



GBKA Honey show schedule

Sunday 4th October 2026

Shalford village hall, Kings Rd, Shalford, Guildford GU4 8HB

Judged by: BBKA Judge Claire O'Brien

and Sue Lang

Open to all BBKA and GBKA members and families

Junior classes open to anyone.

Entries close on 27th September 2026

HONEY

1. Two jars of **light or medium honey**.
2. Two jars of **naturally granulated or soft set honey**.
3. **Three matching jars** of one type of honey (light, medium, dark, soft set or granulated) labelled as for sale
4. One jar of **liquid honey judged on Taste Alone**.

Novice honey Classes (entrant hasn't been placed in a show before)

5. **One jar of liquid honey** of any colour.
6. **One jar of naturally granulated or soft set honey**

WAX

7. **3 matching beeswax blocks**, any mould. Any size between 25g - 50g each
8. One **Cake of Beeswax** 200-400g
9. One matched **pair of Beeswax Candles** (any size) – **dipped or moulded**. The judge will light one candle.
10. One matched **pair of Beeswax Candles** – **rolled** (purchased dyed wax sheet may be used). The judge will light one candle

COMB

11. 1 container of **Cut Comb** – between 170 g (6 oz) and 227 g (8 oz) in weight
12. One **Frame of Honey** suitable for Extraction. (in display case)

CRAFTS / ART

13. A **honey jar label** of your own design – see rule 10
14. **One article of any kind related to beekeeping** and produced by the exhibitor; e.g. artwork, woodwork, models, needlework (Max size 600 x 600 mm)
15. **Photograph – not a close-up or macro**, related to bees or beekeeping.
(Max A4 size, mounted on card or unmounted)
16. **Photograph – a close-up or macro**, related to bees or beekeeping.
(Max A4 size, mounted on card or unmounted)
17. **Honey bee forage** – An arrangement of common flowers (fresh, dried or pressed - including foliage and fruit) from which honey bees gather nectar and pollen. Max space 600 x 600mm. A list of species should be provided. Judged on artistic merit and relevance to beekeeping, not on the number of species.
18. **LIP BALM** – 2 to be exhibited

4.5 tblsp. olive oil or walnut oil / 1 tblsp. grated beeswax / 4 drops or the contents of 1 capsule Vitamin E oil

Method - Using a double saucepan or a pyrex jug in a saucepan, melt the beeswax and oil together. When melted add the Vitamin E oil and stir well. You can add four drops of essential oil if you decide to add fragrance. Pour into clean 15ml. containers and leave to cool slowly. Makes five.

CONFECTIONERY / BAKING

Please indicate on entry form if you would be willing for your entry to be a gift and sold to raise funds for GBKA

19. **5 honey biscuits** using your own recipe:
Five biscuits to be displayed. Recipe to be provided with the entry.
20. **5 cupcakes or 5 pieces of traybake** (approx. 5cm squares) including honey in the recipe- **may be decorated or not**. Your recipe to be provided with the entry.
21. **A large honey cake – ORANGE HONEY LOAF**.
Exhibits must be made to this recipe.
Ingredients: 170g butter, 60g caster sugar, 140g honey, 3 large eggs, 225g self raising flour, Grated rind of an orange, Juice of half an orange. Preparation; Cream butter, sugar and honey. Mix in orange rind, beat eggs lightly and gradually add to the mixture. Stir in orange juice. Fold in sieved flour, transfer to a greased lined 900g loaf tin. Bake for 60-70 mins at 160°C/325°F/gas mark 3. Timing is a guide only as appliances vary.
22. **HONEY FUDGE** Display 6 consistent pieces 50g butter, 450g granulated sugar, 50g clear honey, ¼ tsp salt, 150ml milk

Method - Soak sugar in the milk for an hour, stirring occasionally. Grease an approx. 20cm pan with butter. Add all the ingredients to the pan and bring to a boil. Boil rapidly for 5-7 mins, stirring all the time. The mixture must reach 115C Take off the heat and cool slightly, then beat until creamy. Turn into a pre-greased tin, marking when cool and cut into squares.

