North Bucks Beekeeping Association
and
Bucks County Beekeepers' Association

Honey Shows

On

Saturday 4th October 2025

At

Oakgrove School, Venturer Gate, Milton Keynes MK10 9JQ

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

This 'SCHEDULE OF EVENTS' sit alongside the 'ENTRY FORM' which confirms details of the class numbers.

All entrants are requested to submit list of classes to be entered. Please email honeyshow@nbbka.org with your completed entry form on or before Saturday 27th September 2025. All entries will be acknowledged within 48 hours of receiving and labels will be available in an envelope with your name on at door on from 8.30am on the show day. Confirming entries before the show allows the Honey Show Secretary to create labels for entries, saving time and stress on the day.

Trophies:
ANYONE WHO CURRENTLY HAS A TROPHY PLEASE ARRANGE TO CLEAN AND RETURN IT PLEASE! on or before Tuesday 2nd September 2025 to Paul Verrier at the Beer and Buzz, or at a mutually convenient time prior to this. Please email honeyshow@nbbka.org or message Rachael Hulme to arrange this on 07801 854884. (Especially if you are not entering the 2025 show)

Entries will be accepted for staging BY STEWARDS, from 5pm to 7pm on Friday 3rd October and from 8.00am to 9.45am on Saturday 4th October. Judging will start promptly at 10am.
Collection from Stewards from 4.15pm on Saturday 4th October

NATIONAL HONEY SHOW RULES APPLY UNLESS OTHERWISE STATED

Details of NHS rules can be found on the National Honey Show website, search under 'schedule of competitive classes'.

Both honey shows will be judged simultaneously. The entries for each show are independent of the other show, so if you wish to, for example, enter two jars of medium honey in both shows, you need to make an entry form for each show, and present two jars to each of the NBBKA and the BCBKA to the staging stewards.

Timing for the show day Saturday 4th October:

From 8am	If you are available and willing to assist setting up and/or down at either end of the day or assisting during the event, please advise Paul Verrier at honeyshow@nbbka.org or Rachael Hulme on 07801854884 the earliest convenience.
8.00am to 9.45am	ALL ENTRIES, please collect your envelope from the honey show secretaries and label your own entries on the designated tables provided. The Stewards will then take your entries from you and stage them in the designated show areas.
9am	Oakgrove Shop open for Breakfast tea and snacks
9.50am	Public and beekeepers please leave the show areas
10.00am	Judging to commence in the show areas
11.00am to 12.00pm	*'Reading a colony'* - Margaret Murdin lecture room B10
12.00pm to 1.00pm	Opening of the stalls areas, giving an opportunity to make purchases, taste and buy honey from beekeepers all over Buckinghamshire, purchase yourself a lovely lunch from the Oakgrove school shop, do candle rolling, see a demonstration hive and watch live feed of the School apiary.
After 1.00pm	SHOW AREAS - Once judging has been completed and the results verified, the show areas will be made available for viewing all the NBBKA, BCBKA and school shows. This is usually around 1pm but can vary depending on the number of exhibits

2.00pm	*'Oakgrove as a BBKA Beacon School'* John Leadbetter -Oakgrove Head Beekeeper
3.30pm	Trophies and school prizes to be awarded. Entries will be handed back to you by the stewards after 4pm Trophies to be returned after presentation for engraving. These will be presented at the forthcoming AGM on 17th October.
4.00pm	Show concludes, the stewards will assist with the collection of entries and the display areas will be cleared. Exhibitors may not de-stage their exhibits directly. **All displays to be dismantled.**

Stalls and activities on the day include:

- Oakgrove Café – Serving teas, coffee, cold drinks, lights snacks and cakes.
- Honey Tasting & Sales
- Yellow Legged Asian Hornet information
- Observation Hive TBC
- Candle Rolling
- Encaustic Card making
- Bee Stall – Wrist bands, key rings, bee brooches
- Oakgrove Bee Club activity:
    - Hand painted Bookmarks
    - Oakgrove Competition
    - Tasting Honey from around Europe
- Additional stalls maybe included.

Post Honey Show

After the awarding of trophies, please leave the trophies with the Honey Show Secretary who will get engraving completed and return the trophies to the winners at the Annual General Meeting at **7.00pm, Thursday October 16th at the Cock hotel, Stony Stratford.** The full list of winners will be published on the NBBKA websites and other social media as soon after the event as possible.

Honey Show Sales

There will be one stall on the day, run by NBBKA which can sell honey and hive related products for members of NBBKA and BCBKA. All sales on the day are conducted through this stall, anyone wishing to sell their products must complete the form which can be sent out separately by request or handed to them on the day. Please fill in the form on the day with your bank details and number of jars you have brought on the day, your unsold jars will be returned to you at the end of the day and payment will be made for those sold a few days following the show

The prices for honey are fixed All honey is sold at a set price of £8 for a 1lb jar, £6.50 for a 12oz jar, £5 for an 8oz jar and £3.50 for a 4oz jar.

List of BCBKA Trophies to be awarded

- **Tweedie Silver Skep**
  - To the BCBKA branch whose members gather the most points in classes 1-18

- **Peggy Cup**
  - For the BCBKA member getting the most points overall

- **Margery Parker Trophy**
  - For the best honey cake in class 16

- **John Raven Award**
  - For the best honey exhibit in classes 1 – 5

If > 100 entries Blue Ribbon for best exhibit, awarded by the Judge

If < 100 entries Certificate of Merit for best exhibit, awarded by the Judge

Best Novice exhibit, awarded by the Judge

Best Junior exhibit,

List of NBBKA Awards.

- **Albert Toms Shield**
  - Highest points total in the open honey classes excluding any class for which a specific award is made. Since 2004 this shield is for classes 1 to 12.

- **Andrew Beer Trophy**
  - Awarded to best entry in Composite Class 30.

- **Arthur Foreman Cup**
  - Highest total points in novice classes.

- **BBKA Blue Ribbon**
  - Best exhibit in the show (only if entries total over (100)

- **BW Apiary Cup**
  - Winner of class 10, six jars as for sale.

- **Clara Furness Award**
  - Highest points total for wax and mead, classes 13 to 16 and 20 to 22.

- **Daniel Clarke Trophy**
  - Highest points in Class 12, honey judged on taste and aroma only

- **Ken Gorman Candles Trophy**
  - Best Candle exhibit in the show classes 15 & 16.

- **Lady Chesham Challenge Cup**
  - Most points awarded over the whole show.

- **Mini Cup**
  - Winner of class 17, fruit cake.

- **Stoke Road Apiary Shield**
  Second highest points total in the open honey classes excluding any class for which a specific award is made. Since 2004 this shield is for classes 1 to 12.

If > 100 entries Blue Ribbon for best exhibit, awarded by the Judge

If < 100 entries Free entry to the National Honey show, awarded by the Judge