



BURTON and District BEEKEEPERS ASSOCIATION

Our Honey Show

The honey show proved to be a successful weekend in many ways. We had plenty of entries (thankyou to everyone who entered!), and we were able to award a Blue Ribbon. The winner of the Blue Ribbon gains automatic entry of their exhibit into the National Honey Show.

We had many new entrants which was great to see – several of whom came away with cups and placed exhibits.

Despite Covid19 there was still much public interest in the show, with plenty of discussion about bees and how to support them and other pollinators.

We also had record sales of honey and honey bee products at the stall, almost certainly due to the card reader set up and run by Mish Schumskij – a new beekeeper and committee member.

Many thanks to all who participated, and especially to those who helped to set up and dismantle the show, engage with the public and man the stall.

The next honey show is only just over 11 months away! If anyone would like to be the show steward for 2022 assisting the judge (no experience required) please let Suzanne know.§



Judge David Shannon and steward Jane Ratcliffe sample the cakes



A variety of entries in the Novelty class



Mead bottles galore!



Judge David Shannon awards Hamish Low the Blue Ribbon



A wonderful display of cakes and candles!



Congratulations to Paul Gryg! This special award meant he could show his honey at the National Honey Show.

Results of the Burton Honey Show

- The winners in each class were as follows:
- Highest points in the show – **Robert and Pat Hurd**
 - Second highest points in the show – **Hamish Low**
 - Highest points in the honey class – **Hamish Low**
 - Gift class – **Hamish Low**
 - Light honey – **Hamish Low**
 - Medium honey – **Stuart Thom**
 - Dark honey – **Dave and Sue Coates**
 - Soft set honey – **Robert and Pat Hurd**
 - Naturally granulated honey – **Robert and Pat Hurd**
 - Heather honey – **Hamish Low**
 - Composite class – **Hamish Low**
 - Novice light honey – **Paul Gryg**
 - Novice medium/dark honey – **Stuart Thom**
 - Novice granulated or soft honey – **Stuart Thom**
 - Highest points in the novice class – **Stuart Thom**
 - Frame of sealed honey – **Sam Hampton**
 - Cut comb – **Hamish Low**
 - Dry mead – **Richard Matkin**
 - Sweet mead – **Dave and Sue Coates**
 - Beeswax cake – **Robert and Pat Hurd**
 - Beeswax candles – **Katherine Chudleigh**
 - Honey cake – **Katherine Chudleigh**
 - Banana date honey loaf – **Jane Ratcliffe**
 - Novelty class – **Heather Evans**
 - Junior novelty class – **Sam Proctor**
 - Best exhibit in show – **Hamish Low** with his composite honey. §

Suzanne King, Honey Show Secretary

Hygiene in the Training Apiary

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Hive parts

Ideally frames should not be swapped between colonies. Occasionally this is required eg, transferring queen cells, in which case it should be checked that colonies are disease free. When removed from the hive, used hive parts should be stored bee tight to prevent robbing until they can be cleaned up ready for re-use. Floors, boxes, crownboards, queen excluders and rooves must be scraped and scorched or washed in washing soda to clean.

Wax

Any pieces of brace or burr comb removed during inspection should be stored in the wax bucket. The bucket should be firmly closed at the end of inspections. Storing wax waste safely reduces the attraction to wax moth, wasps and rodents.

Bees

The training apiary cannot receive bees from outside of the apiary. Swarms etc from other outside colonies should be quarantined elsewhere and inspected for disease after two brood cycles – ie, six weeks, before being considered for introduction into the apiary. Any such colony transfers should be discussed with a member of the committee. §

Forthcoming Events

15th November

Meeting of the Burton & District BKA, at the Henhurst Club, Henhurst Hill, Burton DE13 9TB. Starts at 7.30 pm and ends around 9 pm. Books are available to borrow.

Asian Hornet Nest found

An Asian hornet nest in a poplar tree was destroyed in the Ascot area of Berkshire on Monday the 11th October. The nest measured approximately 35cm in diameter and monitoring will continue in the area, supported by local beekeepers.

Further information regarding the Asian hornet can be found on Defra's Asian Hornet sightings page and on BeeBase Asian hornet page.



Join us to look out for Asian hornet! Download the [Asian Hornet Watch](#) app for tailed guidance on identification and to quickly report potential sightings.

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**Asian Hornet
Watch**



Who's Who

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