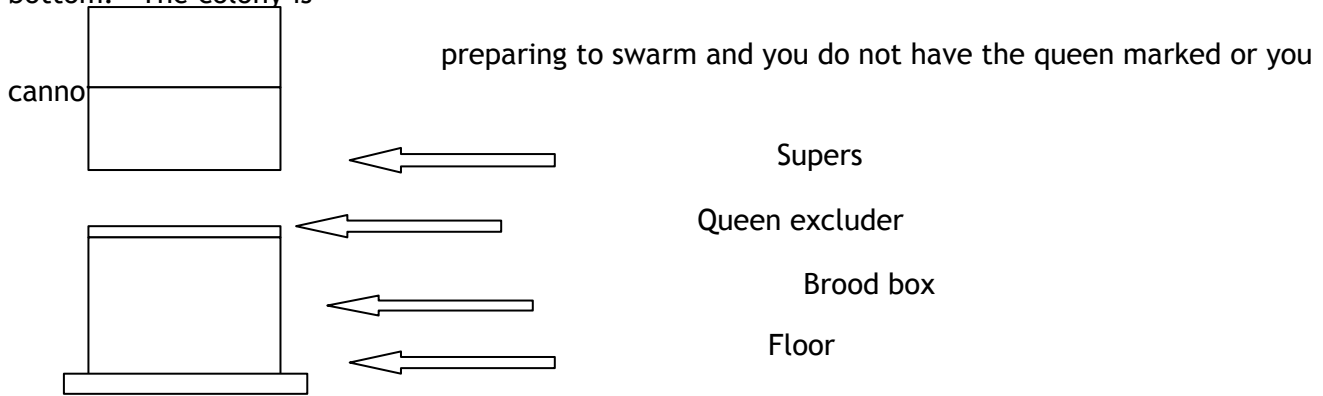


Swarm Control

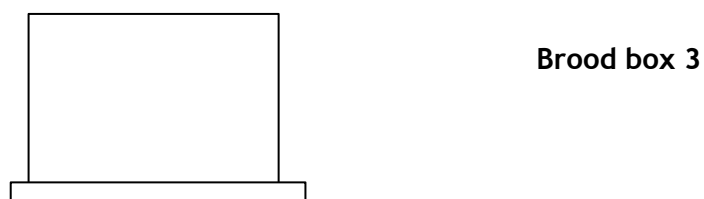
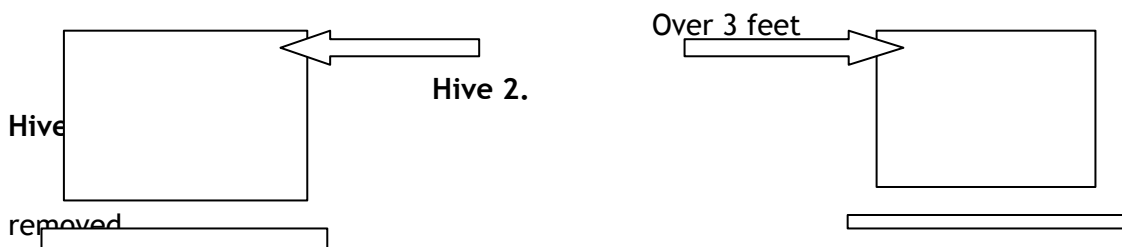
Hive 1. Strong, The bees are on 1 or 2 brood boxes, Queen excluder and 2 supers. On inspection you find Queen cells which are advanced and have Royal Jelly in them. The Queen cells are mainly along the bottom. The colony is



Hive 1.

