

South of England Honey Show

2025



at the



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The Honey Show Benches will once again be a focal point of the Bees & Honey display at the **Autumn Show & Horse Trials**, within the show ground's centrepiece **Norfolk Pavilion**.



The ever popular Honey Sales stall will also be again offering honey products for sale, on behalf of and provided by individual beekeepers and Associations.



Yellow Legged Asian Hornet information to build public awareness of the threat they pose to insects generally, pollination and to the public itself.



Microscopy display and use of equipment to reveal the exquisite details of the honey bee as well as how it is used in the identification of their ailments.



Promote your Association or Division by providing details about your Membership, Training and Taster Days to display alongside our general Honey Bee and Beekeeping posters.

For Enquiries & Info, contact: beesandhoneyinfo@gmail.com



Help as a Show Steward for half a day at our show, meeting other beekeepers and talking to our visitors; with the rest of the day free to look around the show ground.

For Enquiries & Info, contact: chief.steward@deodar.org.uk

< Featuring photos from the 2023 show.

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ON-LINE
SHOW SCHEDULE
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For On-Line Show Entry

Click: <https://tinyurl.com/SoE-2025>

Or: Scan this QR code >

Once submitted, entries will be received directly by the Show Secretary and an entry copy is emailed to the sender.

... includes option to also register Sales Stock



Scan this QR code > for downloadable SHOW CLASSES (inc. Prizes & Awards), SHOW RULES & REGULATIONS.



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CLASSES

PRIZES

BOUNTY FROM THE HIVE		£1 fee per entry	1 st	2 nd	3 rd
1.	Any combination of six different items of produce from the exhibitor's bees, used singularly or as a component /ingredients within individual items, e.g. beeswax candles, lip balm, cakes, fudge etc. Open to Divisions, Groups or Individuals. Note: Honey to be labelled as for sale. Composite items to have recipes/ingredients displayed.		£10.00	£7.50	£5.00
FOUR JARS OF HONEY AS FOR SALE		£1 fee per entry	1 st	2 nd	3 rd
2.	Four identical jars of same type and weight (Light, Medium, Dark, Naturally Crystallised or Soft Set) honey, labelled as offered for sale. (Rule 8 does not apply)		£10.00	£7.50	£5.00
NOVICE OPPORTUNITY		£1 fee per entry	1 st	2 nd	3 rd
3.	One jar of honey, any colour 454 g (1 lb). (Rule 6 applies)		£10.00	£7.50	£5.00
GENERAL CLASSES		£1 fee per entry per Class	1 st	2 nd	3 rd
4.	Two jars of Light Honey, each 454 g (1 lb).		£5.00	£3.00	£1.50
5.	Two jars of Medium Honey, each 454 g (1 lb).		£5.00	£3.00	£1.50
6.	Two jars of Naturally Crystallised Honey (not stirred), each 454 g (1 lb).		£5.00	£3.00	£1.50
7.	Two jars of Soft Set Honey, each 454 g (1 lb).		£5.00	£3.00	£1.50
8.	Two containers of Cut Comb (free from Ling), gross weight between 200 g and 255 g.		£5.00	£3.00	£1.50
9.	One Frame of Honey suitable for extracting.		£5.00	£3.00	£1.50
10.	One Piece of Beeswax, not less than 425 g (15 oz), not more than 480 g (17 oz) and not less than 25 mm (1 inch) thick.		£5.00	£3.00	£1.50
11.	Three Blocks of Beeswax, each 28 g (1 oz), matching in all respects		£5.00	£3.00	£1.50
12.	1 Pair of Beeswax Dipped Candles, max height 300 mm (12 inch)		£5.00	£3.00	£1.50
13.	1 Pair of Beeswax Candles by any other method, max height 300 mm (12 inch)		£5.00	£3.00	£1.50
14.	Mead Dry (see Rules 4 & 11)		£5.00	£3.00	£1.50
15.	Mead Sweet (see Rules 4 & 11)		£5.00	£3.00	£1.50
16.	A photograph, subject connected with bees or beekeeping. Card mount no greater than 254 mm x 305 mm with minimum border of 25 mm. Maximum print size 200 mm x 250 mm.		£5.00	£3.00	£1.50
GIFT CLASSES Exhibits to be sold during the show for the Benefit of Show Funds		Free Entry	1 st	2 nd	3 rd
17.	Honey Fruit Cake - made to recipe & by method below. (Rule 13 not applicable) Recipe: • 225 g (8 oz) honey. • 225 g (8 oz) S.R. flour. • 113 g (4 oz) butter or margarine. • 2 eggs. • 113 g (4 oz) sultanas. • 113 g (4 oz) currents. • 60 g (2 oz) mixed peel. • 45ml (3 tablespoons) milk. • A pinch of nutmeg. • A pinch of salt. Method: • Cream butter/margarine and honey. • Sift flour, nutmeg and salt together. • Beat eggs and add to the creamed mixture alternately with flour. • Add rest of ingredients & beat lightly, adding milk if needed to form a soft dropping consistency. • Bake in a greased 18 cm (7 inch) round tin on the middle shelf at 150°C (gas mark 2) for 1¼ - 1½ hours.		£5.00	£3.00	£1.50
18.	Honey Biscuits (10 to be displayed) - made to recipe & by method below. (Rule 13 not applicable) Recipe: • 50 g margarine. • 100 g plain flour. • 50 g Caster or soft brown sugar. • Pinch of salt. • 1 dessert spoon of honey. Method: • Cream margarine, sugar & honey together. • Sieve salt & flour and work into the creamed mixture. • Knead until smooth. • Roll to 6 mm (¼") thick, cut into rounds 60 mm (2½") dia, prick with a fork. • Place on greased baking sheet & • Bake for about 10 min at 180°C, gas mark 4. • Allow to cool a little before removing from baking sheet. • Store in an air-tight container.		£5.00	£3.00	£1.50
19.	Two jars Honey Marmalade, in 454 g/340 g (1 lb/12 oz) plain Honey or Jam jars with screw or twist lids;. Recipe to be displayed. (Rule 13 not applicable. One jar to be judged, the other to be sold).		£5.00	£3.00	£1.50
20.	Honey Sweets and/or Chocolates 454 g (1 lb) gross weight box. Recipe(s) to be displayed. Box should have a transparent lid or covering. (Rule 13 not applicable.)		£5.00	£3.00	£1.50

