

Email from L&NWBKA

Circulation : all L&NWBA members

We are aware that that there has been a credible unconfirmed sighting of an AH inside an industrial unit in our area. It was reported via the AH alert app, and the NBU are taking appropriate actions to deal with what will be a AH queen at this time of year.

It is suspected that it arrived on a recent shipment from Europe, more details will be released in due course

The Preston AH lead is establishing a network of traps with her AH verifiers outside the area that the NBU are working on as a precaution.

It is expected to be an isolated incursion, however this underlines our approach to increase public awareness and be prepared should there be a confirmed report.

It also emphasises the fact that AH can turn up in unexpected places, and we need as many members as possible to conduct a coordinated monitoring event in June.

Unfettered a single AH queen has the potential to populate the whole of the UK, as has happened in other countries in Europe.

To sign up to be a local AH verifier in your area contact your Branch AH lead or branch secretary.