



# EssexBeekeepers' Association

## Report to the 2024 EBKA AGM on the 2023 Annual Honey Show

The 2023 Annual Honey Show was again held at the Orsett Showground at the beginning of September. It proved to be a great success not only with the record number of entries in the 54 classes but also with the general public visiting our marquee on the day of the Show. This year's judges, Michael Badger MBE, Bridget Knutson, Sue Carter and Julie Mugglestone were impressed with the standard of the entries.

There were additional awards at this year's Show:-

- A Champion Commemorative Rosette presented by the Association of Show and Agricultural Organisations (ASAO) for the best beekeeping entry in the Show to celebrate the ASAO's 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary; and
- a Harlow Division Cup was given in memory of Mike Barke, a long serving member of the Honey Show Committee who sadly died earlier in the year. The Cup renamed "The Michael Barke Award" will now be presented each year to the winner of the Novice Class for one cake of beeswax.

I am again deeply indebted to the Honey Show Committee for their strong support and for giving up their time unstintingly to organise this County event. The Committee would also like to acknowledge the help given by Graeme Crook, the Webmaster and Jan Tutton, the EBKA Membership Secretary for their technical skills in providing and processing online entry forms and for sending information to members about the Show using eR2 mailshots.

No Show would be complete without the help of our members setting up the marquee ready for judging, assisting with the judging process, volunteering on the day of the Show engaging with public before helping dismantle the displays and handing back entries. Particular recognition must be given for this year's excellent presentation on the Asian Hornet threat which proved to be of great interest to visitors. Southend Division members, Marguerita Wilson and Marlene Harris spent the whole day busy explaining to visitors about the current threat and handing out the informative Bee Craft Asian Hornet ID cards.

The 2024 Honey Show Committee have met to arrange this year's Show taking place on Saturday 7 September again as part of the Orsett Show with judging taking place on Friday 6 September. Further details about the Show will be made available for members during the next few months.

My thanks go to Linda Yates who is standing down this year from the Show Committee as the Saffron Walden representative. I too will be standing down from my role as Secretary to the Committee but have agreed to remain for the time being as a Committee member. Replacements for both positions are being sought.

Michael Webb  
Secretary Honey Show Committee

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