

Halifax Show 2024

There were 13 entrants for the Honey Show, and 45 individual entries over the 23 classes. This compares with 17 entrants and 100 entries over the same 23 classes in 2023. The Honey Show judge was Dave Shannon. I understand that despite the reduced number of entries compared with recent years, the standard of the entries was considered to be a continuing high level.

Honey Show Results

Class 1 – Two jars of light honey. There were 2 entries in this class.

1st – Veronica Williams

3rd – Phil Gee

Class 2 – Two jars of medium honey. There were 4 entries in this class.

1st – Paddy Walker

2nd – Alan Brook

3rd – Roger Pool

Class 3 – Two jars of soft set honey. There were 2 entries in this class.

1st – Roger Pool

2nd – Alan Brook

Class 4 – One jar of honey labelled as for sale. There were 5 entries in this class.

1st - Roger Pool

2nd – Alan Brook

3rd – Phil Gee

Class 5 – Two jars of heather honey. There were 3 entries in this class.

1st – Chris Dale

2nd – Ian Bairstow

3rd – Phil Gee

Class 6 – One jar of flavoursome local honey. There were 7 entries in this class.

1st – Chris Dale

2nd – Paddy Walker

3rd – Veronica Williams

Class 7 – Chunk honey. There were no entries in this class.

Class 8 – Novice class. There were 2 entries in this class.

1st – Paddy Walker

2nd – Liz Bolton

Class 9 – Cut comb in a clear lidded container. There was 1 entry in this class.

1st – Jackie Haigh

Class 10 – Honey frame suitable for extraction. There were 2 entries in this class.

2nd – Chris Dale

3rd – Veronica Williams

Class 11 – Six identical wax blocks. There was 1 entry in this class.

1st – Ian Bairstow

Class 12 – Wax cake between 8 and 16 oz. There was 1 entry in this class.

1st – Ian Bairstow

Class 13 – Two identical wax candles. There were 2 entries in this class.

1st – Paddy Walker

2nd – Ian Bairstow

Class 14 – Beeswax wrap up to 30cm square. There was 1 entry in this class.

1st – Veronica Williams

Class 15 – Bottle of dry mead. There were 2 entries in this class.

1st – Alan Brook

2nd – Veronica Williams

Class 16 – Bottle of sweet mead. There were 2 entries in this class.

1st – Veronica Williams

2nd – Alan Brook

Class 17 – A snapshot photograph, connected to bees / beekeeping. There were no entries in this class.

Class 18 – A macro (close-up) photograph. There were 3 entries in this class.

1st – Paddy Walker

2nd – Jacky Brook

3rd – Kevin Hibb

Class 19 – Flowers in a vase. There were no entries in this class.

Class 20 – Handicraft or bee product related gift. There were 2 entries in this class.

1st – Jacky Brook

2nd – Veronica Williams

Class 21 – A piece of home-made beekeeping equipment. There was 1 entry in this class.

1st – Paddy Walker

Class 22 – One jar of jam or preserve. There were no entries in this class.

Class 23 – Plain honey cake. There were 2 entries in this class.

1st – Jacky Brook

2nd – Rowena Bairstow

Best in Show – Two jars of medium honey – Paddy Walker

Halifax Trophies

The Limetree Apiary Rosebowl (for the most points in classes 1 to 23 inclusive)

Paddy Walker – 17 points

(Based on the score of 3 points for 1st position, 2 points for 2nd and 1 point for 3rd.)

The Winifred May Badger Challenge Cup (for the most points across all honey classes 1 to 7 and 9 - 10)

Chris Dale – 8 points

Northern Bee Books Trophy (for the best exhibit of a photograph in class 17 or 18)

Paddy Walker

The John Phillips Award for Beeswax (for the most points in the wax classes 11, 12 and 13.)

Ian Bairstow – 8 points

The Jeff Gill Cup (for the best home-made piece of beekeeping equipment in class 21.)

Paddy Walker

Novice Cup (for the winner of class 8)

Paddy Walker

Best in Show (for the best exhibit selected by the judge across all classes)

Paddy Walker – two jars of medium honey.

Peter Nicholls – Honey Show Secretary