

South of England Honey Show 2026 Competition & Displays

Bees & Honey
SECTION at the



Honey Show
Bench Display

Trophies
Awarded

Cash Prizes

Honey Sales
Stall offering
20 different
local products

Candle,
Marmalade
and Cosmetics
trade stalls.

Yellow Legged
Hornet
Awareness
stand.

Microscopy
demonstration



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Enter the 2027 Show
25th & 26th September

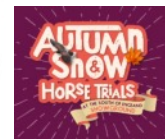
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2026 Event Report



The SoE Honey 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 2026, the show occupied its now regular home in the Farmers Room (and its entrance lobby) of the showground's Norfolk Pavilion, as part of the **Autumn Show & Horse Trials** event, during Saturday 26th and Sunday 27th 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 show-bench display, qualifying as a NHS Blue Ribbon show, with 121 exhibits of *Honey in Jars, Comb and Frames; Beeswax; Mead; Honey Cakes & Biscuits; Beekeeping related Photography*; & 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.
- *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 some 18 different honeys on sale, varying in their colour, texture and flavour ... before the almost inevitable purchase!

Setting-up for the show and staging the show bench was largely completed during the preceding Friday. Only a few last minute arrivals of registered entries remained to be benched early Saturday morning, before Judging commenced by 10am.

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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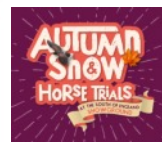
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2026 Competition Results

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SEAS Ardingly Perpetual Challenge Cup - for most Points in Classes 2 to 15 - **John Mayne** (24 points)

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

	Class	1st – 4 points	2nd – 3 points	3rd – 2 points	4th – 1 point
1	Bounty from the Hive	Barbara Barnes Caterham, Surrey	John Mayne Croydon, Surrey	Hilary Osman Brighton & Lewes, W.Sussex	Helen Worwood Epsom, Surrey
2	4 Jars Honey as for Sale	Janet Kay Fetcham, Surrey	John Mayne Croydon, Surrey	RBKA Buckland Reigate, Surrey	Phil Edwards Ashurst, Kent
3	Novice Opportunity	Edward Thomas Bexhill, East Sussex			
4	2 Jars Honey Light	Phil Edwards Ashurst, Kent	John Mayne Croydon, Surrey	Bob Barnes ® Reigate, Surrey	Simon Ford Dorking, Surrey
5	2 Jars Honey Medium	John Mayne Croydon, Surrey	Brockham RBKA Dorking, Surrey	Buckland RBKA Dorking, Surrey	Bob Curtis Cross in Hand, E.Sussex
6	2 Jars Honey Crystallised	na	na	Bob Barnes © Caterham, Surrey	Bob Curtis Cross in Hand, E.Sussex
7	2 Jars Honey Soft Set	John Mayne Croydon, Surrey	Bob Barnes ® Reigate, Surrey	na	Janet Kay Fetcham, Surrey
8	2 containers Cut Comb	Phil Edwards Ashurst, Kent	John Mayne Croydon, Surrey		
9	1 Frame for Extraction	Bob Barnes © Caterham, Surrey	Janet Kay Fetcham, Surrey	Richard Bradfield Fetcham, Surrey	Phil Edwards Ashurst, Kent
10	1 piece 16oz Beeswax	John Mayne Croydon, Surrey	Phil Edwards Ashurst, Kent	Hilary Osman Brighton & Lewes, W.Sussex	David Spandley Petersfield, Hampshire
11	3 x 1oz blocks Beeswax	Bob Curtis Cross in Hand, E.Sussex	Hilary Osman Brighton & Lewes, W.Susse	David Spandley Petersfield, Hampshire	na
12	Pair Beeswax Candles Dipped	No entries benched			
13	Pair Beeswax Candles (other)	Helen Worwood Epsom, Surrey	Hilary Osman Brighton & Lewes, W.Sussex	Phil Edwards Ashurst, Kent	Judith New Brighton & Hove, E.Sussex
14	Mead, Dry	Ray Green Bognor Regis, West Sussex	Simon Ford Dorking, Surrey.	Phil Edwards Ashurst, Kent	Richard Bradfield Fetcham, Surrey
15	Mead, Sweet	Celia Perry Ashted, Surrey	John Mayne Croydon, Surrey	Ray Green Bognor Regis, West Sussex	
16	A Photograph Bees related	Karen Ford Dorking, Surrey	Simon Ford Dorking, Surrey.	Bob Curtis Brighton & Lewes, W.Sussex	
17	Honey Fruit Cake	Hilary Osman Brighton & Lewes, W.Sussex	Richard Bradfield Fetcham, Surrey	Ray Green Bognor Regis, West Sussex	David Spandley Petersfield, Hampshire
18	Honey Biscuits	Hilary Osman Brighton & Lewes, W.Sussex	Bob Barnes ® Reigate, Surrey	David Spandley Petersfield, Hampshire	na
19	2 Jars Marmalade	Eva Dembinska Redhill, Surrey	Phil Edwards Ashurst, Kent	na	Hilary Osman Brighton & Lewes, W.Sussex
20	Honey Sweets &/or Chocolates	na	na	Helen Worwood Epsom, Surrey	