SPECIAL AWARDS

D.H.WILKINS PERPETUAL CHALLENGE CUP
for the winner of Class 1
Bounty from the Hive

SEAS ARDINGLY PERPETUAL CHALLENGE CUP
for most points in Classes 2 to 15 inclusive.
(1st - 4 points, 2nd - 3 points, 3rd - 2 points, 4th - 1 point)

NATIONAL HONEY SHOW BLUE RIBBON
for Best Exhibit in Show
(subject to minimum of 100 entries judged)

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RULES AND REGULATIONS PLEASE READ CAREFULLY

1. Entry Registrations must reach the Hon. Show Secretary, no later than 20th September 2025. Entries received after this date will only be accepted at the discretion of the Hon. Show Secretary. Exhibits received will not be staged if fees have not been paid.
2. Fees are payable either upon registration by Bank transfer:
Bank a/c: SEAS, Account No: 01265561, Sort Code: 30-18-30,
Ref: B&H[+entrants Surname]
or upon delivery of exhibits to the show:
either by cheque (payable to SEAS) or in cash.
3. All exhibits must be presented to the Bees and Honey Section, South of England Showground, Ardingly, West Sussex RH17 6TL. Each entrant will be offered a car pass for showground access on Friday 26th September 2025 between 10am and 5pm. Alternatively, entries may be delivered by courier or post (carriage or postage paid) to arrive by Thursday 25th September 2025. Payment for return carriage or postage and all charges must be made when sending exhibits. No return carriage will be paid by the Society.
4. Numbered Exhibitors' labels must be affixed to exhibits as follows: Jars and Mead bottles, 15mm from bottom; Frames, one in top right hand corner of the vertical face of the container and one on the frame's top bar; Cut Comb, one on the right-hand corner of the lid and one on the long side of the container; Beeswax, one on the exhibit and one on the bag provided; Cakes & Biscuits, one label on the plate & one to the bag provided; Displays, so as to be completely visible.
5. No exhibit may be entered in more than one class. Exhibitors may make more than one entry in a class, but will not be awarded more than one prize in a class.
6. A Novice is any beekeeper who has never won a first prize at a Honey Show, the First Prize winner of Class 3 being eligible for a free Admission Ticket to the National Honey Show.
7. Frames must be shown in bee-proof protected cases with the comb to be visible on both sides.
8. Extracted honey must be shown in B.S.I. Pattern glass 1lb. squat jars of one type and secured against leakage with standard metal or plastic caps.
9. Cut Comb must be shown in standard commercial containers.
10. Beeswax, honey cakes and biscuits must be shown only in polythene bags which will be provided.
11. Mead must be shown in clear, un-tinted glass punted wine bottles of 70cl capacity, shallow punts will be accepted. Plastic flanged cork stoppers must be used; flush corks must not be used.
12. Every possible care will be taken of exhibits, but the Society will not be responsible for any loss or damage that may occur in any way whatsoever, or for exhibits not collected at the close of the Show.
13. All honey exhibits to be products of the Exhibitor's bees.
14. The Judges have the power to withhold the awarding of prizes for a Class through insufficient merit of entries.
15. Candles must be displayed erect in or on suitable holders, so that one can be lit by the Judge. (Beeswax may be purchased for candles).
16. Exhibitors wishing to buy their gifts may do so at selling prices prevailing at the time of the Show, and must indicate their intention on the entry form. Gifts reserved in this way must be paid for and collected before the end of the Show.
17. No exhibit or any part thereof shall be removed before 4.30pm on the last day of the Show, and shall be checked against the entry form and removed by a Steward.
18. Any Exhibitor submitting 5 or more Show entries will receive a FREE Show Ground entry wristband valid for both Show days. Entry to Class 1 counts as 5 entries. Entry to Gift Classes 17-20 each count as 2 entries.
Note: Full Adult Day showground Ticket price will be £13.95 (£12.15 for students & 65+, under 16's free if accompanied by an adult.)

