

# Ben Harden Beekeeping Equipment

## What is Apiguard

Apiguard is a sophisticated, patented slow release gel that ensures correct dosage of its active ingredient, thymol, which is a naturally occurring substance derived from the plant thyme.



## How Apiguard works

Worker bees climb into the Apiguard tray, remove the gel as a hive-cleaning behaviour and distribute it throughout the colony. The gel sticks to the bees' body hairs and, as the bees move through the hive, particles are left throughout the hive. The worker eventually throws out the gel it is carrying, but the traces remain until they too are removed later.

## Instructions for use:

Two applications of 1 tray of 50g Apiguard gel per colony at a two week interval with a maximum of two treatments per year.

## Method:

- Open the hive.
- Peel back the foil lid of the Apiguard tray leaving one corner of the lid attached to the tray.
- Place the open tray centrally on top of the brood frames, gel side up.
- Ensure that there is a free space of at least 0.5cm between the top of the tray and the hive cover board, for example, by placing an eke or an empty super on top of the brood box.
- Close the hive.
- After 2 week replace the 1<sup>st</sup> tray, if empty, with the 2<sup>nd</sup> tray and leave in the colony until both are empty or until you are installing the supers on the colonies in the spring.

**N.B.** Please read the instructions on the box.