

# EXHIBITOR INFO PACK

## CROUCH VALLEY KOI OPEN SHOW 2026

**SAT 25TH JULY 9.00AM – 5.00PM**  
**SUN 26TH JULY 9.30AM – 4.00PM**

### FREE ENTRY

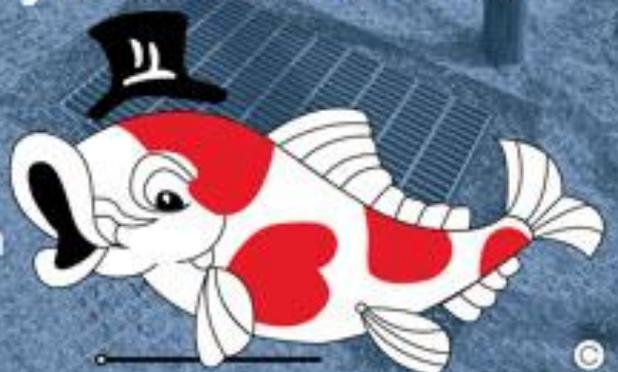
**KOI DISPLAY**  
**KOI SALES**  
**POND EQUIPMENT**  
**FREE PARKING**  
**UNDER COVER**  
**CAFÉ ON SITE**

**PERRYWOOD BUCKHATCH**  
**East Hanningfield Road, Essex**  
**Chelmsford CM3 8EW**

<http://www.crouchvalleykoi.co.uk/CVKS/>



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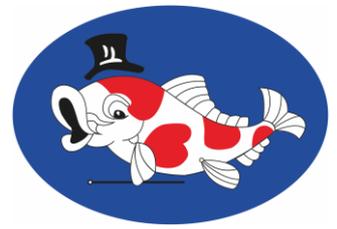




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## INTRODUCTION

Crouch Valley Koi Section (CVKS) is pleased to be holding an open show again this year and can confirm the venue is once again, Perrywood Buckhatch Garden Centre. All vats will be 2.8 metre

Of course, being under cover we will remain unaffected by any summer showers.

**We remind everyone wishing to exhibit that our show is open to hobbyists only and you must own all koi you enter (ideally, these should have been in your own pond for a minimum of 30 days).**

For the sake of clarity, CVKS class you as a dealer if:

- You receive a primary or secondary income from the sale of koi
- You are a direct family member or employee of the above

Please note:

- As hobbyists, we all need to move a few of our own koi on from time to time – this is not dealing to make an income
- Also, a part of the hobby for many is to buy a box of koi to grow on, keep the best and sell the rest - under these circumstances we do not see you as a dealer **BUT** if you are doing so in larger numbers we do
- Similarly, hobbyists will buy up the koi from a pond closure, keep the ones and sell the rest. This is ok **unless** you are doing so on a regular basis. We will treat the latter as dealing
- Trading in dry goods only or undertaking pond maintenance will not be seen as a dealer.

**In order to protect the spirit of our show being for hobbyists only and to avoid a repeat of issues seen previously, we will ask all entrants to confirm on trust that they are not a dealer and are only exhibiting their own koi.**

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 our unique painted trophies up for grabs. Koi Water Barn have kindly agreed to sponsor these trophies again this year and our dealer pitches are all sold out so, with your support as exhibitors, it promises to be another great show. Given we had a waiting list for vats, please do not delay in applying. 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 hobbyist. We are therefore very grateful to those koi keepers who exhibit their prize koi.

The Garden Centre is situated at Rettendon Common near Chelmsford. This very large and very popular garden centre has huge numbers of customers attending every weekend offering 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.

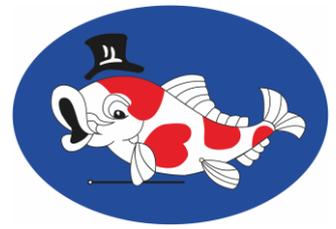
The venue is located close to the A130 which can be accessed from the A12, A127 or A13 all of which have exits from the M25.



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There is a 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.

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 [darrenhepple1@aol.com](mailto:darrenhepple1@aol.com) for vat enquires and [hurleyalan7@gmail.com](mailto:hurleyalan7@gmail.com) (show chair) for all other show enquiries.

