SURREY HONEY SHOW 2026

Report for Surrey Beekeepers Association AGM

Overview

This year we held our biggest show ever, with 281 entries (although only 249 arrived) at Denbies Vineyard. The weather was perfect, and it was a fabulous day. It was also our second consecutive double Blue Ribbon event.

Public Engagement

A significant number of the public came along, keen to:

- find out what we as beekeepers do;
- learn about the Yellow Legged Hornet; and
- buy some of the Association's honey.

Honey Shop

Our Honey Shop, expertly manned by Anne and Derek Jones, sold over £1,000 during the day.

The best in show Blue Ribbon winner was Jacqueline Tolley (Guildford) for her Composite Class.

We also had a new cup this year – The Bob Maurer Challenge Cup, which was won by John Mayne (Croydon).

The divisional winners were Reigate with 241 points, with a close second, Guildford on 70!! The rest of us must enter more.

The beekeeper with most points was again Jacqueline Tolly with 68 points.

All the winners and breakdown of points are on the SBKA website.

Next year's show will be hosted at Denbies again on Sunday 5th September 2027.

Mike Axford FRSA
Chief Steward

