

Pembury Oast - Bee Colony Removal.

We were contacted by the owners of the oasthouse to remove bees that had been under the weatherboarding because builders were due to replace all the windows on these buildings attached to the oast.



After the platform was in place, making a start using a crowbar to prise off the weather boarding .



Having removed enough timber cladding this picture shows the colony exposed between these 3 vertical sections.



The clean comb in the LH column was empty as we suspect the recent swarm had removed most of the honey from it.



Cutting out the brood comb for transfer to the frames of the nucleus.



Having cut out the brood comb roughly to size it is passed down for trimming to fit into empty frames of the nucleus.



When all the brood comb was removed we used the bee-vac on the remaining bees to add them to the bees already on the brood comb in the nucleus.

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We arrived on site just after 10.30 am and we were finished by 13.30 pm having set up the platform and all our equipment.

3 hours is not a record but gives an idea of an average time for a bee colony removal where access was relatively easy.

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Rubber bands are used to hold the trimmed brood comb in place in the frames..