

# Bristol Beekeepers

*Bristol Branch of Avon Beekeepers Association*

*Registered charity number 271717*

## Bristol Bee & Pollination Festival.

The University of Bristol Botanic Garden, Stoke Bishop,  
Bristol. BS9 1JG. 5<sup>h</sup> 6<sup>th</sup> September 2026

**Judge: Bridget Knutson, Somerset.**

### **Schedule of Classes:**

1. Two 454g jars of light honey
2. Two 454g jars of medium honey
3. Two 454g jars of dark honey
4. Two 454g jars of naturally crystallised honey
5. Two 454g jars of soft set honey
6. Honey jar label to fit a 454 g jar. To comply with all current legislation displayed on an empty jar with lid.
7. One rectangular container of cut comb honey of min. weight 180g
8. One shallow frame of honey ready for extraction
9. One jar of liquid honey, to be judged on taste, aroma and viscosity alone
10. One cake of beeswax of weight between 220 – 280g (exhibit on a white paper plate inside a clear plastic bag)
11. Three matching blocks of wax, each of weight 28g (+/- 2g) (exhibit on a white paper plate inside a clear plastic bag)
12. Two matching beeswax candles
13. Any decorative beeswax item or collection of items except candles made by any method. May include coloured wax and wire. Must fit in an area 30cm by 30cm.
14. A Beeswax food wrap, minimum 30cm square, fabric and beeswax only, displayed wrapping an empty food container
15. One bottle of dry mead
16. One bottle of sweet mead
17. Novice class – two matching 454g jars of liquid honey
18. An item of art illustrating any aspect of bees or beekeeping
19. One photograph, min. size 15cm x 10cm mounted on A4 card, of honeybee or beekeeping interest
20. Honey fruit cake made to recipe of your choice
21. Honey Fudge, made to a recipe of your choice

## Bristol Honey Festival Rules:

### BBKA Show Rules (2016) apply unless amended by any of the following:

1. Entries to be made on the form online (<https://forms.gle/5hWbyLxZbZpss6xC6> not later than 5pm BST 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2026. Cash payment on arrival with entries. Prior to the event, entrants will be sent confirmation of classes entered (by email). Labels for all entries & a pass for free access to the Botanic Gardens will be given on arrival. Late entries will be accepted during staging if space allows at the Show Secretary's discretion and charged double.
2. The event marquee will be open for staging exhibits from 4.00 pm to 7.00 pm on Friday 4<sup>th</sup> September and from 8.00 a.m. on Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> September 2026. All exhibits must be staged by 10.00 a.m. Judging will commence at 10.30 a.m. Awards will be presented on Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> at 3.30 p.m. Exhibits are to be collected at the close of the show on Sunday and only removed after being checked against entry list and when permitted by the Show Secretary.  
**Early removal only with the permission of the Show Secretary.**
3. Only labels supplied by the Show Secretary are to be affixed to each entry as directed (see 'Guidance for affixing labels' below). No marks of any sort are permitted on any part of the exhibit.
4. Candles are to be displayed erect. The judge may light one candle. Candlesticks must be used if required to keep candle upright. Free standing candles must be displayed on metal stands which must hold the candles safely in a stable position. Candlesticks and stands shall not be judged.
5. All extracted honey is to be exhibited in clear 454g squat jars with standard gold lacquered metal screw lids.
6. Mead to be shown in clear glass punted wine bottles with shoulders (approx. 75cl capacity). White plastic topped flanged corks must be used.
7. Only BBKA members exhibiting on the show bench and volunteering at the festival will be permitted to supply honey or other products for sale during the show.
8. Bristol Branch will retain the two Bristol Queen trophies. The winners will have their names engraved on the trophies and they will receive special prizes to take away.
9. Classes may be cancelled or amalgamated at the discretion of the Show Judge and Secretary.
10. Where a display method or other detail is specified (*E.g. on a paper plate in a plastic bag*), this must be followed, or the entry disqualified.
11. A Novice is a person who has never won a prize in any jarred honey class at an open honey show.
12. Points will be awarded in each of class as follows:  
1<sup>st</sup> place - 7 points, 2<sup>nd</sup> place - 4 points, 3<sup>rd</sup> place, - 2 points  
Prizes in all classes: 1<sup>st</sup> place - £7, 2<sup>nd</sup> place - £4, 3<sup>rd</sup> place - £2. Winners awarded the Silver or Bronze Queen trophies shall have their entry fee returned but no monetary prize shall be awarded.
13. Class 20: Honey Fruit Cake. The Honey Fruit Cake may be made to any recipe containing honey and fruit, which must be written on an accompanying card. The Honey Fruit Cake will be judged by a small panel of members of the public / show attendees, based on 3 criteria: 1. Appearance, 2. Overall taste as Cake, 3. How good is the specifically Honey taste of the cake. (Show inside a clear plastic bag on a flat white paper plate.) A cake container shall be supplied by the entrant for overnight storage to avoid animal predation.
14. Class 21: Honey Fudge. Entry must contain a minimum of 10 pieces. The fudge must contain Honey and must not contain chocolate. Recipe used to be written on card alongside display for the judge. (Show inside a clear plastic bag on a flat white paper plate.) A fudge container shall be supplied by the entrant for overnight storage to avoid animal predation.

