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Beekeeping was a distant memory at UCD and was not practiced on campus for over a decade. But in 2014, Dr Brian Tobin and his team set out to change that. They established the “Bringing Bees Back to Belfield” project which involved setting up an apiary next to the Rosemount heritage apple orchard; and the development of an academic module on apiculture and pollination ecology.

Today, thanks to students and staff working in UCD School of Agriculture & Food Science and groups on campus like UCD Horticulture Society, Belfield honeybees contribute to the pollination of the Rosemount orchard and countless parklands and gardens close by.

The Rosemount apiary now plays a pivotal role in the cherished biodiversity at UCD. Students and staff, as well as local groups and schools, regularly visit the apiary and experience honeybees at work whilst also gaining a first-hand understanding of their management. The honey produced is used in teaching as well as in research into pollination ecology.

UCD honey is not mass produced. We only harvest a very small quantity every year and we are delighted to share it with you.



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We hope you enjoy this precious golden nectar.