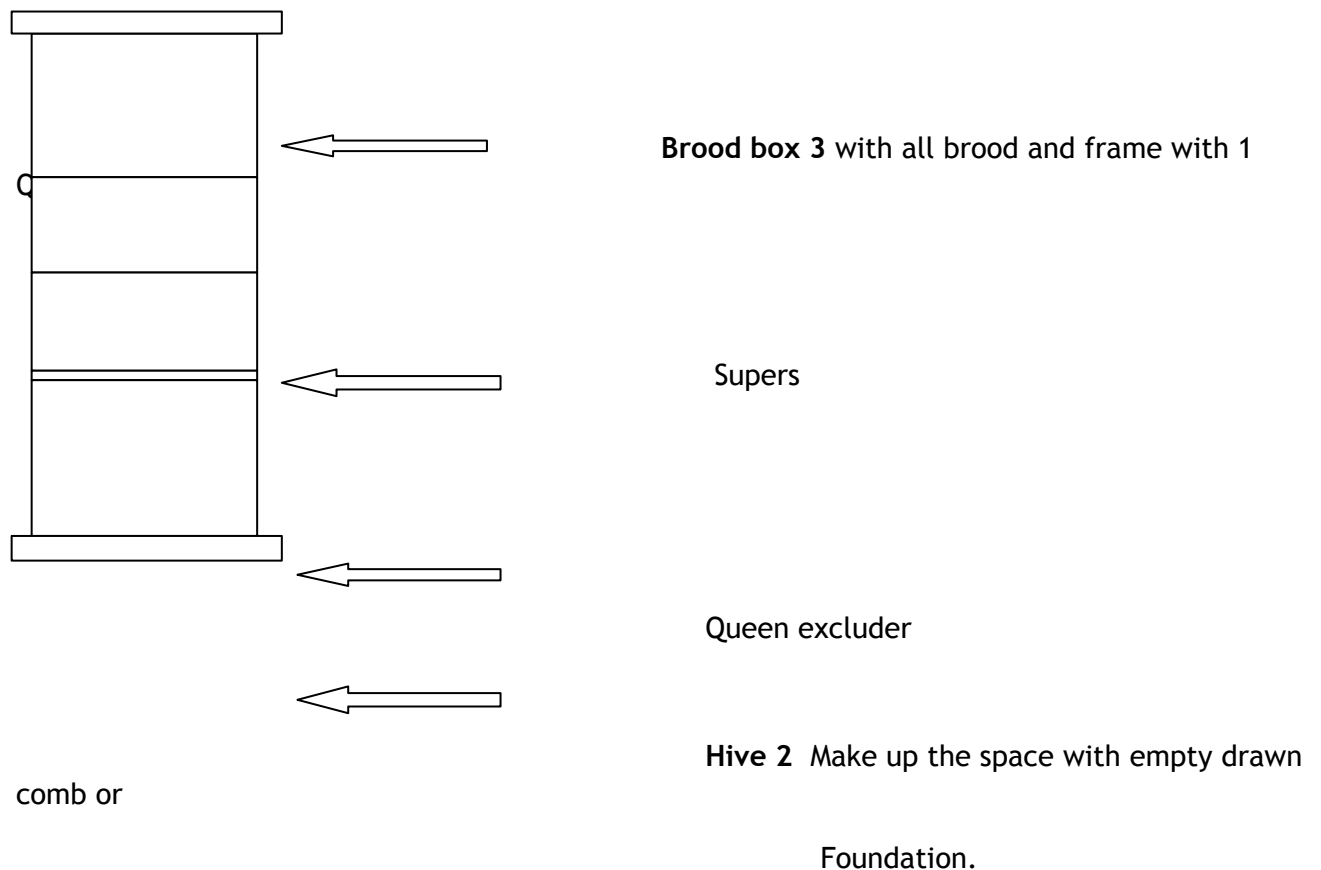
This is where having plenty spare equipment is extremely useful, especially brood boxes.

- Move **hive 1** to another part of the apiary which is at least 3 feet away. In its place put another floor and brood box - **hive 2**.



- With moving hive 1 over 3 feet away all the flying bees will return to **hive 2** reducing the numbers in **hive 1**.
- Go through **hive 1** taking each frame out.
- If the frame is only stores of honey/pollen then place in **hive 2** along with all the bees on the frame.
- If the frame has unsealed brood, eggs then carefully shake or brush ALL bees into **hive 2**. Place this frame into **brood box 3**.

