

## Abbreviations for Hive Record Cards

<b>Date</b>	Date of the inspection
<b>Hive Strength</b>	Assessment of colony numbers (strong, good, average or weak)
<b>Q</b>	Presence of the queen (√ Queen seen, x Queen not found,
<b>QC</b>	Presence of queen cells (√ or number)
<b>Brood</b>	State of the brood (e : eggs seen - √ : brood pattern ok - 3 : brood covering 3 frames, x : no brood)
<b>Stores</b>	The quantity of stores available (10 : equivalent 10 super frames available)
<b>Room</b>	Available space for queen to lay eggs (5 : equivalent of 5 brood frames available)
<b>Health</b>	The state of the brood and adult bees (√ : all ok, CB? : possible chalk brood, EFB? : possible EFC, etc.)

**If you are not sure whether a disease is present, consult a more experienced beekeeper. If you think EFB**

**or AFB may be present you will need to notify the DWELP.**

<b>Temper</b>	The docility of the colony (10 : nice calm bees, 8 : bees agitated, 6 : bees sting, 2: bees chasing you)
<b>Feed</b>	How much feed given (2 LS : 2 litres of light syrup, 1 HS : 1 litre of heavy syrup, etc.)
<b>Supers</b>	How many supers removed or added (+1 : One super added, -5 : 5 frames removed, etc)
<b>Weather</b>	The temperature and cloud cover (c : cloudy, s : sunny, r : rainy, f : fair)
<b>Notes</b>	Anything of interest to add (lots of propolis, brood box needs repair etc)

**Once you have used the cards for a while you will be able to adapt them by deleting or adding headings and use your own abbreviations appropriate to your conditions and hive situations.**