



**Bedfordshire Beekeepers Association
Annual Honey Show 2026 - Entry Form
Sunday 20th September 2026**

(Form to be returned by midnight Sunday 13th September 2025)

Aspley Guise Village Hall, 9 Woburn Lane, Aspley Guise. Bedfordshire. MK17 8JS

Name: _____

Address for labels to be posted to: _____

Beds BKA member: Yes / No Mobile/phone number: _____

Novice: Yes / No District: _____

Junior/Student : Yes / No Need Help to get entries to/from the Show Yes / No

Entries Can be placed between 2pm-5pm Saturday 19th September 2026, or between 08:30-09:45 Sunday 20th September 2026. Please contact the Honey Show Secretary ASAP if you need help getting your entries to the show as someone can do this on your behalf.

Completed entry forms to be returned to: Sue Lang (Honey Show Secretary). 154a Lower Shelton Road, Marston Moretaine. Beds. MK43 0LS (e-mail: bedfordshirehoney@hotmail.co.uk tel: 07522 559010). **By midnight Sunday 13th September 2026. Deadline also applies to online entries via Beds BKA website.**

Each entrant can have up to 3 entries in each class (EXCEPT Class 2), however only the highest place one will be awarded a Certificate/Rosette.

Please refer to **Rules** for full details/requirements for classes entered. **OPEN** Classes can be entered by anyone, all other classes can only be entered by Bedfordshire Beekeepers Association members.

Class	Description	Total No of entries
	Honey and Hive Product Section	
1	Not in use	
2	OPEN: One 454g (1lb) jar of any type of honey that will be judged on aroma & flavour alone. The honey can be unfiltered. The jars to be wrapped (provided by the Honey Show Secretary).	(Maximum 1)
3	Two matching 454g (1lb) jars of light clear honey	
4	Two matching 454g (1lb) jars of medium clear honey.	
5	Two matching 454g (1lb) jars of dark clear honey.	
6	Two matching 454g (1lb) jars of creamed or soft set honey.	
7	Two matching 454 g (1lb) jars of naturally crystallised honey.	
8	Two 454g (1lb) jars of chunk honey. (Should contain approximately 50% capped comb (containing liquid honey).	
9	*Novice* class: Two matching 454g (1lb) jars of clear or creamed/crystallised honey. *Novice is an entrant who has never won a 1 st place in any honey show	



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10	Six matching 454g (1lb) jars of honey (clear, naturally granulated, soft set or creamed). These must be labelled for sale with valid Best Before End Date/Lot Number as per 2015 Labelling regulations. The label design will not be included as a part of the overall placing.	
11	One piece of cut comb between 170 g (6 oz) and 227 g (8 oz) in weight. (Note: should be from a comb 'suitable for extraction')	
12	One shallow frame of honey suitable for extraction. (Must be displayed in a transparent bee-proof case).	
13	Three matching Beeswax blocks 28g each.	
14	One plainly moulded Beeswax block, minimum weight 226g.	
15	Three matching dipped beeswax candles (displayed flat - one may be lit, at the judge's discretion).	
16	Three matching moulded beeswax candles (displayed flat - one may be lit, at the judge's discretion).	
17	One bottle of Dry Mead	
18	One bottle of Sweet Mead	
19	One bottle of alcoholic drink based on honey – please provide details of other ingredients either on a label or accompanying card. To include Cyser, Melomel, Metheglin, Beer, Honey Wine, Pyment, Hippocras.	

	Craft and Honey Cookery Section	
20	OPEN: Honey Cake – Made according to recipe on website.	
21	OPEN: Eight (8) Honey Sweets using honey as a main ingredient. Recipe must be displayed.	
22	OPEN: Six biscuits (made using honey) – recipe to be displayed.	
23	One jar of honey marmalade, recipe to be displayed. Any size of jar may be used. Commercially produced fruit pulp i.e. 'Ma Made' is not permitted to be used.	
24	A Honey Label. A standard label of your own design, actual size, to fit on a standard 1lb jar or 12oz HEX or Round jar produced in any medium to comply with current UK regulations to be displayed either flat or on an empty honey jar. Must include appropriate Lot Number/Best Before date as if the honey were from the current season. Labels will be judged against the Honey Label regulations 2015 as interpreted by Bedfordshire Trading Standards.	
25	Any Educational or Instructive Exhibit related to bees or beekeeping.	
26	A display of Beeswax items. Candles are NOT allowed. Minimum 6 items. To be displayed in an area maximum size 30cm x 30cm.	
27	Craft Display Class: Three different items which utilise bee products and show the skill of the exhibitor. Each to be displayed with a brief description.	
28	Craft Class: A practical item made or invented by the exhibitor directly related to bees, beekeeping, or bee products. To be displayed with a brief explanation.	
29	OPEN: A Limerick about bees or beekeeping.	



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	Photographic and Microscopy Section. Can be Film or Digital. Maximum size A4. Can be mounted or unmounted. A short explanation can be added on the back.	
30	Photographic Class: A photograph with the subject "In the Apiary".	
31	Photographic class: A macro or close-up photograph of a honeybees showing at least two castes of honeybees (at least two of: queen, worker and drone).	
32	Photographic Class: Black and white photograph of bees or beekeeping.	
33	One photomicrograph or macro print (in colour or black and white) with the subject of honey bee anatomy or pollen grains (brief description to be provided on an accompanying card NOT on the actual photo	
34	One Microscope slide 3"x 1" subject bee anatomy or pollen grains (brief description on slide label).	
<u>Junior/Student Section (Open to Beds BKA Student members – age to be stated)</u>		
35	Three Cupcakes to be decorated with a bee themed design.	
36	One 454g (1lb) Jar of honey – entrant to have helped with the bees, extraction and bottling	
37	A craft item with a bee, or beekeeping theme.	
<u>School or Home-Schooled Junior Classes</u>		
(OPEN to children attending full time education at schools or to groups or individuals being home-schooled).		
In order to assist the judges please state the year group, or age of the entrant(s), and how many children contributed to the entry. Note: These classes are aimed at classes of school children to all get involved and contribute to the activity, but are open to individual or groups of home-schooled children.		
Please provide a short explanation describing the subject matter and how the item was produced.		
38	OPEN: School Class activity: Create a collage of drawings or pictures of bees and flowers created by the children. <i>Note: This class is a for a group activity so please state how many children contributed and their age range.</i>	
39	OPEN: School Class activity: "Amazing things that I have learnt about bees." <i>Note: This class is a for a group activity so please state how many children contributed and their age range.</i>	