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KENT COUNTY SHOW

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BEE & HONEY SCHEDULE

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OFFICIAL GARDEN LIFE BEE SCHEDULE OF THE 94TH KENT COUNTY SHOW

FRIDAY, SATURDAY, SUNDAY

4th, 5th and 6th JULY 2025

ENTRIES CLOSE

Bees – Sunday 22nd June 2025

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KENT BEES AND HONEY SHOW

Organised by the Kent Beekeepers' Associations Incorporating Dover, Kent, Laddingford, Medway and Thanet Beekeepers' Associations.

Friday, Saturday & Sunday

4th, 5th & 6th July 2025

(Entries Close 22nd June 2025)

Kent Showground, Detling, Maidstone, ME14 3JF

Judge: Claire O'Brien

Show Secretary: Miss Sonia Belsey

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CAN YOU HELP AS A STEWARD AT THE SHOW?

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The Society would like to thank Thornes Beekeeping Equipment, Biddenden Vineyards, Kent, Laddingford and Medway Beekeepers Associations and Freeman and Harding for generously supporting classes.

KENT BEES AND HONEY SHOW RULES

1. All exhibitors must be members of Dover, Kent, Laddingford, Medway or Thanet BKAs ; the honey and wax must be the produce of the exhibitor's own bees.
2. Entry forms with S.A.E. or direct entries via ShowScene must reach the Show Secretary by the Friday 20th June .
3. Exhibitors may make more than one entry in any class, but will only receive one award per class. Awards for classes 1 to 17 will be counted for points for Challenge Trophies.
4. Honey must be exhibited in clear 454g (1 lb) squat jars of British Standard Pattern with standard lacquered or plastic screw tops (gold or white).
5. Labels will be supplied and must be affixed to exhibits as follows:
 - a) jars and mead bottles: 15mm (½ in) from the bottom
 - b) cut comb: one label on the lid and the other on the side of the side of the container
 - c) sections: one label on the front of the commercial box & the other on the top of the section
 - d) frame: one label on the top bar and the other on the glass of the case.
 - e) candles: one on each candle fixed near the base of the candle.
 - f) blocks of wax: a label on the top of the block and one on the container.
 - g) photographs: mounted colour print photograph about bees or beekeeping, for the general public (non-beekeeper). There should be a title or caption.

Photographs to have been taken by the exhibitor and mounted on plain card of any colour (160gsm grade), A4 size. Photographs are to be labelled on the bottom left-hand corner of the mount.
 - h) cakes: a label on the top of the cake and the other on the plastic bag.
 - i) biscuits: a label on the plate and the other on the plastic bag.

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6. Beeswax must be plainly moulded and not exhibited in boxes. All entries will be placed in a display case.
7. Mead to be shown in a clear punted bottle with little or no lettering or ornamentation containing approximately 750ml (27 fluid oz). Only cork stoppers with white plastic flanges to be used (supplied at the show).
8. Candles must be displayed upright in a suitable holder.
9. Cakes and Biscuits will be exhibited on a white paper plate in a plastic bag.
10. Junior Classes are open to young beekeepers up to the age of 18, whose parents or themselves are members of either Dover, Kent, Laddingford, Medway or Thanet BKA
11. Exhibits will only be accepted at the Show from 2pm – 6pm on the day prior to the Show opening (Thursday 3rd July) or delivered to the Show Secretary during the week. They will be staged by the appointed stewards. Judging starts promptly at 10.00am on Friday and exhibits may only be removed after 5.30pm on the last day of the Show.
12. All exhibits except those in the Gift Classes will remain the property of the exhibitor. All reasonable care will be taken with the exhibits but the Show Committee cannot be responsible for any loss or damage.
13. Any points not covered in the above rules will be referred to the rules applying to the National Honey Show. A copy of these rules will be available for scrutiny.
14. Any appeals should be addressed to the Show Secretary by 4pm on 4th July 2024.
15. A Novice is any exhibitor, who has never won a First Prize at the Kent Honey Show.

