

# Crouch Valley Koi Section



## Open Show

3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> August 2024

Saturday 9am – 5pm

Sunday 9.30 am – 4pm

Venue: Buckhatch Nursery & Garden Centre  
East Hanningfield Road, Rettendon Common,  
Essex, CM3 8EW



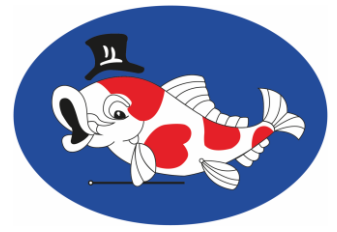
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## INTRODUCTION

Crouch Valley Koi Section is pleased to be holding an open show again this year at Buckhatch Nursery which guarantees, being under cover in a greenhouse, we will not be affected by any summer showers.

We are currently speaking to several dealers who have expressed their interest in attending the show and will be bringing both dry goods and fish.

If you attended the show last year, you will recall it was a cracking two days with lots of quality koi on display across 25 vats and we plan this year to increase our vat capacity to 27 (twenty 2.5m and 7 2.0m). You will know that koi shows are at the heart of our hobby, being enjoyed by existing koi keepers and providing a platform to attract new hobbyists. We are therefore very grateful to those koi keepers who exhibit their prize koi.

Buckhatch Nursery & Garden Centre more commonly known as BHN is situated at Rettendon Common near Chelmsford. This very large and very popular garden centre has huge numbers of customers attending every weekend and in the summer months offers one of their large plant display areas to clubs and organisations for shows and exhibitions. This venue offers a built-in audience. We know that pond keeping of all types is extremely popular in Essex. What better way to spend a day out for all the family enjoying the koi on display, chatting to dealers and picking up those essential items for their pond and fish. All this and plants too.

The venue is located close to the A130 which can be accessed from the A12, A127 or A13 all of which have exits from the M25. BHN is a very close neighbour of RHS Hyde Hall and, as in previous years, we have timed our show to coincide with the flowers show they are holding. So, if you or the family are keen gardeners, take a look at their website and perhaps take in two shows in one weekend.

BHN has a very popular café on site that serves a wide range of food from all day breakfasts, sandwiches, jacket potatoes and main meals, plus a full range of hot and cold drinks available. For those with a sweet tooth, they have a fantastic selection of home baked cakes and biscuits from classic cakes like Victoria sponge to gluten free brownies. Whilst the café recently experienced a nasty fire, repairs should be done well ahead of the show.

Tea and coffee will also be available in the members area of the show arena for all participants in the show.

Toilet facilities are available.

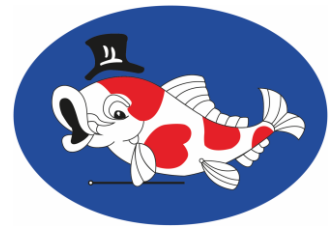
Whether you are a previous exhibitor with us or someone looking to exhibit for the first time, we hope this information pack will provide you with everything you need to know. We look forward to seeing you at our show. If you have any further queries please feel free to contact us by emailing Darren at [darrenhepple1@aol.com](mailto:darrenhepple1@aol.com)



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## GUIDE TO THE SHOW

**Show Classes** - All thirteen of the classes as defined by the British Koi Keeper's Society JSC will be used for the benching and judging classifications, dependent on the koi entered for the show.

- Kohaku
- Sanke
- Showa
- KinGinRin
- Utsurimono
- Tancho
- Bekko
- Kawarimono
- Asagi/Shusui
- Koromo
- Hikarimuji
- Hikarimoyo
- Hikari Utsuri

**Show Sizes** - All of the BKKS approved size classification will be used for the benching and judging classifications with the exception of size 8; Size 7 & 8 will be combined for the purposes of this show.

Size 1: 15 – 25 cm	Size 2: >25 – 35 cm	Size 3: >35 – 45 cm	Size 4: >45 – 55 cm
Size 5: >55 – 65 cm	Size 6: >65 – 75 cm	Size 7: >75cm	

**Show Awards** - The awards at the show are broken down into distinct categories and follow the judging procedure.

- The first set of awards are the 'In Class' awards and are awarded to the top 3 koi in ALL of the 13 show classes and ALL 7 size classes. First, second and third are awarded in each group.
- The second set of awards are the 'In Size' awards and are awarded to the top 3 koi in ALL of the 7 size classes across the 13 show classes. First, second and third are awarded in each group.
- The third set of prizes are the Major Awards which will be:

- Grand Champion
- Mature Champion
- Baby Champion
- Best Non Go Sanke
- Adult Champion
- Jumbo Champion
- Superior Champion
- Young Champion
- Best Doitsu

**Two further awards will also be made:**

- As in 2023, Crouch Valley will be remembering Keith Holmes of Koi Water Barn, a valued supporter of the club over many years and will provide a trophy to the winner of Best Kawarimono.
- In memory of the late Mark Gardner, a former member of CVKS and valued member of the koi community, an award will be made to the Show Chairman's favourite Showa regardless of size or any other awards – simply the one he likes the most.

