

Live and Let Fly – Report 3. 12th December 2023 – Tony Herbert

Of the 20 colonies situated at Tony Herbert's out-apiary, 4 appear to have signs of un-capping/recapping behaviour, which according to all current evidence can be a reliable indicator of varroa tolerance. The bees are actively investigating and removing varroa infected brood. (<https://www.varroaresistant.uk/>)

All 4 colonies have a very low natural mite drop and none have been treated going into winter 2023. Only 6 colonies have required treatment this year and all are undergoing regular checks of the bottom boards to see how they compare with each other.