



Haddenham Association of Scouts & Guides

Charity No.270223

Haddenham Scarecrow Festival 2023

Open for Entries from 1st to 24th May

Entries can be submitted any time from 1st May until midnight 24th May. To take part, simply complete and return an entry form to register your Scarecrow. Forms are available from Blooming Fruity or online from haddenham.net or by contacting us by email at scarecrowhaddenham.festival@gmail.com or text 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 very tight printing deadline, but late entrants are welcome to display their scarecrow 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 will follow).

We are challenging people to use their imagination and creativity to make a “Hat and Boots” themed Scarecrow using *any* resources you may have at home, in your loft, garden, shed or garage. No need to include straw unless you 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. “Hats and Boots” 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 3rd June (**NOT BEFORE PLEASE**) until the end of Sunday 18th 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 3rd to 18th June

Passers-by will be able to follow the Trail 3rd to 18th June and enjoy the Scarecrows whilst walking around the village. We request visitors do not enter on to private property unless invited to do so. We will also arrange to display photos of the scarecrows online for anyone unable to go out to see for themselves.

Fundraising for Emmett's Genies & Hat and Boots Restoration Appeal

The Scout and Guide Association is inviting voluntary donations from entrants and spectators towards this year's chosen charities which are: Aylesbury-based charity "Emmett's Genies" and Haddenham's "Hat and Boots Restoration Appeal".

Emmett was diagnosed with cancer aged 2½ and when in remission, he was granted a wish to go to Florida with his family. Emmett's mum Amy set up this charity to raise funds to create something similar for other children and their families in the UK. Emmett is now 7 years old, doing really well and is a Beaver Scout.

The "Hat and Boots" Restoration Appeal was set up last November to save and restore Haddenham Baptist chapel in Stockwell. This Grade 2 Listed witchert building has been placed on Historic England's Heritage at Risk register and is in urgent need of repair.

Donations can be made in one of three ways:

1. Via our Justgiving fundraising page:

<https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/haddenhamscarescrow-festival23>

2. By cheque made payable to Buckinghamshire Mind 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 divided between Emmett's Genies charity and the Hat & Boots Restoration Appeal:

Sort Code: 30-98-56; Account No: 29225168; Account Name: F J Flaxton; Ref: Scarecrow23

Scarecrow Trail Maps and Voting for Favourites

Trail maps will be available from 3rd to 18th June online and at village outlets (venues tbc) in return for a donation. Maps will also be available at Haddenham Village Fete on 10th June.

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 each receive an Afternoon Tea for Two voucher very kindly donated by Haddenham Garden Centre. ALL scarecrow entrants will receive a personalised Certificate of Participation.

Scouting and Guiding in Haddenham

Haddenham Scouting and Guiding units are run entirely by volunteers. To find out more:

Scouting: Clare Clarke - dc@chilternvalescouts.org.uk or 07870 622414 or 01494 534724

Guiding: Diane Austin - thirdhaddenbrownies@btinternet.com or 07788 594626

A final reminder:

In order to be included on the 2023 Scarecrow Trail Map, completed entry forms **MUST be returned by midnight on 24th May at the very latest**, either by e-mail to scarecrowhaddenham.festival@gmail.com or posted or delivered to: Haddenham Scarecrow Festival c/o 7 Dovecote, Haddenham HP17 8BP.

Thank you for your support!