KENT BEES AND HONEY SCHEDULE OF CLASSES

Entry forms must reach the Show Secretary or entered on Showing Scene by
Sunday 22nd June 2025.

Place Cards and Rosettes are awarded for First, Second, Third, VHC and HC
winners in each class.

Points awarded: First – 6, Second – 5, Third – 4, VHC – 3, HC – 2, C – 1

SCHEDULE OF CLASSES, OPEN TO ALL BEEKEEPERS

OPEN CLASSES.

1. Two jars of Light Coloured Honey, **Sponsored by Kent Beekeepers Association.**
 2. Two jars of Medium Coloured Honey. Clive Watson Memorial Trophy. First – £20, Second – £15, Third – £10 (Vouchers). **Sponsored by Thornes.**
 3. Two jars of Dark Coloured Honey. **Sponsored by Kent Beekeepers Association.**
 4. Two jars of Naturally Crystallised or Soft Set Honey. **Sponsored by Kent Beekeepers Association.**
 5. Six jars of one type of Honey (Light, Medium, Dark, Crystallised or Soft Set), labelled as offered for retail sale including country of origin and best before date (Rule 4 does not apply. If used tamperproof labels will be broken for judging).
 6. One Frame of Honey, any size, suitable for extracting. Must be on wired foundation.
 7. Two Sections or Two Cut Comb Containers.
 8. One bottle of Dry Mead (Rules 5 & 7), Vouchers for winner, **Sponsored by Biddenden Vineyards.**
 9. One bottle of Sweet Mead (Rules 5 & 7), Vouchers for winner, **Sponsored by Biddenden Vineyards**
 10. 3 Beeswax Candles. Candles need not necessarily be the same size or style.
- The display will be judged on its artistic merits. They will not be lit. (Rules 1 & 6 do not apply)

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OPEN CLASSES.

11. Three Plain Beeswax Candles, not patterned, up to and including 38mm (1.5in) in diameter. One candle will be lit by the judge.
12. Two Beeswax Models, moulded, matching in all respects.
13. One cake of Beeswax, weight between 200–255g (7–9oz) and not less than 20mm ($\frac{3}{4}$ in) thick.
14. Six 27g (1oz) Wax blocks.
15. Exhibition Class. A display of Honey and Hive Products. – 4 items to be selected from the following list – 2 jars of Clear Honey of any colour, 2 jars of Naturally Crystallised Honey or Soft Set Honey, one container of cut comb (200–255g). One section (approx. 454g), Frame for Extraction, one cake of Beeswax (as for entry to class 12), 3 candles as in classes 9 and 10, 2 beeswax models, bottle of Mead, Honey Cake, Polish or Furniture Cream and Cosmetics. Displayed flat on the bench in an area not to exceed 500mm X 500mm and 350mm high. Subscribers Cup. **Sponsored by Laddingford.**
16. Mounted Coloured Print Photograph with Title relating to Bees or Beekeeping, not a close-up. Picture can be of any size, but must be taken by the exhibitor and mounted on plain card any colour (160gsm), A4 size. Digital images are permitted. First – £10. Sponsored by Medway Beekeepers Association. First-£10, **Sponsored by Medway Bee Keepers Association.**

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17. Mounted Coloured Print close-up Photograph with title of a bee related activity. Picture can be of any size, but must be taken by the exhibitor and mounted on plain card any colour (160gsm), A4 size. Digital images are permitted. First – £10. *Sponsored by Medway Beekeepers Association.*

NOVICE CLASSES.

Open to Beekeepers who have never won a First Prize Card in the Kent Honey Show.

18. Clear Honey. Two jars of Honey, any one colour.

19. Naturally Crystallised or Soft Set Honey. Two jars of Honey.

JUNIOR CLASSES.

Open to any Junior member of any of the five Beekeeping Associations in Kent or to the children of a member of the Beekeeping Associations in Kent up to the age of 18.

