

The Nantwich Cheese Awards

Welcome to the Nantwich Cheese Awards at the Nantwich Show

Launched last year as a regional competition for cheeses produced within 100 miles of Nantwich, the awards return in 2026 expanded to welcome entries from cheese makers and producers across the UK, alongside several new classes.

Reflecting Nantwich's long association with cheese and dairy heritage, the awards celebrate the quality and craftsmanship of British cheese.

The competition is generously sponsored by Westry Roberts Cheese and hosted by Nick Birchall of The Cheese Shop Nantwich.

We've included some exciting new classes this year including:

- Best Local Cheese (produced within 50 miles of St Mary's Church CW5 5RG)
- Best Blended Cheese
- Best Butter

All enquiries to Karen Matthews Tel: 01270 620799 or Email: karen@cheeseshopnantwich.co.uk

To enter any of our classes, please select the blue 'Enter Now' button at the top of the list
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Cheese Section

Information for Exhibitors

→Eligibility

Entries are open to cheesemakers and producers from the whole of the UK.

→Entry Requirements

Each entrant must supply a minimum of 1kg of cheese per entry. The cheese must be suitable for handling and judging at room temperature (but will be stored in a chiller until show day).

£15 for each entry. 1 ticket per entry, 4 entries = 2 tickets

Closing date for entries online by 5pm on Friday 17 July 2026

→Delivery of Entries

All entries must be delivered to the following address:

David Williams Cheese
51 Lancaster Fields
Crewe CW1 6FF
FAO: David Williams

→Delivery deadline: No later than 10am on Tuesday 21 July 2026

Late entries will not be accepted.

→Packaging and Labelling

All external packaging will be removed before judging.

Entries must not display any branding, labelling, or markings on the cheese itself. Any identifying marks may result in disqualification.

→Ownership of Entries

All cheese submitted will become the property of the Nantwich Agricultural Society. No entries will be returned.

→Judging and Results

Judging will be conducted by an appointed panel. The judges' decisions are final and no correspondence will be entered into.

Ring: The Nantwich Cheese Awards Marquee

Judges

To Be Confirmed (Judge)

Number	Name	Description
1	Best Hard Cheese	Rosettes to 3rd place Winners Prize - Handmade Wooden Cheese Board by Robert Atkinson
2	Best Soft Cheese	Rosettes to 3rd place Winners Prize - Handmade Wooden Cheese Board by Robert Atkinson
3	Best Blue Cheese	Rosettes to 3rd place Winners Prize - Handmade Wooden Cheese Board by Robert Atkinson
4	Best Blended Cheese	Rosettes to 3rd place Winners Prize - Handmade Wooden Cheese Board by Robert Atkinson
5	Best Cheddar Cheese	Rosettes to 3rd place Winners Prize - Handmade Wooden Cheese Board by Robert Atkinson
6	Best Cheshire Cheese	Rosettes to 3rd place Winners Prize - Handmade Wooden Cheese Board by Robert Atkinson
7	Best Local Cheese (50 Mile Radius)	Rosettes to 3rd place Winners Prize - Handmade Wooden Cheese Board by Robert Atkinson Cheese must be produced within 50 miles of St Mary's Church, Nantwich (CW5 5RQ)
8	Best Butter	Rosettes to 3rd place Winners Prize - Handmade Wooden Cheese Board by Robert Atkinson
9	People's Choice Competition	Rosettes to 3rd place Winners Prize - Handmade Wooden Cheese Board by Robert Atkinson We are delighted to include our People's Choice Competition within the Nantwich Cheese Awards, giving cheesemakers the opportunity to have their cheese judged by a specially selected panel reflecting the tastes of the wider public. Judging: Entries will be judged by an appointed panel, selected ahead of the show. The panel will represent a mix of consumers and cheese enthusiasts, offering a genuine reflection of what people love to eat and buy. What the judges are looking for: Flavour, texture, aroma, and overall enjoyment — quite simply, cheeses that people would choose to take home. This competition celebrates cheeses that truly connect with people — not just technically excellent, but those that stand out as real favourites.