

IOW Councillor Report March 2019 for Chillerton and Gatcombe Parish Council

Asian Hornet Threat to Bees

Islanders are being asked to look out for signs of the Asian Hornet, which is sweeping across Europe currently and has no natural predator itself but is an aggressive predator to our insects including the Honey Bee putting all of our pollinators at risk.

The Asian Hornet is smaller than our native hornet and has a darker abdomen with an orange segment and has yellow legs.

If you suspect that you see an Asian Hornet or its nest, take a clear photo and immediately advise and send your photo to one of the following:

Asian Hornet Watch App- through iPhone and Android or e-mail:

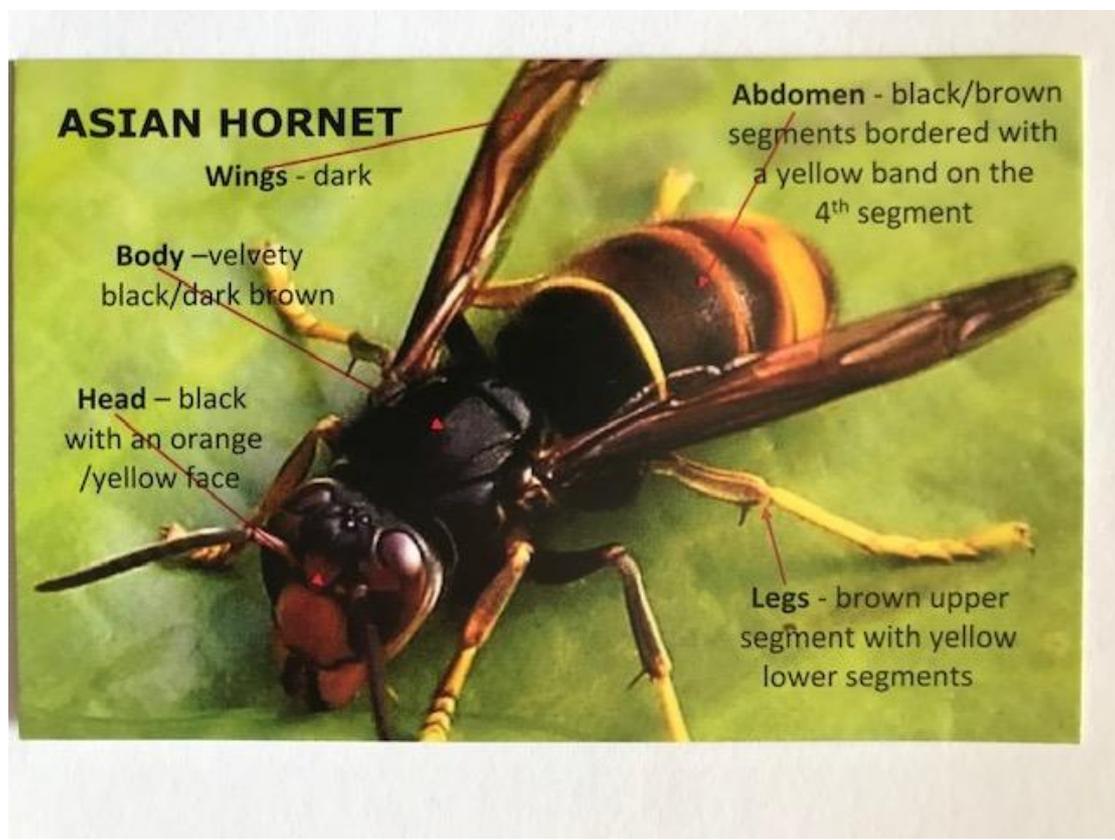
alertnonnative@ceh.ac.uk

For further information on Asian Hornets Visit:

www.nonnativespecies.org or www.nationalbeeunit.com

Facebook – Isle of Wight Asian Hornet Watch

Nests look similar to a wasp nest and are found near to the ground often but can also be found high up in trees.



Green Waste Subscriptions

Residents are reminded that if they have or would like an annual subscription for the Green Waste Collection they must re apply via the council website under green waste as the subscription does not roll over.

The cost is just £60 for the year and this entitles you to a collection every two weeks throughout the year.

You have to apply/re-apply by the end of April 2019 for the coming municipal year.

IT App development

Residents might be interested to know that I am attempting to get the council's IT department to develop an App that can be used to report fly tipping, graffiti, parking issues, dog fouling, litter, drainage problems and many other issues.

This would be an easy to use App with options to report and photo upload with location that would be sent directly to the department responsible for immediate action straight from your smart phone.

I will update you when I have made a breakthrough on this important potential service.

Brook Lane, Chillerton

The long running saga of Brook Lane does have an update from the Construction Manager of Island Roads, which is the lane has been swept twice and they have contacted their surfacing contractors to enquire with them about getting the surfacing vehicles through the lane. They are currently waiting to hear back from them and I will keep you informed as soon as I hear their response.

I have asked for an update and timing for this road to be completed ASAP and if I don't get an answer by the 26th March they are to expect me to ask them for an answer immediately at their Assets and Management presentation and meeting at Island Roads HQ with all Councillors in attendance.

With best wishes to you all,

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