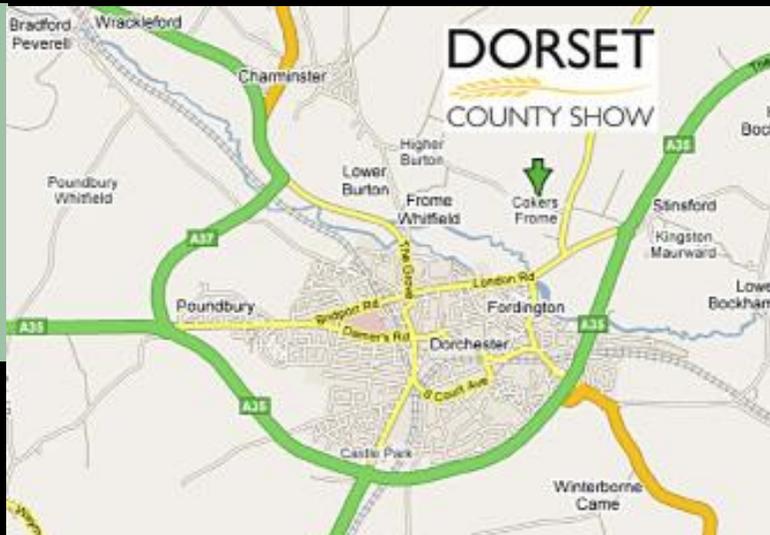


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Dorset County Show

National Blacksmiths Competition

2nd and 3rd September 2023

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Dorset Show 2023 National Blacksmiths Competition Schedule

Static Classes

Class One: Any item of Ironwork for indoor use

Prizes: 1st £30, 2nd £20, 3rd £10 the first prize winner will receive the Leslie Phillips trophy

Class Two: Any item of Ironwork for outdoor use

Prizes: 1st £30, 2nd £20, 3rd £10 the first prize winner will receive the Kingston Maurward Trophy

Class Three: Any item of Ironwork of a contemporary nature

Any method of construction may be used but preference will be given to forged methods.

Prizes: 1st £30, 2nd £20, 3rd £10 the first prize winner will receive the Eldridge Pope trophy

WCB certificates to the static Show Champion and Reserve Champion from the above three classes

Prize money to be shared between Static and Live Champions and Reserves
(Donated by the Worshipful Company of Blacksmiths)

Best entry for student or newcomer to the show to receive the **Chez Chescoe** perpetual trophy

Live Classes

Tools and Material to be supplied by the Competitor

WCB certificate to the Live Champion and Runner Up

Class Four: Time allowed 30 minutes

A saleable item produced to the competitors design on the showground

Prizes: 1st £25, 2nd £15, 3rd £10

Class Five: Time allowed 60 minutes

Set piece, competitors must produce on the showground to any design, any size, "any item associated with the garden" competitors to supply their own material

Prizes: 1st £40, 2nd £20, 3rd £10 and WCB certificate to the winner and runner up

Regulations

1. The judges' decision will be final.
2. Entries must not be removed from the showground before 5.00pm Sunday.
3. Whilst every care shall be taken by the organisers in protecting each entry from loss damage or theft, the organisers shall not accept responsibility whilst items are in their possession or care.
4. **The Dorset County Show operates a strict health & safety policy, correct footwear & eye protection must be worn when live forging.**
5. Previous prize-winning pieces at the Dorset County show will not be accepted for entry, although any item may be entered free for exhibition or for sale only (please check with the Chief Steward first).

Light Refreshments will be provided for Competitors and Stewards

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Rules for the Blacksmith of the Year and Live Forging Competition

1. Competitions will take place annually
2. Competitors will be restricted to blacksmiths taking part in competitions at shows that, having shown evidence of a high standard in exhibitions and competitions, are authorised by the committee to hold qualifying heats. At present the following shows have qualified:

North Somerset	Devon County	Royal Welsh
Three Counties	Royal Cornwall	The Dorset County
New Forest & Hampshire	Edenbridge & Oxted	

3. Shows taking part in the qualifying heats must select at least one judge from the current list of accredited judges issued by the Worshipful Company of Blacksmiths. That judge will act as the final arbiter of the winners of the qualifying heats for both awards. It is recommended that as far as practicable show administrators should not invite any judge to take part in a competition if he/she has already judged or is committed to judge at a competition for artistic blacksmiths at any other show(s) which participates in the National Blacksmiths Competition in the same year.
4. The marking system and the cards issued by the NBCC in conjunction with the WCB must be used by all judges when assessing competition entries.
5. Points determining the National Champion Blacksmith will be awarded at each of the authorised shows.
As follows: Winner of the show competition 10 points
Runner Up of the show competition 4 points
6. Competitors may enter more than one piece at a show but all entries must be judged and marked individually. Marks for several entries cannot be averaged or aggregated.
7. The Blacksmith, resident in the UK, gaining most points throughout the year at the static competitions will be declared 'Champion Blacksmith of the Year'. There is no restriction on the nationality of the competitors for the live forging competitions.
8. Competitors may enter pieces for more than one show and it is not necessary for the same piece to be entered for each show, but entries must not have won an NBCC award in previous years. In the event of a tie, after all The qualifying shows have taken place; the Blacksmith gaining the highest number of first prizes at the approved shows will be declared the winner.
9. The Blacksmith of the Year will be awarded a challenge trophy, which he will hold for one year, a certificate and a cash prize. In addition, a certificate will be awarded to the runner up.
10. The Champion Blacksmith of the Year will be officially presented at the awards lunch of the WCB. The trophy for the Champion Blacksmith of the Year must be returned to the Clerk of the WCB by the 1st of October of the year following the one in which the awards were made.
11. The same rules apply to the hot forging competitions but there is no cup or plaques for this competition at present.
12. Organisers of the authorised shows must return the official form provided by the NBCC giving the names and addresses of the winner as soon as possible after the show to: The secretary of the NBCC, Keith Mahoney, The Pound, Bromham, Wiltshire SN15 2HF Photos of the winning piece and the piece made by the runner up should be sent to the secretary of the NBCC with the forms.

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