

SURREY BEEKEEPERS ASSOCIATION
~ CROYDON DIVISION ~

THE CROYDON HONEY SHOW



Saturday 3rd October 2026

at

**The Selsdon Hall
(underneath Sainsburys)**

Selsdon Community Centre
132 Addington Road, CR2 8LA

The Croydon Honey Show

Organised by the Croydon Division of the Surrey Beekeepers Association

Honey Show Secretary – Alex de Salis

Judge – Alla Neal

TROPHIES & AWARDS

The **Mark Stott Cup** will be awarded to the Croydon Member gaining most points in Classes 1 to 28.

The **D J Campbell Cup** will be awarded to the Croydon Member gaining most points in Classes 1 to 11.

The **Kirkup Memorial Cup** for the Surrey Beekeeping Association member gaining most points in Classes 1 to 11 other than the winner of the D J Campbell Cup.

The **N T Haines Cup** will be awarded to the Croydon Member who is a novice (see rule 5 for definition) gaining the most points in Classes 7 & 12. In the event of a tie, Class 7 will take precedence over Class 12.

The **Mike Szilagyi Bursary** (£10) is awarded to the entrant who gains most points in the 'Six for Sale' (Class 8).

The **Collett Cup** is awarded for the best Frame for Extraction (Class 10).

The **Best in Wax Shield** will be awarded to the Surrey BKA member gaining most points in Classes 12 to 16.

The **Ellen Coates Memorial Plate** will be awarded for the best Honey Cake (Class 17).

The **Blue Ribbon or Certificate of Merit**, depending on the number of entries, for the Best Exhibit in Show.

THE ANNUAL HONEY SHOW

With it growing from strength to strength each year, we are excited to be holding our Honey Show again. We encourage all members of Croydon BKA to take part, as well as welcoming participants from other associations, and our family and friends.

There are classes suitable for the whole family to enter, with certificates and prize money awarded to the first three places.

If you have never won a first, second or third prize in any honey show before, in either honey or wax classes, there are two novice classes, with the chance to win the novice cup.

If you are new to beekeeping (or a supportive family member) there are many classes which do not require you to use your own or your family's honey or wax. Your children can take part in the Junior Beekeeping classes as well.

Have a go - join the fun and learn new skills

How to enter:

Please read the class schedule and rules carefully, since however good your exhibits, they cannot be awarded a prize if they do not comply with the stated requirements. There are three stages to your entries:

1. **Complete the online Entry Form** at the CBKA website (see below). Please submit your entries to the Show Secretary by Saturday the 26th September 2026.
2. **The Entry Fee** (see Rule 4) can be paid when submitting your entry form via bank transfer, and late entries by cash or card on the day. Labels to be attached to your entries will be supplied by the Show Secretary on the day. If you need to collect your labels in advance, please get in touch.
3. **Stage your exhibits** by bringing them to **The Selsdon Hall** between **9.00 and 9.45am on the day of the Show**. There will be help available to stage the exhibits. You will also need to collect your exhibits at the end of the show. Consider arranging with a friend to stage and/or collect each other's entries.

The Show Secretary will be happy to answer any queries you may have about the show:
contact Alex de Salis via email on
show@croydonbeekeepers.org.uk



Scan the QR code to access
the online entry form, or visit
croydonbeekeepers.org.uk/2026-croydon-honey-show

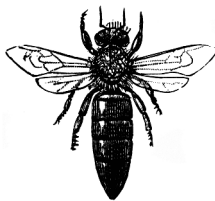
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Rules and Regulations

1. All exhibitors entering Classes 1 to 16 must be **members of the British Beekeepers Association** whose subscriptions for the current year have been paid.
2. **Entries** should be made on the online form via the CBKA website (scan the QR link), but can be printed and submitted in person if preferred and must reach the Show Secretary at least seven days before the date of the Show. Exhibitors may make more than one entry in a class but no exhibitor may take more than one prize in any one class.
3. **Late entries and alterations** may be accepted up to 9.45am on the day of the Show .
4. The **entrance fee** in all classes is 50p per exhibit, except for the Junior Beekeeper Classes which are free.
5. A **Novice** for Class 7 is an exhibitor who has never won a first, second or third place in a Honey Class at any Honey Show and for Class 12 an exhibitor who has never won a first, second or third place in a Wax Class at any Honey Show.
6. A **Junior Beekeeper** must be aged 16 years or under on the day of the show.
7. **Labels** to be affixed to your exhibits will be supplied by the Show Secretary. For jars and bottles, the label should be fixed 12mm from the bottom of the jar or bottle. For all other entries they should be displayed per rules 15 to 23.
8. Apart from the labels supplied by the Show Secretary, **no means of identification** may be placed on, or attached to, any exhibit, with the exception of Class 8 and 23.
9. All honey and wax exhibits (Classes 1 to 15) must be **made by the exhibitor** and be from their own, or their family's bees. Class 16 may use commercially available wax sheets.
10. All exhibits will be **opened and tasted** by the Judge, or otherwise **handled and tested** as appropriate.
11. **Extracted honey** must be exhibited in clear 1lb squat round jars of British Standard pattern with standard lacquered or plastic lids, except for Class 6, 8 and 23.

