

## ASIAN HORNET Report

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There is not a lot to report but I'd encourage all association to ask members to take the Asian Hornet exercise and publicize the AH team map - <https://www.bbka.org.uk/asian-hornet-action-team-map>

I will contact those members that have taken the exercise and have a meeting in the new year with those that have said they want to be part of the team.

If you haven't contacted your association then search for "Asian Hornet BBKA Assessment" on the ER2 email templates- to see the one I sent out to Reigate.

The annual numbers continue to be tiny and a lot appear to be around ports- so there is a message there I think!

Out of interest I include sighting information from the DEFRA website and my own summary table.

Jim

30/11/22

*There have been 2 confirmed sightings of Asian hornet in the UK in 2022.*

*There have been a total of 23 confirmed sightings of Asian hornet since 2016. This figure includes a total of 13 nests, all of which were destroyed.*

I think it is interesting To summarise the full information in a table which shows when we have to most vigilant.

	Sightings	Nests destroyed	time of year of sighting			
			April	July	September	October
<b>2022</b>	2	1	1		1	
<b>2021</b>	2	2				2
<b>2020</b>	1	1			1	
<b>2019</b>	5	3		1	2	2
<b>2018</b>	9	4	1		7	1
<b>2017</b>	1	1			1	
<b>2016</b>	3	1			2	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>6</b>

### 2022: 2 Sightings

Rayleigh, Essex - confirmed 27 September - nest destroyed on 30 September

Felixstowe, Suffolk - confirmed 29 April - a single hornet captured

### 2021: 2 sightings

Ascot, Berkshire - confirmed 8 October and the nest was destroyed on 11 October

Portsmouth, Hampshire - confirmed 29 October and the nest was destroyed on 31 October

### 2020: 1 sighting

Gosport, Hampshire - confirmed 8 September and the nest was destroyed on 11 September

### 2019: 5 sightings

Christchurch, Dorset – confirmed 10 October – nest destroyed

Christchurch, Dorset – confirmed 1 October – nest destroyed

Ashford, Kent – confirmed 9 September – single hornet captured

Tamworth area, Staffordshire – confirmed 2 September – nest destroyed

New Milton, Hampshire – confirmed 3 July – single hornet captured

### 2018: 9 sightings

Dungeness, Kent - confirmed 15 October 2018 - single hornet captured

Guildford, Surrey – confirmed 28 September 2018 - single dead hornet

Brockenhurst, Hampshire – confirmed 26 September 2018 - nest destroyed

New Alresford, Hampshire – confirmed 24 September 2018 - nest destroyed

Fowey, Cornwall – confirmed 20 September 2018 - nest destroyed

Hull, Yorkshire – confirmed 9 September 2018 - single dead hornet

Liskeard, Cornwall – confirmed 7 September 2018 - single dead hornet

Fowey, Cornwall – confirmed 3 September 2018 - nest destroyed

Bury, Lancashire – confirmed 13 April 2018 - single hornet sighted with photograph

### 2017: 1 sighting

Woolacombe, Devon – confirmed 26 September 2017 - nest destroyed

### 2016: 3 sightings

Tetbury, Gloucestershire – confirmed 19 September 2016 - nest destroyed

Lower Langford, Somerset – confirmed 30 September 2016 – single hornet captured

Bath, Somerset – confirmed 13 October 2016 – single hornet captured