

THE BEST CIDER ORCHARD AWARD

Kindly sponsored by Thatchers Cider Company Limited



Shepton Mallet, Somerset
31 May to 3 June 2017



The awards will be presented for the best traditional standard and bush apple or pear orchard.

The orchard must be commercial, a minimum of three acres and be within the Royal Bath & West Show catchment area of Bristol, Somerset, Dorset, Devon, Cornwall, Gloucestershire, Wiltshire and Cornwall.

Entry to the Best Cider Orchard Award competition costs you £10.00 (inc. VAT) per entry. As a contributor to the Show, the Society will look after you in the following ways:

- An Exhibitor's admission ticket - entry to the Show on any one day.
- The chance to win a valuable cash prize and silver medal
- Prize presentation – Thursday 1 June 2017
- Industry wide recognition

The Winning Cider Orchards will each receive a £100 cash prize and a Bath & West Show silver medal.

Don't forget - Closing date for entries is:

11 April 2017 by post only

Judging will take place in May

Class OC24 BEST CIDER ORCHARD - Standard

Class OC25 BEST CIDER ORCHARD – Bush

GENERAL REGULATIONS

1. GENERAL REGULATIONS

(a) Entries

Only postal entries will be accepted for the Best Cider Orchard Award. The completed entry form must arrive by **11 April 2017** together with the correct entry fee of £10.00 (inc. VAT).

NO LATE ENTRIES WILL BE ACCEPTED AFTER THIS DATE

Please give details of the location of the Orchard, approximate acreage, number of trees and crop record also special features of the Orchard.

The Show reserves the right to refuse entries which in its opinion are unsuitable.

(b) Disclaimer of Liability

In this clause the term Exhibitor shall include persons taking part in any competition or display arranged by the Show, and the owner of any animal, plant, machinery or other thing involved in any such competition or display or otherwise exhibited on the Showground. Save for death or personal injury caused by the negligence of the Show, its servants or agents, the Show will not be responsible for death, injury, disease, damage or loss caused to any Exhibitor or to his or her servant or agent or to any animal, article, plant, machinery or thing of whatever nature brought onto the Showground by the said Exhibitor from whatever cause death, injury, disease, damage or loss arises.

(c) Responsibility of Exhibitors

The Show will not be responsible in any way for any article, plant, machinery or object of any kind exhibited on the Showground. The exhibitor shall assume full responsibility therefore, including liability for all claims arising out of the exhibit generally. The exhibitor shall indemnify the Show against all claims damages or expenses whatsoever in any way arising out of the presence of the Exhibitor or his exhibits on the Showground.

- i) Exhibitors are advised to insure against fire and other appropriate risk, not only as regards their own property, but also against third party claims.
- ii) The Show reserves the absolute right to decide whether Exhibitors and/or exhibits qualify for entry and their decision on all matters shall be final.
- iii) Acceptance of the foregoing conditions shall be a condition of entry.

2. Best Cider Orchard

(a) Exhibitors must be prepared to allow photographs to be taken of the orchard and any degree of publicity from the closing date of entries.

(b) The judging will take place **during May 2017**.

Judges will take into consideration the following:

- i) Tree health
- ii) Apple crops and grazing (where appropriate)
- iii) Tidiness
- iv) Standard of pruning
- v) Environment.

The judges' decision is final.

(c) Exhibitors must provide the Show with approximate acreage and crops for the last three years.

(d) Finalists will be notified shortly before the Show and will be required to be present at the Orchards and Cider Pavilion on Thursday 1 June 2017 for the final judging and presentation of the award.

(e) There is no requirement for exhibitors to be present at the Show after the Presentations are completed.

By Order of the Show
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Bath & West Shows Limited
The Showground,
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ENTRY FORM

THE BEST CIDER ORCHARD

Please complete in Block Letters

Name of Exhibitor: _____

Name to appear in catalogue: _____
(if different to above)

Address: _____

Town: _____ Post Code: _____

E-mail: _____ Telephone: _____

LOCATION OF ORCHARD

(OS Ref if known): _____

Approximate Acreage and number of trees: _____

Special features of the Orchard: _____

Approximate Crop Record: 2016 _____

2015 _____

2014 _____

I hereby undertake, on behalf of myself and all persons in my employ to abide by the Show's Regulations and conditions and hold the Show harmless in the event of any accident, loss, or damage from whatever cause arising, occurring through or to any article I may enter or exhibit.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Please return completed application to:

Mrs S Chick
Entries Office
Bath & West Shows Limited
The Showground
Shepton Mallet BA4 6QN

Direct line: 01749 822209

