

# Haddenham Association of Scouts and Guides

Registered Charity No 270223



## 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Haddenham Scarecrow Festival 7-29 June Enter by 31st May

### **We are 10 years old in 2025! This is YOUR year to enter!**

To take part, simply complete and return an entry form by the deadline of 31<sup>st</sup> May in one of the following ways:

- Complete and submit an online form at: <https://forms.gle/PPib6idxaN2vWa587>
- Download and print a form from haddenham.net website
- Pick up a paper form from Blooming Fruity Community Greengrocer
- Contact us at [scarecrowhaddenham.festival@gmail.com](mailto:scarecrowhaddenham.festival@gmail.com) or 07554 141810

All entries submitted by the closing date will be included on the official List of Entrants and Scarecrow Trail Map. Unfortunately, any entries received late, even the next day, cannot be included on the official map due to the tight printing deadline, but late entrants are welcome to display their scarecrow in support of the event.

### **This year's theme**

To celebrate a decade of Haddenham Scarecrow Festivals, we are challenging people to use their imagination and creativity to make a Scarecrow on the optional theme of "Strength and Hope" using any resources you may have. The suggested theme has been inspired by this year's charities and can be interpreted in numerous ways.....power, superhero's, wolves, lions, eagles, doves, olive branch, Phoenix, sunrise, rainbow, light etc etc! Some people may also choose to incorporate the number 10 in some way to celebrate our decade. The only limit is your imagination!"

### **How to create and display your Scarecrow**

There are very few rules to follow:

1. Your Scarecrow can be ANY shape or size and made of any material or item(s).
2. "Strength and Hope" or 10/Decade themed entries are invited but this is optional - anything goes!
3. All scarecrows or displays MUST be given a name. With a village-wide event on this scale, some name duplications are inevitable, but each and every creation is unique and appreciated, so please don't worry about this.
4. Entries MUST be visibly displayed at the front of your own property 24 hours a day from 9am on 7<sup>th</sup> June (NOT BEFORE PLEASE) until the end of Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> June.
5. We respectfully request that scarecrows are not used to make political statements or presented in any way which may cause offence to any spectators, especially young children – it just needs to be fun!

### **Scarecrow Festival Open from 7<sup>th</sup> to 29<sup>th</sup> June**

We request visitors do not enter private property unless invited to do so. We will display photos of the scarecrows online for anyone unable to see for themselves.

### **Fundraising for this year's chosen charities**

The Scout and Guide Association is inviting voluntary donations from entrants and spectators towards this year's chosen charities:

#### **Aylesbury Vale Prostate Cancer Support Group**

All members have had prostate cancer and survived thanks to an early diagnosis and a variety of treatments. The Group supports men, their partners and families at a difficult time. They hold two PSA Testing days each year for local men aged 40yrs+ and subsidise the cost of this. Men are given quick results and, if required, are advised to follow up results with their GP. Approx 10% of men tested need follow up and without the test they may have been unaware of their condition. Prostate cancer is now England's most common form of the disease.

#### **Cancer Care and Haematology Unit (CCHU) at Stoke Mandeville Hospital.**

This choice was inspired by Haddenham resident, Paula Tompkins. Paula was so impressed and grateful for the dedication of the staff there and the treatment she received for cancer, that she organised a series of Haddenham fundraising events throughout 2024 which raised much needed funds towards helping local cancer and haematology patients. From high-tech equipment and comfortable chairs to wigs and pleasant spaces.....small things can make a big difference.

### **How to make a donation**

Donations can be made in one of three ways:

1. Online at: <https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/haddenham-scarecrowfestival>
2. In cash posted or delivered to 7 Dovecote, Haddenham HP17 8BP
3. By bank transfer to a designated Haddenham Scarecrow Festival Account held at Lloyds Bank, Sort Code: 30-98-56; Account No: 29225168; Account Name: F J Flaxton; Ref: Scarecrow25

### **Scarecrow Trail Maps and Voting for Favourites**

Copies of the official Scarecrow Trail Map will be made available both online and in paper form from outlets in the village in return for a donation. There will be an opportunity for everyone to vote for their three favourites. Details about how to do this will be published nearer the time. There will be a prize for the three most popular Scarecrows. ALL scarecrow entrants will receive a Certificate of Participation.

### **A final reminder**

To be included on the 2025 Scarecrow Trail Map, ***completed entry forms MUST be returned by midnight on 31<sup>st</sup> May at the very latest***, either by e-mail to [scarecrowhaddenham.festival@gmail.com](mailto:scarecrowhaddenham.festival@gmail.com) or posted or delivered to Haddenham Scarecrow Festival c/o 7 Dovecote, Haddenham HP17 8BP.

**Thank you for your support!**