vac to remove the last few bees from the top of the cavity.

[This is a screen shot from John's phone as the video has too large a memory requirement to transfer to this document.]

All the bees in several nucleus boxes were taken down to Vic's Apiary at the garden centre Blue Diamond [formally Wyvale] just outside Tunbridge Wells for him to amalgamate when they had settled down over the next few days.

The scaffolding had made this a relatively easy challenge and the bee-vac resulted in a final successful outcome.

John Farrow 6th October 2020