

The 130th Honiton Show

Thursday 5th and Friday 6th August 2021

Your Personal Invitation

Set in the beautiful East Devon countryside The Honiton Show is one of the highlights of the Devon County summer calendar, and is just a little over a month away. The Show was cancelled in 2020 due to the pandemic. 2021 is therefore an extra special year, not only because we celebrate 130 years of the Honiton Show, but it is also being extended over **TWO** days to give everyone more space and time to explore and enjoy the event.

The Bees & Honey Marquee will, as always, provide visitors with an interesting and informative pollinator experience, and so it's time for members of the Devon Beekeepers Association to gather honey crops, and dust off their artistic licence to enter the wide choice of Bees & Honey competitions available.

In 2019 we received a superb 117 competition entries from across the region. DBKA members from Torbay to Tiverton, and Exeter to East Devon all showcased their efforts and carried off the silverware, prize monies and points awarded towards their branch total for the day. In 2019 our new Branch Cup was awarded to East Devon for achieving the highest overall points total of 131.

Please do take a look at the Show Schedule attached, and use the Entry Form (also attached) to take part in as many Competition Classes as you wish. No past experience required. Indeed, in 2019 The Robin Kirkcaldie Cup was not awarded due to a lack of novice entries. So, if you're a new starter or simply haven't won anything in competitions so far, then here's your chance to perhaps hold a silver cup aloft! You don't even need bees or honey as there are sections for Photography, Mead, Wax and Art/Sculpture. There is also a 'Bee Creative' class for children from invited schools. This year we've excluded cooking and baking classes due to the current climate, but have introduced an exciting new class – The Decorated 'Super' Totem Pole! Class 15a calls for brightly decorated Super box exteriors that we hope to stack at the Show to create maximum effect. And we've updated our entry fee payment arrangements to enable quick and easy bank transfer instead of cheques too.

I've attached a Honey Sales form. If you have honey, or bee related products to sell then The Honiton Show is the ideal place to trade your wares.

Please do join us on 5th or 6th August for a great day out. As well as the competitions we have candle rolling, hive activity videos, lots of bee information and experts on hand to provide knowledgeable advice and guidance.

I very much look forward to seeing you at the show, or at least marvelling at your competition entries if you can't make it on the day.