



The Surrey Honey Show 2023

Since the demise of the County Show at Guildford, due to the pandemic we have had to split the Surrey Honey show into two parts, the first half at the Claygate village Fair with the straw draw, honey sales and our observation hives, and the second half with the actual honey show. This year it was planned to be at Painshill, but unfortunately the A3 was closed in both directions for the whole of that weekend. Making the show almost impossible to get to!
At the last minute we moved it back to Reigate's Henfold's apiary – thank you to Richard for making it a smooth change of venue.

We had 146 ENTRIES
With a total of 23 CLASSES.

Even with the highway's agency best efforts the show was a great success. After the judging there was lively debate regarding the winners, and losers. Rounding off the day with the presentation of cups:

The COMPOSITE CUP - most points by a Surrey Member, was won by Trevor Keast with 59 points.

And the hotly contested cup, the Vincent Challenge Cup - most points per division was won by Reigate with 106 points, and Kingston coming a very close second with 103! Followed by Weybridge with 62 and Farnham with 44.

Unfortunately, the show is still failing to get support across the county with both entries and volunteers.

Hopefully with earlier publicity and marketing, plus we've nearly negotiated to get the show under one roof next year, we are aiming to be an even bigger and better show in 2024.

I'm looking forward to meeting other divisions and counting on your support for next year's Surrey Honey Show.

Mike Axford FRSA
Chief Steward