## GUIDE TO THE SHOW

**Show Classes** - All thirteen of the classes as previously defined by the British Koi Keeper's Society will be used for the benching and judging classifications:

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

**Show Sizes** – We will be following the table of sizes below 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:

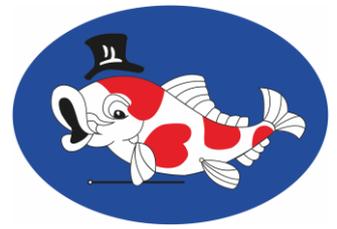
- Grand Champion\*
- Mature Champion
- Baby Champion
- Best Non Go Sanke\*\*
- Adult Champion
- Jumbo Champion\*\*\*
- Superior Champion
- Young Champion
- Best Doitsu



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\*The Grand Champion will be selected first and will not be eligible for any other award (except Jumbo)

\*\*The Best Non Go Sanke will be selected next and will also not be eligible for any other award (except Jumbo)

\*\*\* Jumbo will be the longest koi measured by the benching team and will only be judge for this prize if more than one koi is of the same size. The Jumbo Champion is eligible for all other awards

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

- As in previous years, 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 winner of the Best Showa.

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

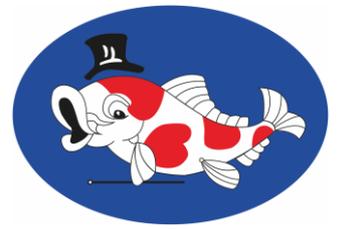
- Best unique - in memory of passed member, Jim (Jimbo) O'Brien
- Best Vat
- Best Show Newcomer (open to 1<sup>st</sup> time exhibitors from CVKS)



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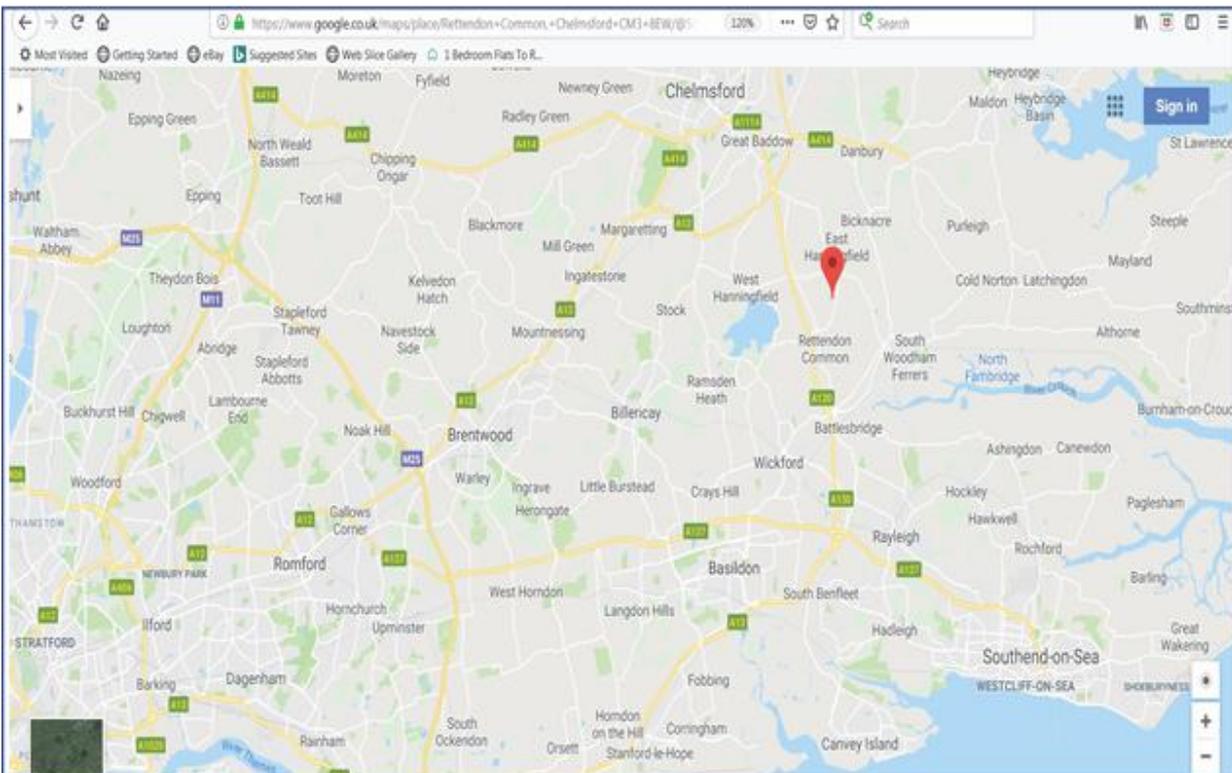


