

Green Cinnamon & White Border Fancy Canary Club (GCWBFCC): Celebrating a Legacy of Colour and Commitment

In the colourful tapestry of the Border Fancy Canary world, the Green Cinnamon & White Border Fancy Canary Club (GCWBFCC) holds a special place. Founded in 1960 by a passionate group of Border fanciers based in Bristol, the club was born from a desire to celebrate and promote coloured varieties—specifically green, cinnamon, and white—over the more traditional clear and variegated types which, until then, had tended to dominate the exhibition bench.

Over the decades, the club has grown in reputation and broadened its focus, now proudly supporting all colour types within the Border Fancy. Despite its name remaining unchanged, the club welcomes birds of every hue, while still maintaining its roots and strong appreciation for the original triad of colours that inspired its foundation.

A Brief History of Dedication

The formation of the GCWBFCC came at a time when specialist clubs were few and far between. The founders, united by a shared ambition to ensure coloured Border Canaries received the attention they deserved, built a community that would advocate for these birds not only at exhibition level but within the wider world of canary breeding. The club's foundation laid the groundwork for a more inclusive and technically aware judging landscape—one where a good natural colour was not merely tolerated but celebrated.

The enduring spirit of those early enthusiasts still shapes the club's ethos today: one of education, inclusivity, and a deep commitment to the health, development, and exhibition standards of all coloured Border Fancy Canaries.

The Annual Open Show

The flagship event of the GCWBFCC calendar is the annual open show, held on the first Saturday of November each year. This year's event will take place on **Saturday, 1st November 2025**, at the **Almondsbury Sports & Social Club**, located on Gloucester Road in Almondsbury, Bristol (postcode: BS32 4AA).

This well-respected show features a full range of standard classes and attracts exhibitors from across the country. Despite being a specialist colour club by name, the open show offers a comprehensive class list that reflects the modern Border Fancy in its entirety.


One of the show's great appeals is its welcoming atmosphere and superb hospitality. The on-site bar, connected directly to the show hall, provides refreshments throughout the day, making it a thoroughly sociable and enjoyable experience for fanciers and visitors alike. Additionally, a generous selection of **cash specials**,

rosettes, and trophies adds further incentive for exhibitors to bring their best birds to the bench.

Club Contact and Future

The GCWBFCC continues to play an important role in maintaining high standards in coloured Border breeding while fostering an inclusive spirit. Whether you are an experienced fancier or a newcomer to the hobby, the club offers a warm welcome and a wealth of knowledge.

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Dean, a longstanding advocate for the club and its traditions, serves as the primary point of contact for anyone interested in joining, exhibiting, or simply learning more about the club's work and history.

Looking Ahead

With strong leadership, a clear sense of purpose, and a continued commitment to excellence, the GCWBFCC remains one of the most respected natural colour-focused Border clubs in the UK. As the club looks to the future, it continues to serve as both a custodian of tradition and a champion for innovation—ensuring that the beauty and diversity of natural coloured Border Canaries will be celebrated for generations to come.