BRITISH CHEESE AWARDS 2024

HELD AT THE BATH & WEST FOOD & DRINK FESTIVAL 22ND - 23RD MARCH



SCHEDULE







ENTRIES CLOSE 19TH FEBRUARY 2024

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Bath & West Shows Limited

(Registered in England & Wales with Number 8680261)

Food & Drink Festival Shepton Mallet



Friday 22 – Sunday 24 March 2024

BRITISH CHEESE AWARDS SCHEDULE

ENTRY FEES

(BASED ON OVERALL AVERAGE ANNUAL LITREAGE, <u>NOT</u> VOLUME PER CHEESE)

£15.00 / Entry: up to 250,000 litres £22.50 / Entry: 250,000 – 600,000 litres £32.50 / Entry: 600,000 – 1.2 million litres £45.00 / Entry: More than 1.2 million litres

QUANTITY TO ENTER

Small cheeses – a minimum of 600g or 3 individual cheeses (enter cheeses weighing less than 1kg whole)

Large cheeses – minimum 1kg preferred or a maximum 5kg block

KEY DATES

Deliveries to Peter Green Chilled: Tuesday 19 & Wednesday 20 March ONLY

Deliveries by hand: Thursday 21 March (before 2pm)

Judging & Awards Dinner: Friday 22 March

ENTRIES CLOSE:

ONLINE – 19 February 2024

www.britishcheeseawards.com

NO ENTRIES, UNDER ANY CIRCUMSTANCES WILL BE ACCEPTED AFTER THIS DATE

THE SHOWGROUND, SHEPTON MALLET, SOMERSET BA4 6QN

Telephone: 01749 822200

COMPETITIVE CLASSES

We hope the following classes provide an opportunity for your company to enter the British Cheese Awards, but should you have any queries please contact: BATHAWEST BRITISH CHEESE AWARDS

Sarah-Jane Chick

E-mail: sarah.chick@bathandwest.co.uk

Tel: 01749 822200

SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

If you would like to discuss opportunities to become a sponsor for either the British Cheese Awards or the Food & Festival as a whole, please contact:

Sophia Orttewell

E-mail: sophia.orttewell@bathandwest.co.uk

Tel: 01749 822216

The packages available range from Event Headline Sponsor, Pavilion Sponsor, British Cheese Awards Category Award sponsor, BCA Special Award sponsor through to a Show Supporter, with some packages offering free tradestand space and tickets to the BCA Presentation Dinner.

TRADESTANDS

If you would like to book tradestand space please contact:

Lucy Champion

E-mail: lucy.champion@bathandwest.co.uk

Tel: 01749 822230

Tradestands for cheese producers will be located in the Showering Pavilion alongside the British Cheese Awards and are available as a $3m \times 3m$, $6m \times 3m$ or multiples thereof.

FRESH

The following classes are eligible for the Best Fresh Award. Classic Examples: Cream Cheese, Aged Cerney

Class BCA1 Feta Style

Class BCA2 Mozarella Style

Class BCA3 Halloumi Style

Class BCA4 Fromage Frais, Cottage & Ricotta Style

Class BCA5 Fresh Lactic

Class BCA6 Aged Lactic

SOFT WHITE

The following classes are eligible for the Best Soft White Award. Classic Examples: Somerset Brie, Tunworth, Baron Bigot

Class BCA7 Goat

Class BCA8 Sheep or Buffalo

Class BCA9 Cow [up to 500gm]

Class BCA10 Cow [over 500gm]

RIND WASHED

The following classes are eligible for the Best Rind Washed Award. Classic Examples: Stinking Bishop, Durrus

Class BCA11 Hard Rind Washed

Class BCA12 Soft Rind Washed

SEMI SOFT

Class BCA13 Semi-Soft (rind washed or non-rind washed)



CHEDDAR





Block Cheddars made with helveticus starter culture [modern] will be judged separately from those made with traditional cultures.

