

# South of England 2025

## Bees & Beekeeping Show

Bees &  
Honey  
SECTION at the



Live Bee Hive  
Inspections.

Observation  
Hives.

Children's  
Poster  
Competition  
Display.

Honey,  
Mead,  
Candles &  
Beekeeping  
Equipment  
trade stalls.

Yellow  
Legged  
Hornet  
Awareness  
stand.

Demos of:  
a Tree Hive,  
Skep making  
Microscopy &  
Frame Making

Beekeeping  
Information  
& Equipment  
displays.

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Contact us to  
enquire about  
joining or  
helping the  
volunteers  
that make all  
this happen.



Help at the 2026 Show

5<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup> June

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The SoE Honey Bees & Beekeeping Show is staged by volunteer members of a 'Bees & Honey' sub-committee of the South of England Agricultural Society, at the South of England Showground, in Ardingly, West Sussex.

For 2025, the show occupied a 12m x 36m marquee with viewing, by a seated audience, of a walled 12m x 6m apiary area through a transparent end wall, within the SEAS showground. Appropriately located along Queen's Street, between the Green and Blue Gate entrances, the marquee once again provided "must go-to" content for public attending the SEAS South of England Show, during Friday 6th, Saturday 7th and Sunday 8th of June.

Beekeepers from throughout the South East of England are able to participate in displaying, safely demonstrating and in talking about Honey Bees and Beekeeping to the visiting public.

Content included ...

- **Live Inspections of full Colonies of Bees ...**
  - presented on the hour from 10am to 4pm each day.
  - beekeepers opening, in rotation, one of four hives in the demonstration apiary.
  - commentaries to viewing audiences by another beekeeper inside the marquee.
- **Observation Hives**, providing VERY up close views of activities within a hive, by bees still able to forage via 'snorkel' tubes to adjacent display gardens.
- **Bees, Beekeeping, Training and Membership** information displays.
- **Bees & Honey Poster Competition** entries displayed, open to School or Youth Groups.
- Practical demonstrations of
  - *A live colony within a Tree Trunk.*
  - *The craft of Skep Making.*
  - *Microscopy and the honeybee's anatomy.*
- **Yellow Legged Asian Hornet** public awareness raised with the display of a table top enlarged model and information banners, and by engaging with and distributing information on leaflets and small cards to visitor to the marquee.
- **Trade Stalls** selling wax products, cosmetics, beekeeping equipment and mead.

Setting-up for the show was able to be completed during the preceding Thursday. The organising team led and supervised the many additional volunteer beekeepers during the three days of the show, needed to carry out; the hive inspections; provide commentaries; attend the observation hives; provide demonstrations of related craft skills; and look after our stall holders. As well as, of course, conveying our passion for beekeeping to the visiting public and hopefully satisfactorily answering their many questions.

Would you like to participate and maybe help at next year's show?

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# South of England Honey Show

## 2025 Competition & Displays

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Honey Show  
Bench Display



Trophies  
Awarded

Cash Prizes

Honey Sales  
Stall offering  
22 different  
local products



Candle,  
Marmalade  
and Cosmetics  
trade stalls.

Yellow Legged  
Hornet  
Awareness stand.

Microscopy  
demonstration



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Enter the 2026 Show  
26<sup>th</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup> September

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## 2025 Event Report

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For 2025, the show once again occupied the Farmers Room (and its entrance lobby) within the showground's Norfolk Pavilion, as part of the **Autumn Show & Horse Trials** event, during Saturday 27th and Sunday 28th of September.

The event provided an opportunity for beekeepers, throughout the South East of England, to participate. Not simply in a friendly Honey Show Bench competition, but to also display, demonstrate and make available to the visiting public, the diversity and quality of locally produced products of the hive.

Content included ...

- A colourful & diverse Honey Show bench display with over 100 exhibits of **Honey in Jars, Comb and Frames; Beeswax; Mead; Honey Cakes & Biscuits; Beekeeping related Photography**; and creative presentations of **Bounty from the Hive**.
- Information displays about **Honey Bees & Beekeeping**
- Practical demonstrations of **Microscopy**, revealing the complexity of the honeybee's anatomy.
- Raising awareness of the threat posed by the **Yellow Legged Asian Hornet** with a static enlarged model, distributing information on leaflets and credit card sized cards, displaying information banners and donning a YLH costume to interact with the public elsewhere in the show-ground.
- **Trade stalls** selling wax products, cosmetics and honey marmalade.
- The 'Bees & Honey' Honey Sales stall ...
  - Selling jarred and comb honey, on behalf of participating Beekeepers from between London and the south east coasts.
  - Enabling and offering tasting of the 22 different honeys on sale, varying in their colour, texture and flavour ... before the almost inevitable purchase!

Setting-up for the show was largely able to be completed during the preceding Friday. The organising team then worked during the two days of the show, along with additional volunteers, to provide the stewarding required, looking after our stall holders, supervising all the content and, of course, conveying our passion for beekeeping to the visiting public.

