

Annual Honey Show 2021

Judge's Comments

The judge [Paul Abbott] was really pleased to see entries from new members.

Soft set honey does need to be set. If you tip the jar it should not start to slump but it should have a spoonable consistency, very difficult to get right!

When making wax products, let it cool down very slowly to minimise shrinkage and ripples forming on the surface. Any inclusions are likely to go the bottom during cooling, which will be at the top when you turn out the block. Make sure you check the weight and dimensions against the rules.

The photos were difficult to judge. There were some lovely close-ups of flowers, but the flowers sometimes dominated the picture rather than highlighting the bees. Cropping can be advantageous for this type of picture. Don't be afraid to try something different. Getting a good photo of a bee on a flower is tricky, so try a bit of lateral thinking. You will always get credit for wit and charm.

A huge thank you to all those who organised this year's show & more importantly to all the [30 or so] members who participated, by exhibiting over [90 or so] individual entries.