



EssexBeekeepers' Association

Report to the 2023 EBKA AGM on the 2022 Annual Honey Show

After addressing some of the challenges for the Show Committee, not least that the last Annual Show was held in 2019, it was very satisfying that the 133rd EBKA Annual Honey Show was considered to be a great success.

With over 300 entries by over 50 of our members, associates, juniors and family members, the judges Sue Carter and Bill Fisher commented on the very high standard of the entries in our 54 classes. They commented on how much they enjoyed the day judging and indicated that they would be happy to return.

My thanks must go to the Honey Show Committee that were a strong team who gave unstintingly their time to organise this event. I should also like to thank the members who took time to enter using the new online submission sent to all members on eR2. This change from paper forms was handled very effectively by a small team of Graeme Crook, the EBKA Webmaster, Jan Tutton, the EBKA Membership Secretary, Garth Milford, the member responsible for development of eR2 for the EBKA and David Smye, a Show Committee member who converted the Show Schedule and Entry Form for use online. This work was undertaken in a short time and has proved popular with members.

No Show would be complete without the help of our members who set up the marquee for judging on the Friday prior to the Show and acted as the volunteers on the day of the Show engaging with the public. It was especially pleasing to see those volunteers who were taking part for the first time so enjoy the experience and working seamlessly with members from other Divisions.

The 2023 Honey Show Committee will meet shortly to start the process of arranging this year's Show. I would just like to take this opportunity to thank Roy and Helen Hardwicke, who for many years had worked tirelessly as Show Committee members, and who retired last year. We wish them well for the future.

For the 2023 Annual Honey Show, held wherever in the County, a fair representation from members of all our Divisions certainly will continue to show the Association at its best.

Michael Webb
Secretary Honey Show Committee

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