- When you come across a frame which has sealed brood or mainly sealed and advanced open brood place that frame and all bees into the centre of **hive 2**. This is the only frame of brood to be placed in **hive 2**.
- When you come across a frame with a nice open Queen cell containing Royal Jelly very carefully brush all bees into **hive 2** and place this frame into **brood box 3**. It is useful to place a drawing pin on top of frame above the Queen cell.
- It is useful to have a frame of stores at either side of **hive 2** and also **brood box 3** - if there are sufficient such frames.
- Once all frames have been removed from hive 1 all bees, including the Queen, should be in hive 2. There will still be bees in the supers but that does not matter as the Queen will not be there.
- All brood, with the exception of the one frame of mainly sealed brood (**hive 2**) should now be in **brood box 3**.
- Assemble the hive as shown below. NOTE THERE IS NO QUEEN EXCLUDER BETWEEN THE SUPERS AND BROOD BOX 3.



The bees will not sort themselves out and all the flying worker bees will stay with the Queen in **hive 2**. The young worker bees will move up and look after the brood in **brood box 3**.

- Later that day or the next day return to the new set up.
- Take **brood box 3 - now hive 3** from top of new hive and place on a floor next, or within vicinity of **hive 2**.
- Place crown board and roof onto **hive 2**.
- Place crown board with hole open onto **hive 3**. Place EMPTY feeder over this hole.
- Place empty super around feeder and replace roof.
- Any flying bees in **hive 3** will return to **hive 2**.

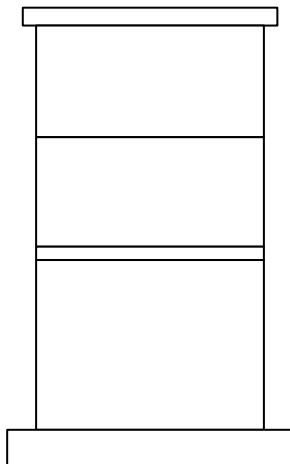
IT IS IMPORTANT AT THIS STAGE NOT TO FEED **HIVE 3** AS ANY FLYING BEES WILL GO BACK TO **HIVE 2** AND INFORM THE OTHER BEES THAT THERE IS A FREE SOURCE OF FOOD IN **HIVE 3**.

THAT EVENING ANY FLYING BEES SHOULD HAVE LEFT. RETURN AND FILL THE FEEDER IN **HIVE 3** WITH SYRUP AND REDUCE THE ENTRANCE TO HELP PREVENT ROBBING. THIS HIVE WILL NEED A FEED AS THERE ARE NO FLYING BEES TO FORAGE.

ALLOW TIME FOR THE QUEEN TO EMERGE, QUEEN TO GET MATED AND START LAYING.

REMEMBER A YOUNG QUEEN IS FLIGHTY AND TOO MUCH DISTURBANCE CAN CAUSE HER TO TAKE TO THE AIR AND GET LOST. **BE PATIENT.**

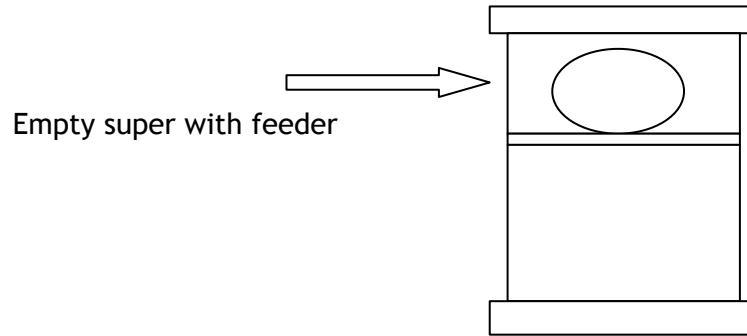
Final hive set up:-



laying by looking for

Hive 2 Check in a few days time to see that the Queen is
Eggs.

Hive 3..



If, during the above operation, you do spot the Queen, check that there are NO Queen cells on the frame that she is on. Shake or brush her and rest of bees into **hive 2**. Thereafter there is no need to shake or brush bees from rest of frames but do check for queen cells. The point of the above operation is to get the Queen into **hive 2** because she is not marked or you have not found her. Don't spend too long hunting for her on each frame.

This is a good opportunity to clean **hive 1** and the floor ready for use another time.