



The Honey Show for Everyone

Sunday 15th November 2026

Evergreen Community Hall, Penrith, CA11 7LH



Whether you are a beekeeper or not you are invited to:

- **ENTER EXHIBITS to the HONEY SHOW** The Honey Show categories include honey flavoured cakes/ biscuits (recipes supplied), photographs of honey bees, jars of honey and other bee products. It is FREE to ENTER. Doors open for staging exhibits from 9.45.
- **ATTEND A PROGRAMME OF WORKSHOPS AND PRACTICAL PRESENTATIONS** about the world of honey bees: the threats to their survival; using microscopes to learn more about them; 'cooking with honey'; and creating pictures with beeswax.

Cost: Adult £20 / U.18 £10 Afternoon only: Adult £12 / U.18 £6

Programme/ Workshops

11.00. Welcome and Presentations:

Engineering an Early Warning: Developing BuzzCopper to Track the Spread of the Yellow Legged Asian Hornet by Matt Truscott

- **British Beekeepers Association Exam Certificates**

12.30. Group Sessions: Encaustic Art: have a go at making wax pictures with Lorraine Priestley **Taking a Closer Look at Microscopes** with Dominic Rhodes **Level Up Your Honey Labels: How to Create and Prep Labels for the Printers'** with Matt Truscott

Lunch

1.15pm Bring your own packed lunch or pre-order homemade soup; bread and dessert. £5

- **Look around the Honey Show**
- **Browse and purchase from the Northern Bee Books display and other stalls.**

2.00– 4.00.

Honey Show Awards: presented by Peter Lewis, Honey Show Judge

'Cooking with Honey' demonstration by John Crouch, Cumbria's Celebrity Chef

OR 'Building BuzzCopper YLAH Monitoring Stations' workshop led by Matt Truscott

Further Information

The Honey Show Exhibit Schedule is downloadable from www.cumbriabeekeepers.org

Programme Tickets must be purchased in advance from:

www.ticketsource.com/cumbria-beekeepers-area-association

Or Tel: 0333 666 3366 Closing date for reservations: Thursday 12th November.

Cancellation: Tickets are non-refundable unless the event is cancelled by CBKAA.

Parking: Bluebell Lane Car Park (CA11 7LX) £1.30 full day

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Information about the Presenters

John Crouch Cumbria's

Celebrity Chef! In addition to his support for the community – thrice Mayor of Wigton! – for over twenty years John has supported schools, and other interest groups by providing catering, cookery demonstrations and running training workshops for all ages and levels of experience. He is an engaging speaker and frequently gives talks on local radio and television. He specialises in preparing dishes linked to specific themes and the interests of the various groups that invite him to give demonstrations. His meticulous research and determination to source ingredients that are relevant to the topic always provide both a delicious and authentic culinary experience



Northern Bee Books have an extensive range of new and second hand bee books as shown on the web site: www.northernbeebooks.co.uk. A selection will be available for browsing and purchasing at the Honey Show. To avoid postage costs, if particular books are required these can be pre-ordered by contacting Northern Bee Books by 19th October
Tel: (0) 1422 882751 or complete the contact form on the web site.

Matt Truscott is a member of Harrogate and Ripon Beekeepers Association in his fourth year of beekeeping. He became more aware of the imminent danger of the YLAH when a nest was found in August 2025 in his area. In January, Matt heard about BuzzCopper and got involved as a volunteer where he can put his embedded systems engineering and web development skills from his day job to use in supporting the development of BuzzCopper. BuzzCopper is a bait station with a camera which uses AI to identify visiting insects and alert users if a YLAH has been detected. Matt has been involved in developing the website, on-device software, and the AI used to identify the insects

Lorraine Priestley works as an Occupational Therapist. She has kept bees in her garden for over 20 years and is a keen member of Carlisle BKA. Lorraine will demonstrate painting with coloured bees wax using a travel iron and heated stylus. This technique is known as encaustic art. There will be a chance at lunch time for individuals to create their own wax pictures with Lorraine's assistance.

Dominic has kept and taught beekeeping at all levels from beginner to commercial operations. He was a member of Whitehaven Beekeepers Association, helping them to establish their training apiary. After re-locating to Penrith, Dominic joined Penrith & District Beekeepers Association where he has been a member of the apiary management team often leading the sessions at the Training Apiary during the summer season. Dominic is a scientific engineer by profession and has used microscopes of different types throughout his career. He has led workshops for beekeepers on microscopy on numerous occasions and owns an extensive collection of microscopes of different type

Peter Lewis has been a keen artisan keeper of localised honey bees since the mid-noughties. For a decade from 2015 he was the Yorkshire Agricultural Society appointed Chief Hives & Honey Steward, running the traditional honey competition section at the annual Great Yorkshire Show. Peter is qualified as a traditional 'Senior Welsh Honey Judge', as now administered by the American Honey Show Training Council (AHSTC). He has gained considerable hands-on practical experience through judging dozens of national & international Honey Shows since 2015.