**There will also be additional awards available to Crouch Valley members only:**

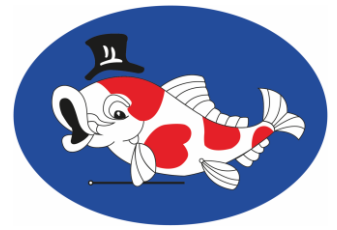
- Best unique - in memory of passed member, Jim (Jimbo) O'Brien
- Best Vat
- Best Show Newcomer (open to 1<sup>st</sup> time exhibitors from CVKS)



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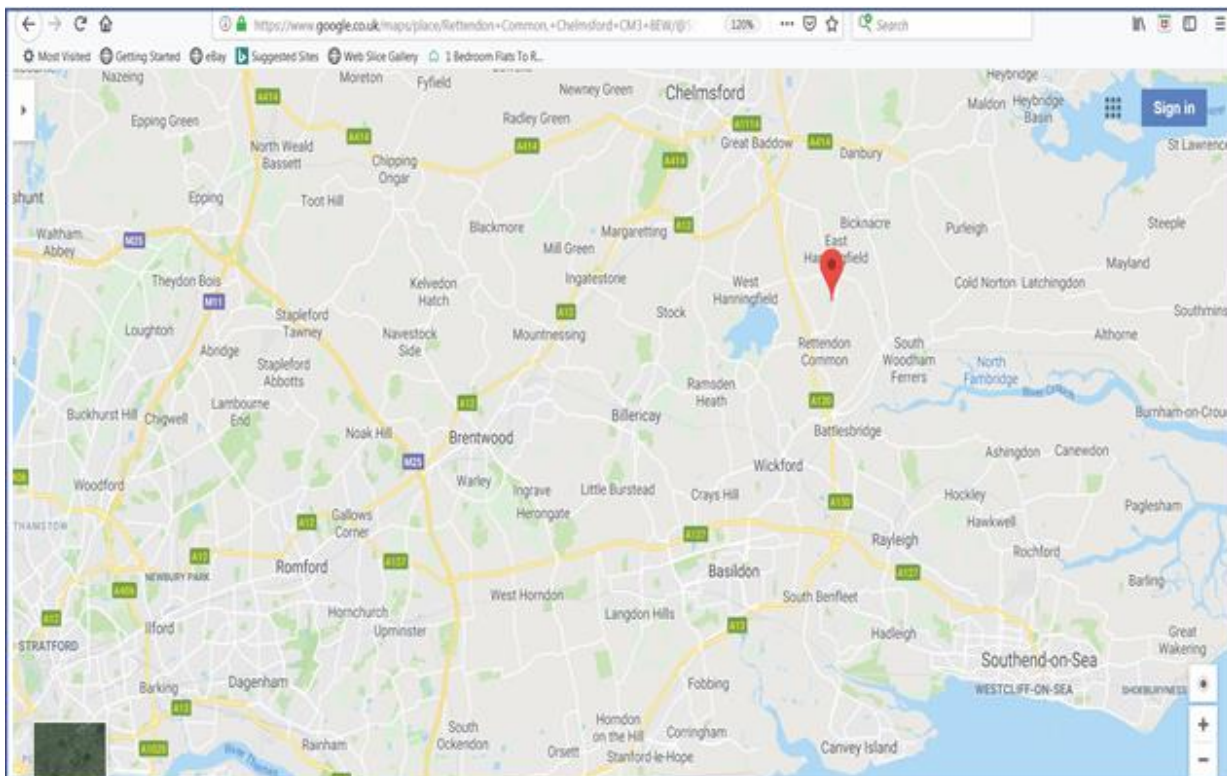
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## THE VENUE

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East Hanningfield Road, Rettendon Common, Chelmsford, Essex, CM3 8EW

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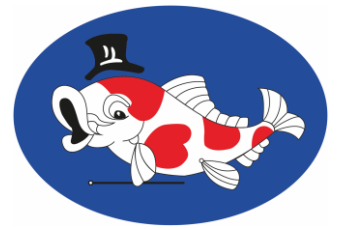




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## **SHOW TIMINGS – PLEASE ENSURE YOU READ**

Benching will take place on Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> August.

