



# Haddenham Scarecrow Festival 2021

We all need something to make us smile! The Haddenham Association of Scouts and Guides is delighted to confirm that our 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Scarecrow Festival will go ahead, in a similar way to our 2020 Festival held during the first lockdown. We have reviewed the successes and challenges of last year's event, and put together these guidelines, taking into account current restrictions and easing of social distancing rules.

## Entries open 1<sup>st</sup> to 28<sup>th</sup> May

Entries can be submitted any time between Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> and Friday 28<sup>th</sup> May. All entries submitted by midnight on the closing date of 28<sup>th</sup> May will be included on the official List of Entrants and Scarecrow Trail Map. Unfortunately, any late entries received after 28<sup>th</sup> May, 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 anyway in support of the event. Copies of the official Scarecrow Trail Map will be made available both online and from outlets in the village (full details about obtaining Trail Maps will follow).

We are challenging people to use their imagination and creativity to make a Scarecrow **using any resources you may have** at home, in your loft, garden, shed or garage – no need to buy anything and no need to include straw unless you already have some or would prefer to do so. 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. 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.
3. Entries MUST be visibly displayed **at the front of your own property** 24 hours a day from 5<sup>th</sup> June (**NOT BEFORE PLEASE**) until the end of Midsummers Day Monday 21<sup>st</sup> June.
4. We kindly 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!

Passers-by will be able to follow the Trail and enjoy the Scarecrows whilst walking around the village, adhering to current social distancing rules. We will ask visitors not to enter on to private property unless invited to do so. We will also arrange to display the scarecrows "virtually" for anyone unable to go out to see for themselves.

**To take part, simply complete and return an entry form to register your Scarecrow. Forms should be available to download from [haddenham.net](http://haddenham.net) from 1<sup>st</sup> May or contact Francesca Flaxton at [scarecrowhaddenham.festival@gmail.com](mailto:scarecrowhaddenham.festival@gmail.com) or please text 07554 141810.**

## Fundraising for Florence Nightingale Hospice Charity

The Scout and Guide Association is inviting voluntary donations from Festival participants and spectators towards our chosen charity, Florence Nightingale Hospice Charity. The Hospice provides a range of palliative and end-of-life care services to local people who have life-limiting illnesses. The Hospice is facing a £1 million shortfall this year due to the impact of Covid-19 on their income. The charity needs to raise £2,740 every single day to run their services at the Hospice, so every penny donated really does count – we thank you in advance for your generosity. Donations can be made in one of 3 ways:

1. Via our Justgiving fundraising page:

<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/haddenhamscarecrowfestival21>

2. By cheque made payable to Florence Nightingale Hospice Charity or cash posted or delivered with your entry to the address below

3. By bank transfer to a designated Haddenham Scarecrow Festival Account held at Lloyds Bank, 100% of which will be transferred to Florence Nightingale Hospice Charity (*copy of final statement can be made available after the event on request*)

Sort Code: 30-98-56; Account No: 29225168; Account Name: F J Flaxton; Reference (*required please*): Scarecrow21

## Scarecrow Trail Maps and Voting for Favourites

Trail maps will be available from 5<sup>th</sup> to 21<sup>st</sup> June both online and at village outlets (venues tbc) in return for a donation to Florence Nightingale Hospice Charity. 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. The three most popular Scarecrows will receive a Special Award and ALL scarecrow designers will receive a personalised Certificate of Participation.

## Scouting and Guiding in Haddenham needs your help!

Volunteers are urgently required to help keep the Haddenham Scout unit running and also we would love to restart Beavers (6-8 yrs). We would also like to hear from anyone who could volunteer to help run or administer the various Haddenham Guiding units ie:

Rainbows/Brownies/Guides (5-14 yrs). For more information, please contact:

**Scouting:** Clare Clarke - [dc@chilternvalescouts.org.uk](mailto:dc@chilternvalescouts.org.uk) or 07870 622414 or 01494 534724

**Guiding:** Sam Harris - [avdivisionguiding@outlook.com](mailto:avdivisionguiding@outlook.com) or 07811 338920.

## A final reminder:

In order to be included on the 2021 Scarecrow Trail Map, completed entry forms **MUST be returned by midnight on 28<sup>th</sup> May**, 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!**