Class	BCA14	The IFF Grand Prix Mature Cheddar.
Class	BCA15	Cheddar - Mild (open to traditional, cylinder or block) up to 6 months
Class	BCA16	Cheddar - Mature Traditional/Cylinder 7-12 months.
Class	BCA17	Cheddar - Mature Block (Classic Starter) 7-12 months.
Class	BCA18	Cheddar - Mature Block (Modern Helveticus) 7-12 months.
Class	BCA19	Cheddar - Extra Mature Traditional/Cylinder 13-18 months.
Class	BCA20	Cheddar - Extra Mature Block (Classic Starter) 13-18 months.
Class	BCA21	Cheddar - Extra Mature Block (Modern Helveticus) 13-18 months.
Class	BCA22	Cheddar - Vintage Traditional 18+ months.
Class	BCA23	Cheddar - Vintage Block 18+ months.
Class	BCA24	PDO/PGI Cheddar
Class	BCA25	Waxed Cheddars

TERRITORIAL



The following classes are eligible for the Category Award for the Best Territorial Cheese and Special Award for the Best Prepared Block.

Class	BCA26	Lancashire - Tasty Traditional/Cylinder
Class	BCA27	Lancashire - Tasty Block
Class	BCA28	Lancashire - Creamy Traditional/Cylinder
Class	BCA29	Lancashire - Creamy Block
Class	BCA30	Lancashire - Crumbly [Acid] Traditional/Cylinder
Class	BCA31	Lancashire - Crumbly [Acid] Block
Class	BCA32	Red Leicester - Traditional/Cylinder/Wheel
Class	BCA33	Red Leicester - Block
Class	BCA34	Cheshire - Coloured/White Traditional/Cylinder
Class	BCA35	Cheshire - Coloured/White Block
Class	BCA36	Wensleydale - Traditional/Cylinder/Wheel
Class	BCA37	Wensleydale - Block
Class	BCA38	The Gloucesters - Double Gloucester Traditional/Cylinder
Class	BCA39	The Gloucesters - Double Gloucester Block
Class	BCA40	The Gloucesters - Single Gloucester PDO
Class	BCA41	Caerphilly - Traditional/Wheel
Class	BCA42	Caerphilly - Block
Class	BCA43	Other Territorials - White Stilton Hard, traditional cheese not listed above.
Class	BCA44	Other Territorials - Derby & Sage Derby (not blended) Hard, traditional cheese not listed above.

HARD: MODERN BRITISH





BLUE

All cheeses with blue mould including Soft White. The following classes are eligible for the Best Blue Award.

Class	BCA54	Silton - whole
Class	BCA55	Silton - cut in half
Class	BCA56	Shropshire Blue - whole
Class	BCA57	Shropshire Blue - cut in half
Class	BCA58	Blue Cow [up to 6 weeks]
Class	BCA59	Blue Cow [6-12 weeks]
Class	BCA60	Blue Cow [over 12 weeks]
Class	BCA61	Blue Goat / Sheep / Buffalo
Class	BCA62	Soft White Blue [Any milk]



FLAVOUR ADDED (NON-BLENDED)

Including wrapped or coated.

The following classes are eligible for the Best Flavour Added Award.

Class BCA63 Dessert / Fruit / Sweet / Nuts / Seeds

Class BCA64 Smoked - Cheddar

Class BCA65 Smoked - Goat / Sheep / Buffalo

Class BCA66 Smoked - Territorials/Other

Class BCA67 Chives / Onions / Pepper / Chilli / Garlic / Spices

Class BCA68 Herbs / Leaves / Foliage

Class BCA69 Other

FLAVOUR ADDED (BLENDED)

Including wrapped or coated.

The following classes are eligible for the Best Flavour Added Award.

Class BCA70 Blended - Sweet

Class BCA71 Blended - Savoury

Class BCA72 Blended - with Garlic / Pepper / Chilli

Class BCA73 Blended - Smoked

REDUCED FAT CHEESE

Class BCA74 Hard [17-22%]

Class BCA75 Hard Half Fat [less than 17%]

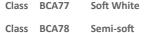
Class BCA76 Soft/Semi-soft



NEW CHEESE

Open to any cheese created since January 2022 and not previously entered in the British Cheese Awards.

