

Asian (Yellow Legged) Hornet Report

SBKA AGM

It was disappointing to hear that a second YL hornet sighting was made in October in Ascot. The article in BeeCraft gave a great description of how bait traps were used to attract the hornets and by watching the flight paths from various sights the next was found by triangulation.

That makes two found and destroyed this year and the pattern of sightings in September and October continues as can be seen from the table.

	Sightings					Nests destroyed
	Total	Apr	July	Sept	Oct	
2016	3			2	1	1
2017	1			1		1
2018	9	1		7	1	4
2019	5		1	2	2	3
2020	1			1		1
2021	2				2	2
Total	21	1	1	12	6	12

With only 3 confirmed sightings in the last two years I remain hopeful that the invasion hasn't started and it will be interesting to see, once analysed, where the Ascot ones originated from.

I was concerned that the beekeeper that identified the hornets had to find out from the BBKA website, how to report his sighting. So again, please encourage all members to download the Asian Hornet Watch app to their smartphones and post identification charts where you can.

Please publicize the AHAT website <https://www.ahat.org.uk/get-involved> which has all of the information needed to identify and report and suggestions about how to raise awareness.

Hopefully thought, the Asian Hornet season is over for 2021!

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