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BEES STILL BUZZ AT LINCOLNSHIRE SHOW

The Lincolnshire Beekeepers Association is back at the 124th Lincolnshire Show to demonstrate how bees are still an important part of agricultural life in the county despite the threat to colonies from Varroa mites.

In recent months some Lincolnshire beekeepers have indicated declining numbers following the spread of the mite-induced phenomenon known as Colony Collapse Disorder, which can wipe out entire colonies.

However the Lincolnshire Beekeeping Association remains optimistic and aims to promote the significance of bees at the Show, held on 18th and 19th June 2008.

Having been part of the Show since the early 1900s, the Lincolnshire Beekeepers Association stand attracts thousands of visitors, both young and old, with its bee-related demonstrations, displays and activities.

Association Show Director Bill Williams said: "The Show provides a chance for us to showcase Lincolnshire beekeepers and an opportunity for them to socialise with other bee enthusiasts. We have 50 people volunteering at our stand and we estimate that around 500 local beekeepers will attend.

"We will be there to wave a flag for beekeepers. We want to get people interested in bees and show people how important bees are. Bees play a vital part in the pollination of many crops. Without them the quality and yields would be greatly reduced."

In addition to beekeeping demonstrations and family based activities including rolling candles from wax created by bees, the Association will also host competitions for local honey and wax producers.

To find out more about the food and farming feasts on offer at this year's Lincolnshire Show please visit www.lincolnshireshowground.co.uk.

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