The following classes are eligible for the Best New Cheese Award.



Class BCA79 Hard - Cow

Class BCA80 Hard - Goat / Sheep / Buffalo

Class BCA81 Blue

Class BCA82 Flavour Added - Sweet

Class BCA83 Flavour Added - Savoury

EXPORT

Open to British Cheese currently being sold outside Britain and Ireland. The following classes are eligible for the Best Export Award.

Class BCA84 Soft / Semi-soft

Class BCA85 Cheddar

Class BCA86 Other Territorial

Class BCA87 Other Cow

Class BCA88 Goat / Sheep / Buffalo

Class BCA89 Blue - Stilton

Class BCA90 Blue - Other

Class BCA91 Flavour Added / Blended



DAIRY PRODUCTS

The following classes are eligible for the Best Dairy Produce Award.

Class BCA92 Butter - flavoured

Class BCA93 Whey Butter

Class BCA94 Branded Butter

Product to be shown in final branded packaging and both the product and

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packaging will be judged.

Class BCA95 Clotted Cream

Class BCA96 Double Cream

Class BCA97 Yoghurt - plain [set/stirred]

Class BCA98 Yoghurt - Greek style plain

Class BCA99 Yoghurt - flavoured

Class BCA100 Yoghurt - fruit [stirred]

Class BCA101 Branded Yoghurt

Product to be shown in final branded packaging and both the product and

packaging will be judged.

Class BCA102 Butter - unsalted

Class BCA103 Butter - salted

PACKAGING

The following class is eligible for the Best Packaging Award.

Class BCA104 Any British made cheese in branded packaging

Judged on appearance.

PEOPLE'S CHOICE

Class BCA105 People's Choice

Open to any cheese apart from any with added flavouring.

CELEBRITY CHOICE

Class BCA106 Celebrity Class

Open to any cheese apart from any with added flavouring.

MAIN CATEGORY AWARDS

BCAS1 Best Fresh

Winner: 2022 Tenacres

BCAS2 Best Soft White

Winner: 2022 Hampshire Cheese Company Ltd

BCAS3 Best Rind Washed / Semi-Soft

Winner: 2022 The Bath Soft Cheese Company

BCAS4 Best Cheddar

W M Cary & Son Rose Bowl Winner: 2022 Wyke Farms Ltd

BCAS5 Best Territorial

Aplin & Barrett Trophy

Winner: 2022 Wyke Farms Ltd

BCAS6 Best Modern

Winner: 2022 King Stone Dairy Ltd

BCAS7 Best Blue

Winner: 2022 Cropwell Bishop Creamery Ltd

BCAS8 Best Flavour-Added

Winner: 2022 Norseland Ltd

BCAS9 Best New Cheese

Winner: 2022 Chapel Cross Tearoom

BCAS10 Best Export

Dairy Crest Cup

Winner: 2022 Trethowan's Dairy Ltd

BCAS11 Best Goat Cheese

Winner: 2022 Killeen Farmhouse

BCAS12 Best Sheep Cheese

Winner: 2022 Golden Cross Cheese Co Ltd

BCAS13 Best Dairy Product

The Dairy Produce Trophy Winner: 2022 BV Dairy



SPECIAL PRIZES



BCAS14 Best English Cheese

Patrick Rance Memorial Trophy
Winner: 2022 King Stone Dairy Ltd

BCAS15 Best Scottish Cheese

Jeff Reade Memorial Trophy

Winner: 2022 Highland Fine Cheese Ltd

BCAS16 Best Welsh Cheese

Dougal Campbell Memorial Trophy Winner: 2022 Caw Teifi Cheese

BCAS17 Best Irish Cheese

Eugene Burns Memorial Trophy Winner: 2022 Killeen Farmhouse

BCAS18 Best Traditional Cheddar

Winner: 2022 Trethowan's Dairy Ltd

BCAS19 Best Block Cheddar

Winner: 2022 Wyke Farms Ltd

BCAS20 Best Organic Cheese

The Gordon Perry Salver

Winner: 2022 Cropwell Bishop Creamery Ltd

BCAS21 Best PDO /PGI Cheese

The Farmhouse Cheesemakers trophy

Winner: 2022 Cropwell Bishop Creamery Ltd

BCAS22 Best Show Dressed Cheese

R&B Longman Trophy.

