



South of England Honey Show

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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 previous shows.*

The Bees & Honey Committee will be grateful for offers to sponsor individual Classes of Entries, and the two Trophies

If you or your organisation would like to sponsor prizes in this or future years, please contact the
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Thank you.

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ONLINE SoE 2026 Honey Show Registration Form

- Show Rules & Regulations
- Schedule of Show Bench Classes
- Registration of Show Bench Entries
- Registration of Honey Sales Stock
- Show Ground Access & Parking details

Use the link below or scan the QR code

<https://forms.gle/7RDbEh6vkNZu7EwH6>



For more information about Bees & Honey at the South of England Showground

<https://www.seas.org.uk/south-of-england-show/gardening-plants-and-flowers/>

<https://www.seas.org.uk/countryside-learning/schools-competition/>

<https://www.seas.org.uk/competing/autumn-show-horse-trials/>

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SCHEDULE of SHOW CLASSES, PRIZES & AWARDS

CLASSES

PRIZES

		£1 fee per entry	1 st	2 nd	3 rd
BOUNTY FROM THE HIVE					
1.	Any combination of six different items of produce from the exhibitor's bees, used singularly or as components or 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. (See Rule 14) Composite items to have recipes/ingredients displayed.		£10.00	£7.50	£5.00
FOUR JARS OF HONEY AS FOR SALE					
2.	Four identical jars of same type and weight of honey labelled as offered for sale (Light, Medium, Dark, Naturally Crystallised or Soft Set) (Rule 9 not applicable, See Rule 14)		£10.00	£7.50	£5.00
NOVICE CLASS 1 st place also eligible for Free Admission to the National Honey Show.					
3.	One jar of honey, any colour 454 g (1 lb). (Rule 7 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. (See Rule 8)		£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 5 & 12)		£5.00	£3.00	£1.50
15.	Mead Sweet (see Rules 5 & 12)		£5.00	£3.00	£1.50
16.	A photograph, relevant to bees or beekeeping. Card mount no greater than 254 mm x 305 mm with minimum border of 25mm.		£5.00	£3.00	£1.50
GIFT CLASSES Exhibits to be sold during the show for the Benefit of Show Funds (see Rule 18)		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. • Cool before removing from baking sheet • Store in 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 or 100 entries judged)

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SHOW RULES & REGULATIONS

1. All entries to be made via the on-line form, downloaded form or the pre-printed form, and must reach the Hon. Show Secretary, no later than 20th September 2026. Entries arriving after this date will only be accepted at the discretion of the Hon. Show Secretary.
2. Entry Fees are payable either: upon registration by Bank transfer to the SEAS Bank a/c No: 01265561, 30-18-30, Ref: BandH [+entrants Surname] or: upon delivery by hand of exhibits to the show by cheque (payable to 'South of England Agricultural Society'), credit card or cash to the B&H Hon Treasurer. Exhibits will not be staged if fees have not been paid.
3. All exhibits must be delivered to the Bees & Honey Section, Norfolk Pavilion, SoE Showground, Ardingly, West Sussex RH17 6TL.
By hand during Friday 25th September 2026 between 12noon & 5pm (entrants will be offered a car pass for show ground access).
By courier or post (carriage or postage paid) to arrive by Thursday 24th September 2026. No return carriage will be paid by the Society. Pre-payment of all return charges must be made by the sender.
4. Numbered Class Exhibit labels will be provided by the Hon. Show Secretary during the 25th February for applying to delivered exhibits by the entrant, nominated representative, or Show Bench Steward.
5. Class Exhibit Labels to be positioned 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.
6. 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 single class.
7. 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.
8. Frames must be wired and shown in bee-proof cases with the comb to be visible on both sides.
9. Extracted honey must be shown in plain 454g (1lb) squat glass jars with standard lacquered metal or plastic caps.
10. Cut Comb must be shown in standard commercial containers.
11. Beeswax, honey cakes and biscuits must be shown only in polythene bags on paper plates which will be provided.
12. 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.
13. All honey exhibits to be products of the Exhibitor's bees.
14. Honey labelled for sale must comply with current legislation: Honey Regulations 2015, ref [Business Companion](#) guide.
15. Candles must be displayed erect in or on suitable holders, so that one can be lit by the Judge. (Beeswax used in making candles need not be produced by the exhibitors bees).
16. 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.
17. The Judges have the power to withhold the awarding of prizes for a Class through insufficient merit of entries.
18. 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.
19. 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 only removed from the show bench by a Steward.
20. 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 Day showground Ticket prices are £14.40 Adult & £12.60 Senior. (£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 25th 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 18**

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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