12. **Clear honey** will be colour graded according to the British Standards Institution grading glasses which will be available to exhibitors during the staging of the exhibits.
13. **Set honey** can be naturally crystallised or creamed using either an agitation or seeding method.
14. **Chunk honey** (Class 5) is filled comb placed in a standard jar and topped up with clear honey.
15. **Cut Comb** (Class 9) are to be displayed in standard 8oz plastic containers with transparent lids. Two labels will be provided, one to be displayed on the transparent lid with the second on the front vertical face of the container.
16. **Frames for extraction** (Class 10) are to be shown in cases glazed on both sides. The frame must be easily removable from the case. Exhibitors will be issued with 2 labels, one of which should be displayed at the top of the righthand corner of the transparent face of the showcase, and the second on the righthand side of the frame top bar.
17. The **Heaviest Frame** (Class 11) must be a British Standard 14x5½" SN frame. Wide top bars and Manley side bars are allowed. Note that the winning frame may be marked so that it cannot be used in the following year. Showcases are not required but frames may be lightly wrapped in clingfilm to control spillage, which may be removed (along with any spilled honey) by the judge if judging weights are close. Excessive spilled honey may result in the frame being disqualified. One label will be provided which should be displayed on the righthand side of the frame top bar.
18. **Beeswax Cakes and Blocks** (Classes 12 -14) are to be displayed on a plate and covered with a plain plastic bag, both provided by the Show Secretary. Labels will be provided so that one can be attached to each cake or block and one to be displayed on the plate.
19. **Candles** (Classes 15 and 16) are to be displayed in exhibitor's candlesticks which will not be judged. Two labels will be provided, one to be fixed to each candle or candlestick.
20. **Honey cake and biscuits** (Classes 17 and 18) are to be displayed on a plate and covered with a plain plastic bag, both provided by the Show Secretary. Two labels will be provided, one to be displayed on the plate and one on the bag.

21. **Mead or honey wines** e.g. Melomel, Metheglin, Braggot, etc. (Classes 21 and 22) are to be exhibited in plain, colourless glass round-section shouldered bottles with punt or half punt of approximately 75cl capacity without ornament or added lettering of any kind and with flanged stoppers. It must have been made without added sugar, but herbs or spices may be used if desired. No alcohol may be added.
22. **Display of products from the hive** (Class 23) wishes to encourage home made products from the hive which are to be attractively displayed. All containers will be opened for judging. The products should be labelled for information and honey should apply all relevant legislation for sale. Six labels will be provided, one to be attached to each of the five products and one on the display itself. Rules 8 and 11 do not apply.
23. **Photographs** (Classes 27 and 28) are to be mounted on card no greater than 254mm x 305mm with a minimum border of 25mm. Maximum print size 200mm x 250mm. Labels should be fixed on the bottom righthand side, 12mm from the edge of the card.
24. The **Judge's decision** on the placing of exhibits shall be **final** at his/her discretion and places or prizes may be withheld.
25. **Points** will be awarded as follows: first place 10 points; second place 7 points; third place 4 points; Very Highly Commended (VHC) 3 points; Highly Commended (HC) 2 points; Commended (C) 1 point.
26. **Prizes** will be awarded in each class as follows: first place £2.50; second place £1.00; third place 50p.
27. Any **objection or dispute** must be made before 3pm and shall be settled by the Show Committee whose decision shall be final.
28. The **decision** of the Show Committee on any matter whatsoever, under or in relation to the foregoing rules and regulations, or on any protest or objection in relation thereto or to any exhibit, shall be **final and conclusive**.



Programme

Saturday 3rd October

- 9.00 to 9.45am **Staging** – apply the provided labels and hand your entries to a steward as early as possible between these times.
- 10.00 to 1.15pm **Judging** - members are invited to be present but must not ask the Judge(s) or Steward any questions or engage them in conversation unless invited to do so. Once judging has finished, the Judge encourages questions from exhibitors.
- 11am Show opens to the general public.
- 3.30pm **Presentation of Trophies and Awards.**
- 4.30pm Exhibits to be removed.