Winner: 2022 Belton Cheese Ltd

All cheeses entered in the competition will automatically be judged for this award.

BCAS23 Best Packaging Award

Winner: 2022 White Lake Cheese Limited

BCAS24 Best Prepared Block Cheese

The Chris Braund Memorial Trophy Winner: 2022 Saputo Dairy UK

BCAS25 Best Cheese from a Member of the Specialist Cheesemakers Association Award

Winner: 2022 Hampshire Cheese Company Ltd

CHAMPION PRIZE

BCC1 Supreme Champion

The Mathews and Skailes Perpetual Challenge Cup.

Winner: 2022 King Stone Dairy Ltd

BCC2 Reserve Champion

The KD Maddever Challenge Cup. Winner: 2022 St Jude Cheese



Results, Awards & Trophies



Each entry is awarded points as follows:

31 - 39 points = Bronze. 40-45 points = Silver. 46-50 points = Gold

Category Awards

Offered for Fresh, Soft White, Rind Washed, Cheddar, Territorials, Modern British, Blue, Flavour Added, New, Export, Goat, Sheep and Dairy Products.

Gold Medal winners in each class will be eligible to go forward for the respective Category Award.

Special Awards

Offered for Organic, Prepared Block, Packaging, Block Cheddar and Traditional Cheddar. Gold Medal winners will be eligible for the respective Special Award regardless of the category into which the exhibit has been entered.

Special Awards are also available for SCA members, PDO/PGI Cheese.

Best Show Dressed Cheese Award

All cheeses entered into the show will automatically be judged during the Show. No specific entry is required.

Country Awards

Awarded to the highest placed cheese from England, Ireland, Scotland and Wales.

Supreme Champion

Selected from the Category Award winners only.

How to Enter

- Entries to be made on-line at <u>www.bathandwest.com</u> or <u>www.britishcheeseawards.com</u>
- Closing date for entries is 19 February 2024.
- No entries will be accepted after this date.
- Entries to be paid for at time of entry unless agreed with the BCA Administrator.
- A condition of entry is that exhibitors' names and address will be used in print.

Entries



- Cheese and dairy products must be made in the British Isles from milk produced in the UK or Ireland.
- Plant based entries will NOT be accepted.
- Entry fees are based on annual average litreage. Please select the correct annual volume to ensure
 the correct entry fees are then assigned to each of your entries.
- The same type of cheese may be entered into multiple classes (individual cheeses must be supplied
 for each class entered for judging purposes).
- Cheeses should not have been bored or ironed more than once.
- Entries should be supplied in plain, unmarked wrapping to ensure anonymity during the judging process (unless otherwise indicated).
- The organisers reserve the right to cancel or alter categories/classes without notification.
- No refunds will be given due to mis-interpretation of regulations.
- Producers agree not to hold the organisers responsible for any accident, loss or damage from whatever cause arising to any exhibit or non-delivery of the same.
- The Show cannot guarantee cheeses will be held at an appropriate or consistent temperature during the complete period of the Show.
- At the end of the Show, cheese deemed fit for consumption will be sold, with all proceeds going to charity.

Entry Fees

Entry Fee [includes 20% vat]

Based on overall average annual litreage.

£15.00 / entry: up to 250,000 litres/year £22.50 / entry: 250,000 to 600,000 litres/year £32.50/ entry: 600,000 to 1.2 million litres/year £45.00 / entry: more than 1.2 million litres/year

Definitions

BATHAWEST BRITISH CHEESE AWARDS

Flavour Added & Blended Cheeses

Please make sure you enter the appropriate classes.

- Flavour Added Cheeses have the ingredients added at time of making.
- Blended Cheeses are made by blending the ingredients with the cheese and reformed.