**Would you like to participate and maybe help at next year's show?**

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# South of England Honey Show

## 2025 Competition Results

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**SEAS Ardingly Perpetual Challenge Cup** - for most Points in Classes 2 to 15 - **Bob Barnes** (14 points)

**D.H. Wilkins Perpetual Challenge Cup** - to the Winner of Class 1, Bounty of the Hive - **Hilary Osman**

Class	1st	2nd	3rd	4th
1 <b>Bounty from the Hive</b>	<b>Hilary Osman</b> Brighton & Lewes, W.Sussex	<b>Helen Worwood</b> Epsom, Surrey	<b>Alison Derrick</b> Thames Ditton, Surrey	<b>Barbara Barnes</b> Caterham, Surrey
2 <b>4 Jars Honey as for Sale</b>	<b>Diane Steele</b> Bognor Regis, W.Sussex	<b>Croydon BKA</b> Croydon, L.B.Croydon	<b>Kathy O'Toole</b> Coulsdon, Surrey	<b>Daisy Day</b> Loxwood, W.Sussex
3 <b>Novice Opportunity</b>	<b>Ruth Johnson</b> Betchworth, Surrey	<b>Mark White</b> Lindfield, W.Sussex	<b>Rick Butcher</b> Haywards Heath W.Sussex	na
4 <b>2 Jars Honey Light</b>	<b>Bob Curtis</b> Brighton & Lewes, W.Sussex	<b>Simon Ford</b> Dorking, Surrey	<b>Vince Gallo</b> Reigate, Surrey	<b>Henfold RBKA</b> Newdigate, Surrey
5 <b>2 Jars Honey Medium</b>	<b>Bob Barnes</b> Caterham, Surrey	<b>Daisy Day</b> Loxwood, W.Sussex	<b>Croydon BKA</b> Croydon, L.B. Croydon	<b>Brockham RBKA</b> Dorking, Surrey
6 <b>2 Jars Honey Crystallised</b>	<b>Bob Curtis</b> Cross in Hand, E.Sussex	<b>Eva Dembinska</b> Redhill, Surrey	<b>Bob Barnes</b> Caterham, Surrey	<b>Martin Adsett</b> Worthing, W.Sussex
7 <b>2 Jars Honey Soft Set</b>	<b>Richard Markwick</b> Haywards Heath, W.Sussex	<b>Daisy Day</b> Loxwood, W.Sussex		
8 <b>2 containers Cut Comb</b>	<b>Bob Barnes</b> Caterham, Surrey	<b>Annie Hind</b> Betchingley, Surrey		
9 <b>1 Frame for Extraction</b>	<b>Bob Barnes</b> Caterham, Surrey	<b>Martin Adsett</b> Worthing, W.Sussex	<b>Croydon BKA</b> Croydon, L.B, Croydon	<b>Vince Gallo</b> Reigate, Surrey
10 <b>1 piece 16oz Beeswax</b>	<b>Hilary Osman</b> Brighton & Lewes, W.Sussex			
11 <b>3 x 1oz blocks Beeswax</b>	<b>Kathy O'Toole</b> Coulsdon, Surrey	<b>Helen Worwood</b> Epsom, Surrey	<b>Judith New</b> Brighton & Hove, E.Sussex	<b>Annie Hind</b> Betchingley, Surrey
12 <b>Pair Beeswax Candles Dipped</b>	No entries benched			
13 <b>Pair Beeswax Candles (other)</b>	<b>Annie Hind</b> Betchingley, Surrey Pair of Beeswax Candles,	<b>Bob Curtis</b> Brighton & Lewes, W.Sussex	<b>Helen Worwood</b> Epsom, Surrey	<b>Kathy O'Toole &amp; joint 4th Judith New</b>
14 <b>Mead, Dry</b>	<b>Barbara Barnes</b> Caterham, Surrey	na		
15 <b>Mead, Sweet</b>	na			
16 <b>A Photograph Bees related</b>	<b>Simon Ford</b> Dorking, Surre, Mr Fruit Cak.	<b>Bob Curtis</b> Brighton & Lewes, W.Sussex	<b>Bob Barnes</b> Caterham, Surrey	<b>Karen Ford</b> Dorking, Surrey
17 <b>Honey Fruit Cake</b>	<b>Hilary Osman</b> Brighton & Lewes, W.Sussex	<b>Barbara Barnes</b> Caterham, Surrey	<b>Richard Bradfield</b> Fetcham, Surrey	<b>Richard Markwick</b> Haywards Heath, W.Sussex
18 <b>Honey Biscuits</b>	<b>Annie Hind</b> Betchingley Surrey	<b>Hilary Osman</b> Brighton & Lewes, W.Sussex	<b>Judith New</b> Brighton & Hove, E.Sussex	<b>Rick Butcher</b> Haywards Heath W.Sussex
19 <b>2 Jars Marmalade</b>	<b>Hilary Osman</b> Brighton & Lewes, W.Sussex	<b>Barbara Barnes</b> Caterham, Surrey	<b>Eva Dembinska</b> Redhill, Surrey	
20 <b>Honey Sweets &amp;/or Chocolates</b>	<b>Barbara Barnes</b> Caterham, Surrey			