JUNIOR CLASSES – open to all under 16 years old (Family, friends, schoolchildren, community groups)

Classes may be divided according to age group if sufficient entries. Please state age / age range on entry form.

- 23. **Junior Art – Individual** :- any artistic, decorative, interesting or instructive exhibit relating to bees or beekeeping. Max size 600x600
- 24. An exhibit produced by a **school class or community group** (e.g. Cubs, Brownies) relating to honeybees and/or beekeeping. eg. Joint painting, collage or model. Max size 600 x 600 mm
- 25. **A painted pebble.** Theme related to bees.

Honey Show Rules

Failure to follow these rules may disqualify the entry or points may be deducted

1. All exhibits in classes 1-12 shall be the produce of the entrant's own hives. Joint owners should just make 1 entry.

All other classes – entries should be produced by the entrant.

2. Extracted honey may be exhibited in plain, clear, honey jars of any size. Honey colour will be assessed by means of BD filters (available for use on day of Show or by request to the secretary).

3. Where two jars of honey are required, they should be matching in jar size, type, colour and consistency.

4. Class 12 - Each frame must be submitted in an undecorated bee-proof showcase. The full comb must be visible from both sides and the frame capable of being lifted out of the case.

5. Class 11: Cut comb is to be exhibited in standard 8oz rectangular containers with transparent lids.

6. Classes 7 and 8: Beeswax may be exhibited either polished or unpolished, in a suitable container with a transparent lid or on a paper plate in an unsealed plastic bag (provided by the steward).

7. Class 9 and 10: Candles must be displayed in stable candleholders. Candles will be judged only, not the holders.

8. Classes 19 – 22: Cakes, biscuits and fudge to be displayed on a paper plate and in a plastic bag provided by the steward, which can be removed for judging.

9. Class 13 – Honey jar label should conform to Honey (England) 2015 regulations and be attached to the appropriate size jar (empty) with any type and colour of lid.

10. All exhibits (except class 4 and 13, which should display labels legal for sale) must be anonymous and unidentifiable. Show identification labels for each exhibit will be provided by the show secretary immediately prior to the show and should be placed on each exhibit as follows: —

- Jars - label to be placed horizontally half an inch (12 - 15mm) up from base of jar

– Frame - label to be placed on top of frame and one on front of showcase, top right-hand corner

- Cut Comb - label to be placed at top right hand corner of lid and one on side of the container
- Wax - label to be placed on plastic bag or container, paper plate and on base of each block
- Cake /baking– one label to be placed on plastic bag and one on plate
- Candle - label to be placed on candle as near the bottom as possible

11. Awards: **Exhibitors may make more than one entry in a class** but will not be entitled to more than one award in any one class.

If any rules are unclear, the judge's opinion is final.

PRIZES

Cups for Guildford Beekeepers members only - to be retained for a year and then returned to GBKA

Waldock cup – to the member gaining the most points in the show

Pascoe Tankard – to the member exhibiting the best comb for extraction

Gadge cup – to the member exhibiting the best honey in the show

Certificates for at least 1st – 3rd place

Prize money : 1st = £3, 2nd = £2, 3rd = £1

NHS Blue Ribbon or Certificate of Merit may be awarded at the discretion of the Judge for the best exhibit in the show depending on the number and standard of exhibits.

Exhibits to be delivered to the show on Sunday 4th October between 9.30 and 11 am or to an agreed location (to be advertised) on Saturday 3rd October

Judging between 11.15am and 2pm.

Open to the public and all members welcome from 1pm

Prize giving 4pm

Entries may be removed from 4.45pm under supervision of the stewards

Further information and entry forms available on GBKA website or
show@guildfordbeekeepers.org.uk