Insurance & Health & Safety info

All BBKA members are covered by their BBKA insurance for activities related to Asian Hornet monitoring and trapping, as long as common sense is used.
You are **not** licensed to release Asian hornets or currently covered for Track & Trace activities; if you trap a hornet, upload details using the Asian Hornet Watch App; seal the entrance, bag the trap and place in a freezer. Do not attempt to move the hornet to another container.

Non–members are not covered
If asking a non-member to monitor a trap, it is advised that a BBKA member sets up, empties by-catch, replenishes liquid and takes down the trap. The non-member can observe and notify if and when something needs to be done, but at no point should be in contact with an open trap.

POINTS TO CONSIDER

1. Avoid spilling Trappit on yourself; it is highly attractive to wasps and hornets

2. Always seek the landowner's permission to set up a trap on private land. They may be willing to monitor it for you

3. Traps should **not** be placed more than 1.5 m (5') above the ground, a safe working height

4. When emptying a trap wear a veil; hornets and wasps often fly towards you on release, as they re-orientate themselves. This can be frightening; they can get caught in hair and clothing

5. Consider keeping anti-histamines with you just in case of being stung

6. Take due care for the safety of the public and livestock. When placing traps on public or private land consider not only the current use of that space, but also what it may be used for in the future. For example an empty field may in the future be used for grazing.

7. When storing Trappit keep in marked containers, out of the reach of children. For more information about Trappit refer to the QR code on the trap label

8. Always have due consideration for your own safety, be it parking to access a public area, choice of footwear and wearing gloves and a veil when opening a trap or handling Trappit.
If it feels unsafe—then don't do it!!

Asian Hornet Trapping

Queen hornets hibernate through the winter.
As the weather warms, they become more active and search for food. Having fed they will then disperse, as far as 60km+

Our aim is to set up a network of traps, at set distances, across DDBKA's area to catch them as look for food.
Since we are trapping at 1km intervals it is important to set up the traps according to the instructions in this leaflet.
Any gaps in our net or traps poorly set up will mean queens are more likely to escape—then we may meet their offspring next year!

Thank you for helping.

And remember .....
even catching NO HORNETS is a positive outcome
Finding no hornets locally all adds to the bigger picture

AH Co-Ordinator:

Tel: **Email:**

Our thanks to Guernsey Asian Hornet Team for allowing us to base this on their leaflet.

A Step by Step guide

Please follow these guidelines, which will make sure this trap has the best chance of trapping an Asian hornet.

Setting up & Maintaining a Trap

Read Health & Safety advice on the back of this sheet before starting

Pour in just enough liquid bait so that the sponge is well soaked but there is no liquid on the top in which insects can

Do not use any other attractant. Trappit has been selected as it does not attract bumble bees and hoverflies. If more trappit is needed **contact insert name**

Attach the lid and hang the trap. Place the trap in a sunny, open spot hanging around head height. A tree branch is ideal. Tape down the lid in case there are strong winds. The permission of the landowner must be obtained on private land and always be mindful of the public and livestock

Important

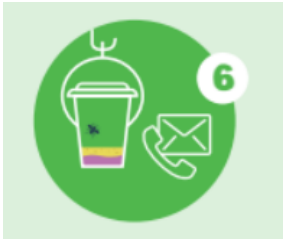
Lastly, spread a little Trappit over the lid/roof to help the hornets find the trap

Choosing your trap site.

4 squares (outlined in black) are marked on your map. Please try to site each trap in the centre of each square, 4 traps - 4 squares, as near to the black dot as possible. This will achieve the critical spacing of a km between traps.

Please put your traps out as soon as you can and monitor them up to the end of May. Queens start to fly when temperatures reach 12 °C for four or five consecutive days; this is often in February

Check your traps as often as you can, but at least once a week. If you find a hornet notify the NBU using the Asian Hornet Watch App and also let the AH



Once trapped Asian hornets must not be released. DO NOT attempt to move it into another container; you risk being stung. Seal the entrance, put the trap in a bag and place it in a freezer. Report it

If you find other insects in the trap, and no hornets try to release them, but have care for your own safety; wear your veil.

At the end of May, take down and save your traps and any Trappit ready for trapping workers in Aug. If you are trapping a lot of native insects then call AH co-ordinator **Insert name and phone No.**