

## Westerham Queen Frame Trap ("QFT")

### TOP TIPS

- Easier with 2 people on first use
- When transferring the queen into the QFT, this is best done over an upturned lid, a little way from the bee activity at the hive.
- Use a queen clip or feather her onto the new frame
- Add tape (masking or duct) to seal any gaps in the sides of the QFT– you may have a "Houdini" queen
- Drawn comb allows the queen to lay immediately, although they will pull foundation
- Add a small hole in the brood comb so that the queen can lay up both sides.
- If the hole (see point above) is forgotten, it can still be made after the QFT has been sealed by poking a screwdriver (or something similar) through the queen excluder frame.
- Recycling the sealed brood comb: you have flexibility. First sealed cells will be after 9 days (3 days egg, 6 days larvae). They are sealed for 12 days. Just don't leave for >21 days when the bees & varroa hatch out!!
- Position the QFT in the broodnest area