20. Clear Honey. One jar of clear honey of any colour. First – £10.

21. Any Artistic, Decorative or Instructive Exhibit, relating to Bees and Beekeeping. open to young people who are at junior school during 2024. A written explanation to be included. Dimensions to be not larger than 84 x 60 cm (A2 size). Age to be stated on the entry form. First– £10

22. Any Artistic, Decorative or Instructive Exhibit, relating to Bees and Beekeeping. May include photographs. Open to young people who are at secondary school during 2024.

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SCHOOLS CLASSES

23. An artistic, Decorative or Instructive Exhibit relating to Honeybees and Beekeeping. Open to Junior School Classes as either a class project or an entry from a group of pupils at the same school. 1st– Voucher

Size of the exhibit to be not larger than 84 x 60cm (A2 size). Written explanation can be included with pictures and photographs. Exhibits will be judged for the correct scientific content and for general interest to the general public.

24. An artistic, Decorative or Instructive Exhibit relating to Honeybees and Beekeeping. Open to Secondary School Classes as either a class project or an entry from a group of pupils at the same school. 1st– Voucher

Size of the exhibit to be not larger than 84 x 60cm (A2 size). Written explanation can be included with pictures and photographs. Exhibits will be judged for the correct scientific content and for general interest to the general public.

HONEY GIFT CLASSES

25. Clear Honey. One jar of clear honey of any colour.

26. Naturally Crystallised or Soft Set Honey. One jar of either.

For classes 25 and 26. Please supply one of your own labels in an envelope with your entry number, labels will be applied when the honey is sold.

Membership of our show is a great way to show your support. Memberships comes with a variety of benefits. Tickets to our other society events such as Heritagae Transport Show and Biddenden Tractorfest. Your also be able to access the members lounge over the Kent County Show weekend for complimentary refreshments.



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27. Honey Cake (Gift Class) Exhibits must be made to the recipe below. Cakes will be donated to catering after judging.

Honey Cake Recipe:

- 8oz (228g) Self Raising flour
- 6oz (170g) mixed dried fruit
- 6oz (170g) honey
- 2 large eggs
- 4oz (110g) butter or margarine,
- milk
- pinch of salt

Pre-heat the oven to 300°F/150°C and grease and line a 7inch (18cm) round tin. Beat the eggs, then cream the butter and honey together. Add eggs alternately with the sifted flour and salt to the creamed mixture. Stir fruit in until evenly distributed, then add enough milk (if necessary) to give a dropping consistency. Turn into the prepared tin and bake on middle shelf for 1 ¼ – 1 ½ hours (if the cake is becoming too dark then cover with baking parchment). Whilst still hot drizzle over three tablespoons of runny honey. Allow to cool a little, then turn out

28. Honey Biscuits (Gift Class) A plate of six biscuits made to the exhibitor's own recipe. The recipe to be displayed with the biscuits.

BRANCH OR ASSOCIATION APIARY CLASS

29. Branch or Association Apiary Class. Two jars of honey of any one colour. Central Division Cup. First – £10. **Sponsored by Freeman and Harding.**

Become a sponsor

Class sponsorship starts from £100 + vat. Sponsors can be individuals or companies and we can offer you sponsors packages to acknowledge your support

SPECIAL AWARDS

The Agricultural Society's Trophy

Exhibitor with the highest points in
classes 1 – 17

Clive Watson Memorial Trophy

Winner of Class 2 for Medium
Coloured Honey

Mead Cup

Overall Winner of classes 8 and 9.
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Reginald Tower Rose Bowl

Best exhibit of candles. Classes 10
and 11

Subscribers Cup

Exhibition Class (Class 15)

Novice Cup

Overall Winner of classes 18 & 19

Branch or Association Apiary Class

Geoffrey Dixon Trophy

Best Honey Exhibit in Show

(awarded a Ticket for the National
Honey Show)

Best Exhibit in the Cookery Classes

Margaret Calder Plate

Central Division Cup

Branch or Association Winning the
Most points in Classes 1 – 17