Export Category

- Open to British cheese currently being sold outside Britain and Ireland.
- Export entries should be delivered with your other entries but must be individual cheeses.

Quantities

Small/individual cheeses (weighing less than 1kg each)

A minimum of 600gms is required for judging or alternatively 3 small individual cheeses.

Larger cheeses:

Minimum weight of 1kg up to a preferred maximum 5kgs although larger cheeses will be accepted.

What happens next?

After the close of entries and NOT BEFORE exhibitors will receive:

- Two copies of the list of entries made identifying the catalogue number assigned to each. One copy
 of this list MUST BE enclosed in the box containing the exhibits to assist stewards to cross check
 entries received against entries made.
- Labels to be attached to each individual entry showing the class and catalogue number.
- A letter providing full details of delivery of exhibits and subsequent collection (if when entering you
 indicated you wished to collect your exhibits).
- Vehicle passes to enable access pre-show to deliver exhibits.
- Day Tickets as follows:

1 entry -1 ticket

3 entries - 2 tickets

6 entries and more - 3 tickets

Additional tickets may be purchased by contacting the office (01749 822200)

Delivery of Exhibits

We would encourage exhibits to be delivered to the Reception Centre which will store and deliver the entries to the showground prior to judging.

Entries will **ONLY** be received by the Reception Centres on Tuesday 19 March and Wednesday 20 March. **NO** delivery will be accepted outside of these dates.

Please mark the box(s) clearly, addressed as follows:

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Peter Green Chilled Leighton Lane Evercreech Shepton Mallet BA4 6LQ

Please include a copy of your Entries Summary Form.

Alternatively, exhibits may ONLY be delivered directly to the Showground on Thursday 21 March (before 2pm). No exhibit will be accepted at the offices prior to this date.

Delivery details and labels for your cheese will not be sent out until after the 22 February 2024.

Entries can ONLY be made by the Cheesemaker however wholesalers can deliver the cheeses on behalf of a cheesemaker.

Contact Details

Entries 01749 822200 or sarah.chick@bathandwest.co.uk
Trade Stands 01749 822230 or lucy.champion@bathandwest.co.uk
Sponsorship 01749 822216 or sophia.orttewell@bathandwest.co.uk

TERMS AND CONDITIONS

FNTRIFS





- Every exhibitor or competitor is requested to examine carefully the list of prizes and conditions as he or she will be held responsible for the correctness of the certificate of entry. NO REFUNDS WILL BE GIVEN DUE TO MIS-INTERPRETATION OF REGULATIONS.
- If an exhibitor or competitor fails, when called upon by the Stewards or Show to prove the correctness of his or her certificate of entry to their satisfaction, the entry may be disqualified and any award made to it cancelled.
- 4. Products not held at the temperature required by law (Food Safety Act 1990) must not be sold. A disclaimer stating this will be on display at the Show.

RECEPTION AND REMOVAL OF EXHIBITS

- The carriage of exhibits must in all cases be paid by the exhibitor. No exhibits subject to charges will be received by the Officers of the Show.
- 6. Exhibitors must make their own arrangements for the return of their exhibits and the containers in which they are packed, as the Show cannot undertake this work.

DISQUALIFICATION

7. If it shall be proved to the satisfaction of the Stewards or Show that an exhibitor or competitor has knowingly signed an incorrect certificate, or has attempted to obtain a prize by any other unfair means at this or any other Agricultural Society's Show, the Show shall have the power to decline his or her entries, to cancel all awards made to him or her, to disqualify him or her from exhibiting or competing at futures Shows, and to give publicity to their action in this respect.

INFRINGEMENT OF REGULATIONS

- 8. All exhibits, and all persons in charge of the same, will be subject to the orders, regulations and rules of the Show, and the Stewards shall have the power to remove from the Ground the property belonging to, and to cancel the admission ticket of, any exhibitor who shall infringe any of the regulations or conditions of the Show, or who shall refuse to comply with any instructions given by the Stewards, without any responsibility attaching to the Stewards or the Shows Company in consequence of such removal.
- 9. Any infringement of any of these or any other prescribed regulations or conditions will subject the exhibitor or competitor to the forfeiture, by order of the Shows Company, of any prize to which he or she may be entitled (in addition to all other consequences attaching to such infringement).

