

Supporting Gambian Beekeepers

British beekeepers are always ready to wring their hands and complain about their own problems but these are insignificant compared with beekeepers in the Third World. Not only is equipment almost unobtainable but beekeeping is often an important part of the rural economy rather than a hobby as it is for many of us (ignoring the economics of pollination for a moment).

Pat Parry of the North Clwyd BKA is trying to help beekeepers in the Gambia by raising funds and collecting together and transporting donated equipment. Pat is working in liaison with our colleagues at the *Bees for Development* journal. To put the beekeep-

ing scene in context, beekeepers in the Gambia have one extractor for the whole country! And they are so very grateful therefore for any help we can provide.

Pat has visited the Gambia entirely at her own expense and has been fortunate in receiving a generous range of donated items as well as cash donations. She will be returning there again in September or October. If you have any unwanted equipment or would like to make a donation, please contact Mrs. Pat Parry, 9 Heol Wen, Coedpoeth, Wrexham, Clwyd LL11 3HD. Telephone: Wrexham (0978) 753908.

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