

ORCHARD AWARDS

Kindly sponsored by Thatchers Cider Company Limited



Shepton Mallet, Somerset
29 May to 1 June 2019



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

Entry to the Orchard Award competition costs you £10.00 (inc. VAT) per entry, Classes 1, 2 and 3; Class 4 is free of charge. 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 Royal Bath & West Show silver medal
- Prize presentation – Thursday 30 May 2019
- Industry wide recognition

The Winning Orchards will each receive a Bath & West Show silver medal.

An orchard walk and lunch will be organised during July, open to all entrants and held in one of the winning orchards. An industry expert will lead the orchard tour, discussion and offer advice on orchard management

Don't forget - Closing date for entries is:

10 April 2019 by post only

Judging will take place in May

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Class OC1	COMMERCIAL BUSH CIDER ORCHARD – Bush
Class OC2	STANDARD CIDER ORCHARD
Class OC3	NOT FOR PROFIT ORCHARD
Class OC4	ORCHARD INNOVATION

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 **10 April 2019** together with the correct entry fee of £10.00 (inc. VAT), Classes 1, 2 and 3; Class 4 is free of charge. Each orchard entered must be on a separate form.

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. Orchard Awards

- Class OC1 Commercial Cider Orchard – orchards of five acres or more, growing apples for sale on a commercial basis for own cider production or supply to a cider maker.
- Class OC2 Standard Cider Orchard – an orchard of standard trees growing cider apples, of any size.
- Class OC3 Not for Profit Orchard – open to anyone growing cider or dessert apples as a hobby or on a community orchard basis. The orchard can be of any style and must be less than 3 acres in size.
- Class OC4 Orchard Innovation – orchards growing either cider or dessert apples. This class is open to all entrants in Classes 1, 2 and 3 and must demonstrate an original or innovative method of orchard management, growing trees or specialised equipment developed and used by the entrant.

Any grower winning a category two years in succession will be invited to join the judging panel the following year and will not be permitted to enter the competition.

(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 2019**.

Judges will take into consideration the following:

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| 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 30 May 2019 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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