

BHW SHOW OF THE YEAR 2027
– GENERAL INFORMATION

Venue:	The Winter Gardens, Blackpool FY1 1HW
Dates and times:	Saturday 16th January 2027, 9.00am – 5.00pm Sunday 17th January 2027, 9.00am – 2.30pm
Penning:	Birds to be penned between the hours of 2.00pm and 7.00pm on Friday 15 th January 2027 No pigeon may be removed before 2.30pm on Sunday
Judging:	Commences 7.30pm on Friday 15 th January 2027
Delivery of birds:	All birds to be delivered and collected by hand
Class entry fee:	Classes 1 – 18 & 20 - 37 = £4 per pigeon Class 19 = £4 per pair Supreme Champion classes free of charge
Entry Tickets:	Day tickets for Saturday - £15.00 each (including £1.75 W. G. Restoration Levy) Day tickets for Sunday - £12.00 each (including £1.75 W. G. Restoration Levy) ADVANCE Two Day tickets (Saturday and Sunday) - £25.00 each (including £1.75 W. G. Restoration Levy) Free entry for wheelchair attendants and anyone under 18yrs on the day of entry
Presentations:	Presentations will be made on Sunday commencing at 10.00am in the Empress Ballroom RPRA Awards will be presented at the Gala Evening (see below)
Charity Auction:	General Charity Auction: To be held on Saturday 11.30am in the Spanish Hall. Viewing from 9am Saturday in the Ballroom Foyer
Raffle:	Draw will take place on Sunday in the Empress Ballroom at 1.00pm
Gala Evening:	Venue – Fifth Floor, Blackpool Tower Saturday 16th January 2027 at 7.45pm Tickets £25.00 each Entertainment included - details on BHW SoY website: bhwwshowoftheyear.org Dress code - smart casual Presentation of the RPRA Awards will be held during the evening.

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Important Information 2028 Show	The Royal Pigeon Racing Association wishes to advise all members, exhibitors and visitors that the Blackpool Show of the Year 2028 will take place on Saturday 29th and Sunday 30th January 2028, rather than the traditional third weekend of January. As previously announced, the RPRA had been honoured to be selected to host the FCI Racing Pigeon Olympiad in 2028, with the event scheduled for 27th–30th January to accommodate international qualifying show commitments. Regrettably, due to ongoing restrictions surrounding the cross-border movement of birds, which have proved impossible to resolve, the difficult decision has recently been taken to cancel the 2028 Racing Pigeon Olympiad in the UK. Despite the cancellation of the Olympiad, the Blackpool Show of the Year 2028 will remain on the originally planned weekend of 29th–30th January. We are issuing this announcement well in advance to avoid any confusion, particularly for those making hotel and travel arrangements. We would therefore ask all members and visitors to take note of the revised dates and <u>NOT</u> to book accommodation for the usual third weekend of January. We appreciate everyone's understanding and look forward to welcoming the pigeon racing community to Blackpool in January 2028 for another successful Show of the Year.
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