

South of England Honey Show

2024 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 2024, the show returned to its new 'home' within the showground's Norfolk Pavilion, as part of this year's **Autumn Show & Horse Trials** event, during the Saturday 21 and Sunday 22 of September.

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

Content included ...

- The Blue Ribbon qualifying Honey Show bench display, scrutinised by a National Honey Show judge.
- Information displays about Honey Bees & Beekeeping
- Practical demonstrations of microscopy.
- Interaction with public about the threat posed by the YLAH, (*highlighted by a report that same weekend of a verified sighting near Ardingly.*)
- Trade stalls selling wax products and honey marmalade.
- The 'Bees & Honey' stall ...
 - Selling jarred and comb honey, on behalf of participating and exhibiting Beekeepers from between London and the coast.
 - Tasting of the 20 different variants in colour, texture and flavour of the honey offered for sale ... before that then inevitable purchase!

Once the setting up was largely able to be completed during the preceding Friday, the organising team then worked during the two days of the show with additional volunteers. Together we provided the stewarding needed to supervise all the content and convey our passion for beekeeping to the visiting public.

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

Contact us via ... chief.steward@deodar.org.uk or ... beesandhoneyinfo@gmail.com

Enter the 2025 Show

20th & 21st September

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South of England Honey Show 2024 Competition & Displays

Bees & Honey
SECTION at the



AUTUMN
SHOW &
HORSE TRIALS

21,22 SEPT 24



Blue Ribbon
Honey Show
Bench Display

National
Honey Show
Judge

Trophies
Awarded

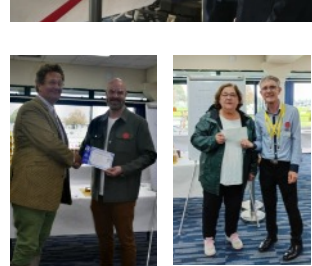
Cash Prizes

Honey Sales
Stall offering
20+ different
local products

Candle and
Marmalade
trade stalls.

Yellow Legged
Hornet
Awareness
stand.

Microscopy
demonstration



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

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South of England Honey Show 2024 Competition Results

National Honey Show Blue Ribbon - for the Best Exhibit in Show - **John Mayne** (4 Jars Honey as for Sale)

SEAS Ardingly Perpetual Challenge Cup - for most Points in Classes 2 to 15 - **John Mayne** (29 points)

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

Gift Admission to the National Honey Show - to the Winner of Class 3, Novice Opportunity - **Dorothy Purdie**

Class	1st – 4 points	2nd – 3 points	3rd – 2 points	4th – 1 point
1 Bounty from the Hive	Hilary Osman Brighton & Lewes, W. Sussex	Barbara Barnes Caterham, Surrey	John Mayne Croydon, L.B Croydon	
2 4 Jars Honey as for Sale	John Mayne Croydon, L.B Croydon	Daisy Day Loxwood, W.Sussex	RBKA Buckland Surrey	RBKA Brockham Surrey
3 Novice Opportunity	Dorothy Purdie East Grinstead, W. Sussex	na	James Hall Balcombe, West Sussex	
4 2 Jars Honey Light	Paul Borfiga Purley, Surrey	John Mayne Croydon, L.B Croydon	Bob Curtis Brighton & Lewes, W. Sussex	RBKA Bletchingly Surrey
5 2 Jars Honey Medium	John Mayne Croydon, L.B. Croydon	Simon Ford Dorking, Surrey	RBKA Brockham Surrey	Karen Ford Dorking, Surrey
6 2 Jars Honey Crystallised	na	John Mayne Croydon, L.B. Croydon	Bob Curtis Brighton & Lewes, W. Sussex	Alex de Salis Coulston, L.B.Croydon
7 2 Jars Honey Soft Set	John Mayne Croydon, L.B. Croydon	Daisy Day Loxwood, W.Sussex		
8 2 containers Cut Comb	John Mayne Croydon, L.B. Croydon	Daisy Day Loxwood, W.Sussex		
9 1 Frame for Extraction	Fynn McBratney Worthing, West Sussex	Vince Gallo Reigate, Surrey	John Mayne Croydon, L.B. Croydon	Martin Adsett Worthing, West Sussex
10 1 piece 16oz Beeswax	Bob Barnes Caterham, Surrey	John Mayne Croydon, L.B. Croydon	na	Alex de Salis Coulston, L.B.Croydon
11 3 x 1oz blocks Beeswax	Bob Barnes Caterham, Surrey	Kathy O'Toole Coulston, L.B.Croydon	John Mayne Croydon, L.B. Croydon	Judith New Brighton & Lewes, W. Sussex
12 Pair Beeswax Candles Dipped	No entries benched			
13 Pair Beeswax Candles (other)	Kathy O'Toole Coulston, L.B.Croydon	David Spandley Petersfield, Guildford	Barbara Barnes Caterham, Surrey	Beryl Green Bognor Regis, West Sussex
14 Mead, Dry	na	Barbara Barnes Caterham, Surrey	Ray Green Bognor Regis, West Sussex	
15 Mead, Sweet	Beryl Green Bognor Regis, West Sussex	na	Ray Green Bognor Regis, West Sussex	Barbara Barnes Caterham, Surrey
16 A Photograph Bees related	Simon Ford Dorking, Surrey	Bob Curtis Brighton & Lewes, W. Sussex	John Mayne Croydon, L.B Croydon	Bob Barnes Caterham, Surrey
17 Honey Fruit Cake	Hilary Osman Brighton & Lewes, W. Sussex	Wendy Markwick Ansty, W.Sussex	Ray Green Bognor Regis, West Susse	Barbara Barnes Caterham, Surrey
18 Honey Biscuits	Hilary Osman Brighton & Lewes, W. Sussex	John Mayne Croydon, L.B Croydon	Ray Green Bognor Regis, West Susse	Kathy O'Toole Coulston, L.B.Croydon
19 2 Jars Marmalade	Hilary Osman Brighton & Lewes, W. Sussex	Barbara Barnes Caterham, Surrey	John Mayne Croydon, L.B Croydon	Daisy Day Loxwood, W.Sussex
20 Honey Sweets &/or Chocolates	John Mayne Croydon, L.B Croydon	Barbara Barnes Caterham, Surrey		