AWARDS

- 10. The Show reserves to itself the right to withhold any prize, if, in the opinion of the Stewards, the conditions and regulations have not been properly complied with. Only the signed awards of the judges are accepted as evidence that a prize has been awarded, and the production of the prize card by an exhibitor will not entitle him to the prize.
- 11. In no case shall a prize be awarded unless the Judge deems the entry to have sufficient merit; and where there is only a small entry in a class and the judge considers the exhibits unworthy of the highest prize offered, it shall be in his/her power to award a lower prize.
- 12. Awards will be presented at the BCA Dinner on Friday 22 March 2024. Uncollected trophies will not be forwarded by the Show but may be collected from the office after the event. The cost of returning a trophy must be borne by the holder and not the Show.



OBJECTIONS

13. Any exhibitor wishing to lodge an objection against an exhibitor or competitor must make the same in writing on a form to be obtained from the Show Office, and deposit the sum of £50. If on investigation the objection is not sustained to the satisfaction of the Stewards, the sum thus deposited shall, at the discretion of the Company, be forfeited to the funds of The Show. All objections must be delivered to the Show Office in the Showground on the day on which the award is made, and no objections will be subsequently received, unless a satisfactory reason be assigned for the delay. The Stewards will consider such objections at the Show Office, at which time and place any person making the objection must attend or be represented by an authorised agent. The decision of the Stewards shall be final.

ADJUDICTION OF PRIZES

- 14. The Judges are instructed as follows, and entries are received subject to this:
 - (a) Not to award any prize or commendation unless the entry possess sufficient merit, or sufficiently fulfils the requirements.
 - (b) To draw the attention of the Stewards to any exhibit which has been improperly prepared for exhibition or is wrongly entered.
 - (c) Immediately after the judging to deliver to the Stewards their signed awards, stating the numbers to which the prizes are adjudged, and noting all disqualifications.
- 15. Should any questions arise upon which the Judges may desire a further opinion, the Stewards will call upon the referee. If a judge in the British Cheese Awards finds before him/her an exhibit which he/she has had an interest in he/she shall place all the other exhibits in the class and call in the Shows referee to place the exhibit in question.

SHOWGROUND NOTICES

- 16. No person shall be allowed to fix any placard or take down any official placard in the Showground without the written permission of the Stewards.
- 17. After judging is completed the Stewards will affix labels on the cheeses denoting variety of cheese. Exhibitors may add promotional material to their entries after judging.

RESPONSIBILITY

18. 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 exhibition, handling or housing of such exhibits and the conduct of the stand 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. Acceptance of the foregoing provisions shall be a condition of entry.

DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

19. In this clause the term exhibitor shall include persons taking part in any competition or display arranged by the Show and the owner of 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 Company, 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 or whatever nature brought onto the Showground by the said exhibitor from whatever cause, death, injury, disease, damage or loss arises.



HEALTH AND SAFETY REGULATIONS

- 20. Exhibitors are reminded that they must conform to the requirements of the Health and Safety at Work etc. Act 1974 (as amended), the Highly Flammable Liquids and Liquefied Petroleum Gases Regulations 1972 (as amended). Exhibitors must also comply with The Disability and Discrimination Act. The Regulatory Reform Act 2005, Health Act 2006 incorporating the Smokefree Legislation, Environmental Health Officers and Fire Officers will be in attendance at the Show and have their appropriate authority.
- 21. Smoking is prohibited in all buildings.

INTERPRETATION OF CONDITIONS

22. The Company reserves to itself the sole and absolute right to interpret these or any other prescribed conditions and regulations, or prize sheets, and to arbitrarily settle and determine all matters, questions or differences in regard thereto, or otherwise arising out of, or connected with, or incidental to the Show. Also, to refuse and cancel any entries, disqualify exhibitors, prohibit exhibition of entries, vary or cancel awards or prizes and relax conditions, as the Company may deem expedient.

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