SHOW GROUND ACCESS & PARKING

Dropping off Exhibits (or Honey Stock for Sale) on Friday.

Each entrant will be offered a car pass for access to the showground on Friday 26th September *See Rule 3*

Parking during Show Days

All visitors, Honey Show Exhibitors and Stewards are required to park in the public car parks surrounding the Show Ground.

Note: There is no vehicle movement on the showground between 8.30am and 6.30pm each show day, Sat. & Sun.

Collection of Exhibits & Prizes (or Honey Stock & Sales proceeds) on Sunday.

For Entrants walking into the showground (eg. from a public car parking area), to collect exhibits or prizes; access is permitted from 4.30pm. **See Rule 17**

For entrants requiring to bring their vehicle into the showground to collect exhibits (or Honey Stock); vehicle access will not be permitted before 6.30pm.

Exact time of vehicle access would depend on the pedestrian footfall on the showground, and be the decision of the Chief (Showground) Steward.

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To submit ENTRIES by POST or to SCAN & EMAIL, use these forms. (also use to prepare or record On-Line entry details)			To submit ON-LINE ENTRIES, scan the QR Code below. (or enter the address below in your browser)		
Please complete these details clearly, and in BLOCK CAPITALS where indicated *			https://tinyurl.com/SoE-2025		
* Full Name:		 <p>This QR code/address opens a Google Form that once completed and submitted will be received directly by the Show Secretary. A copy will also be emailed to the sender.</p>			
* Postal Address:					
*Postcode:					
Contact Phone No:					
Email Address:					
* Beekeeping Association / Division:					
HONEY COMPETITION SHOW BENCH ENTRIES					
Stewards use only		Class *	Description of Exhibit (* if Gift Class, also indicate if Buy-Back required)		Entry Fee
in	out	No.	Use one line per entry (Make and keep a copy of all entries for your own reference)		£
Entries may be continued on additional forms or on plain paper attached to this form			Total Fees Due		
I declare these entries conform to the Rules by which I agree to abide and that by honey and wax exhibits have been produced by my own bees.			Bank Transfer - Ref: B&H[+entrants name]; SEAS; a/c No. 01265561; Sort Code 30-18-30		Donation (voluntary) to Show expenses
			Cheques - payable to SEAS		TOTAL to Pay
Signed			Payment by: Transfer / Cheque / Cash Circle as appropriate	Payment received (for Hon. Show Secretary use)	
HONEY SHOW SALES STALL STOCK to SELL					
Units Provided	Stewards use only		If you also wish to provide honey for sale at the Show, please complete the form below. Note: You are also strongly encouraged to provide at least one entry of the honey for sale in Class 2. The presence of, and especially an award for, your honey in the class can boost your sales.		
	Received	Returned	Label Name	Description	Unit Weight

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