## THE VENUE

**Perrywood Buckhatch**

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

<https://www.perrywood.co.uk/welcome-to-perrywood-buckhatch/>

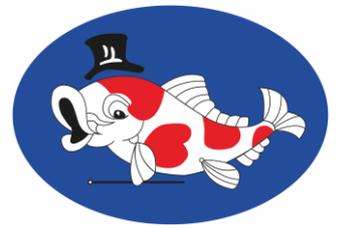




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## **SHOW TIMINGS – PLEASE ENSURE YOU READ**

Benching will take place on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> July.

**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 6.00 pm (at the latest)**. 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 our Show Chairman, Alan Hurley on 07973774587 (we are restricted by the venue opening times and they are already allowing us late access)

**Prior to the show you will be sent instructions by email including how to access the venue as this is not via the main entrance.**

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.**

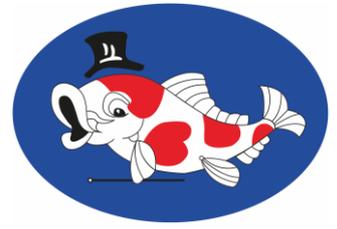
**Fish Health - All koi entered in the show must be in good health, not be deformed, have no visible signs of infection (or carp pox) and may not be long finned or short bodied.** Exhibitors will be asked to take home koi that do not adhere to these requirements. The Show Chairman reserves the right 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. Whilst the BKKS no longer exists, as a former BKKS Section, the rules, terms and conditions formerly used by the BKKS will be broadly followed for this year's show.

Note – In addition to water changes, we will also use an ammonia blocker for the added protection of your koi and will also deploy salt should the need arise. We will where possible consult with you before doing the latter.

**De-benching** - will begin after 4pm on Sunday, 27<sup>th</sup> July, 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. We will also endeavour to ensure those with the longest journeys are given priority departure – please do bear with us as we will have exhibitors and dealers all keen to use a tight access road.



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**BOOKING A VAT**

A booking form follows on the next page.

**PLEASE NOTE, A VAT WILL NOT BE ALLOCATED UNTIL YOU HAVE:**

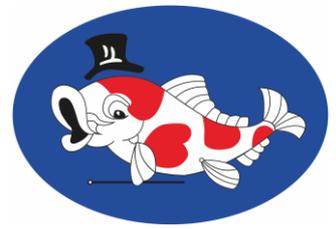
- **PROVIDED A COMPLETED BOOKING FORM (or your exhibitor info by email)**
- **AND PAYMENT IN FULL**
- **CONFIRMED YOU ARE NOT A DEALER**
- **CONFIRMED YOU ARE EXHIBITING YOUR OWN KOI**



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## VAT BOOKING FORM

Please note – by submitting a request for a vat, you are confirming:

- You are not a koi dealer (as defined in the exhibitor pack)
- You are exhibiting your own koi only
- You accept the terms and conditions of entry and the rules of the show

**A vat will not be allocated without the declaration above, the information requested below and payment in full. Do not assume a vat has been allocated unless you receive confirmation.**

Exhibitor Details	
Name	
Address	
Town	
Postcode	
Home Phone	
Mobile	
Email	
Koi Club	
Signature (not needed if emailing)	
Date	

Please note:

- The maximum number of fish in a vat is 14 and the maximum points for a 2.8 metre vat is 50
- Whilst size 7 and 8 are combined for judging, a size 8 fish still counts as 16 points (not 13)
  - Size 1 = 1point, size 2 = 1.5 points, size 3 = 2 points, size 4 = 3.5 points, size 5 = 6 points,
  - size 6 = 9 points, Size 7 = 13 points, size 8 = 16 points
- Vat fees are £40

<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 6.00 pm on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> July</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 Alan Hurley on 07973774587 (we are restricted by the venue opening times and they are already allowing us late access)</p> <p><b>Please be reminded– No 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, 10<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***

***The rules, terms & conditions previous set out by the BKKS apply to the CVKS Open Show***