## Guidance for affixing labels

The Show Secretary will provide all labels. Labels will be numbered according to a coding system set by the show secretary. All entrants will have a unique entry number for each of their exhibits. An entry with two or more items, eg 2 Jars of Honey – both will have the same number.

- 1     **Honey jars**  
One label per jar. Affix label approximately 15mm up from base just above curved section. Ideally label should be midway between jar seams.  
**Taste alone:** also add labels as above on cover slip and also centre of lid.
- 2     **Cut comb containers**  
Two labels, affix one midway to long face of container, the duplicate to right nearside corner of lid.
- 3     **Frames**  
Two labels, affix one to top right nearside corner of the vertical transparent face of the frame case and the duplicate on the top of the horizontal bar of the frame.
- 4     **Beeswax cakes**  
Two labels, affix one to edge of uppermost surface of cake, the other to edge of plate.
- 5     **Beeswax blocks**  
Four labels. Affix one to the side of each block and one on the plate.
- 6     **Candles**  
Four labels. Affix one at the bottom face of each candle and one to each candle stick or stand.
- 7     **Decorative beeswax item**  
One label will be provided, affix to the item.
- 8     **Wraps**  
Two labels. One on the outside of the wrap and one on the food container.
- 9     **Mead bottles**  
One label. Affix label approximately 15mm up from base just above curved section.
- 10    **Art**  
One label. Affix to bottom right hand corner of picture or any suitable location on other item of art.
- 11    **Photograph**  
One label. Affix to bottom right hand corner of mount card.
- 12    **Fruit cake and Honey Fudge**  
Three labels. Affix to nearside of plate, one to the recipe and one to the container.

## Awards

Bristol Beekeepers Trophies: The Snelgrove Trophy will be awarded to the Bristol Beekeepers Member not awarded the Silver or Bronze Queen trophy who achieves most points in classes 1—16. Similarly, the Bristol Novice trophy will be awarded to the Novice Bristol Member achieving most points in classes 1 to 17. Rule 11 above applies to this.



The Bristol Silver Queen trophy will be awarded to the entrant gaining the highest number of points from classes 1 to 16 inclusive.



The Bristol Bronze Queen trophy will be awarded to the runner-up.



Points Ties for prizes may be differentiated by number of first prizes

Winners of the Silver and Bronze Queen trophies will receive a special *Bristol Blue Glass* prize to take home. The trophies cannot be taken away. An award will also be given to the 'Best in Show' from any class.

We thank [The University of Bristol Botanic Garden](#) for hosting the event.