

Putting a newly arrived nuc into a hive

- 1) When your nuc arrives, put it where the hive will be and open the entrance – the bees will soon re-orientate to their new position.
- 2) Position the hive right next to the nuc (the bees get used to seeing it)



- 3) Leave for a couple of days so the bees re-orientate to their new position and get over any stress from their move
- 4) **Transfer day:** Choose a warm part of the day, when the foragers are out (nb; less bees in the nuc to handle)
- 5) Put the hive in the nuc's place with its entrance in the same place as the nuc's. The foragers come back to the new hive
- 6) Transfer the frames from the nuc into the hive and shake any other bees in that are left in the nuc (then take the nuc away as it still smells like home)
- 7) Add frames of foundation either side of the nuc frames
- 8) Put on the crownboard
- 9) Add a feeder with thick syrup, to encourage drawing out the wax foundation
- 10) Pat yourself on the back

A more direct method

> transfer the frames from the nuc on its arrival straight into the hive

> then follow steps 8-11 above. Bit more stress for the bees but quick and easy.