

STOWE BY CHARTLEY

BEST KEPT VILLAGE COMPETITION

SCARECROW FESTIVAL TRAIL

The scarecrow competition is organised in the village, to support the Best Kept Village Competition, which has been increasing in popularity in the last few years, and it has created the famous Scarecrow Trail in Stowe by Chartley. This year residents and businesses from Hixon have requested to participate in the event. Also, this year we celebrate two special events, which you may wish to include in your entry - BKVC competition is 70 years old, and the Village Hall is 100 years old.

Rules for the Scarecrow Competition:

- Anyone can participate in the competition, individuals or businesses, providing they are within the parishes of Stowe by Chartley or Hixon.
- Businesses can create a special prize, for employees, and independent judging can be organised with Jane Harnett, if you make these arrangements prior to judging taking place.
- This year the theme is characters from a **Nursery Rhyme**.
- Scarecrows can be prepared by using any medium.
- More than one scarecrow can be displayed to depict, your chosen theme, but no more than 5.
- If there is more than one entry per business, please identify the group who have enter the competition i.e. accounts, office workshop etc and include the details discreetly on the back of your scarecrow, in a watertight covering, it must be easily found by the judges.
- Please complete one entry form for each entry. The scarecrow competition is free of charge to enter.
- Scarecrows must be displayed before **15/8/26**, at the address on the application form and remain display until **1/9/26**
- Judging will take place on or after **15/8/26**, by two independent judges.
- Winners will be announced and prizes awarded at the **Stowe by Chartley Village Fete on Sunday 30th August 2026**, on the **Stowe by Chartley Parish Field** from **2pm**, prizes presented at 4pm.
- All scarecrows will receive a rosettes, and the judges written comments. There will be a cash prize for the overall winners, rosettes for 1st to 5th placed scarecrows. Special prizes for the best scarecrow and best children's entries.
- All entries must be received by **31/7/26**, and sent on the slip below to Jane Harnett, Broadmore Villa, Drointon Lane, Stowe by Chartley, Nr Stafford, Staffordshire, ST18 0LD, or scanned or emailed to janey813@gmail.com or photographed and sent by text or WhatsApp to 07903 522620. All entries will be acknowledged.

General Overall Prize Money

1st Prize £50 2nd Prize £25 3rd Prize £10 Rosette's and Special Prizes.

Sponsorship for this competition has been provided by

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Scarecrow Application Form

Your Name/s and also your business name if applicable:	
Address and postcode Which will identify the location of your entry or entries for the competition:	
Telephone contacts:	
Email address:	
Please tick and confirm child's age I/we confirm we wish to enter the scarecrow competition: YES <input type="checkbox"/> Age of child applicant if under 16 years old: <input style="width: 50px;" type="text"/>	Please tick your entry status and confirm details. Strictly one entry per application. Individual Entry <input type="checkbox"/> Business Entry <input type="checkbox"/> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; margin-bottom: 5px;">The approximate number of individual business entries on your site (if known):</div> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;">Business entries only: Please identify your entry groups below, i.e accounts, office, workshop etc and include the details on the back of the scarecrow discreetly, it must be easily found by the judges please enter one application form for each entry to be judged:</div>
Please return your entry to jane harnett by 31st july 2026, details above.	