We will **NOT** be benching online this year – all benching will be done by our team on the Friday.

Vats will be available for you **from 10.00 am to 8.00 pm**. Please arrive as early as possible to aid the benching team and to give your koi the best chance to settle in the vat. If you are delayed, please ensure you contact Darren (we are restricted by the venue opening times and they are already allowing us late access)

You will be directed to your vat by our vat manager and **must not release fish until instructed to do so**.

Please **pay careful attention to bio security and disposal of your dirty water** which must not be emptied into your vat for the wellbeing of your koi.

Please ensure you do not exceed the max number of koi and points permitted for your vat size (see vat booking form) as if you do, you will be asked to remove fish to meet the requirements.

**DO NOT enter the centre ring.**

**Fish Health** - All koi entered in the show must be in good health, not be deformed, have no visible signs of infection and may not be long finned. Exhibitors will be asked to take home koi that do not adhere to these requirements. The Show Chairman reserves the right to authorise treatment/s for koi on health grounds for individual koi or a vat for the duration of the show from the moment the koi are benched to de-benching. As a BKKS Section, the rules, terms and conditions of the BKKS will apply to the show.

**De-benching** - will begin after 4pm on Sunday, 4th August, after the awards ceremony. For bio-security and to avoid any delays in departure you are advised to bring your own nets to speed up the preparation process of your koi for their return journey home. The Crouch Valley team will be available at all times to assist with this process. Oxygen will be available if you do not have your own supply.

## **BOOKING A VAT**

A booking form follows on the next page.

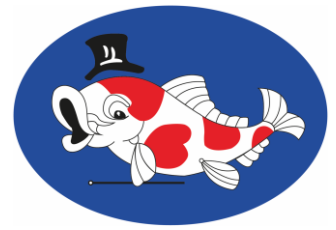
**PLEASE NOTE, A VAT WILL NOT BE ALLOCATED UNTIL YOU HAVE PROVIDED A COMPLETED BOOKING FORM AND PAYMENT IN FULL**



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## VAT BOOKING FORM – A vat will not be allocated without both a completed form and payment

Exhibitor Details <b>(this section MUST be completed)</b>		Koi Details <b>(this section is optional to help you estimate the vat size needed)</b>			
Name		Size	Points	Quantity	Total Points
Address		One 15-25cm	1		
Town		Two 25-35cm	1.5		
Postcode		Three 35-45cm	2		
Home Phone		Four 45-55cm	3.5		
Mobile		Five 55-65cm	6		
Email		Six 65-75cm	9		
Koi Club		Seven 75-85cm	13		
Signature (not needed if emailing)		Eight* 85plus	16		
Date		Total points			

Please note:

- The maximum points for a 2.0 metre vat is 32
- The maximum points for a 2.5 metre vat is 50
- Whilst size 7 and 8 are combined for judging, a size 8 fish still counts as 16 points (not 13)
- The maximum number of fish in a vat is 14
- Vat fees are £35 for a 2.5M Vat and £30 for a 2.0M vat

<p><b>Vat Required – Please tick</b>  <b>2.0M</b> _____ <b>2.5M</b> _____</p> <p>Vat forms and fees should be sent to Darren Hepple at <a href="mailto:darrenhepple1@aol.com">darrenhepple1@aol.com</a>          Darren can be contacted by email for queries or on 07754 124966</p> <p><b>Payment by bacs to sort code 161233, Account No. 11376068</b>  <b>Please include ref "Vat plus your full name"</b></p>	<p><b>Benching</b> - Vats will be available for you from <b>10.00 am to 8.00 pm on Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> August</b>. Please arrive as early as possible to aid the benching team and to give your koi the best chance to settle in the vat. If you are delayed, please ensure you contact Darren (we are restricted by the venue opening times and they are already allowing us late access)</p> <p style="color: red;"><b>Please be reminded of rule 13 – No active feeding of koi for at least 5 days before a show</b></p>
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*Notification of withdrawal from the show once a vat has been allocated must be no later than Friday, 19<sup>th</sup> July. This will enable us to hopefully reallocate your vat. Fee will only be refunded if the vat can be reallocated.*

*Crouch Valley reserves the right of entry.*

*Whilst every care will be taken of Exhibitors Koi, Crouch Valley Koi Section cannot be held responsible for loss or damage of koi however caused during the show weekend*

*As a section of the BKKS, the rules, terms & conditions of the BKKS apply to the CVKS Open Show*