

# SCARECROW FESTIVAL 2022



at

LINMERE

30th July - 6th August



# Join us in celebrating the planting and harvesting of the farmers crops

Scarecrows are humanoid in character and usually dressed in old clothes. They are placed in open fields to discourage birds from disturbing and feeding on the crops, made famous by the BBC television series *Worzel Gummidge*.

You are invited to make your own scarecrow and display it in and around your gardens or balcony or wherever it can be seen from the street.

Build your scarecrow over the weekend of **30th July** and register for the scarecrow competition by **mid-day on 1st August** by emailing your house number and street name to **info@linmere.co.uk** with Scarecrow Festival as the subject header. All scarecrows will of course be entered into a prize draw.

You can vote for your favourite scarecrow by filling in the voting slip on the back of this leaflet and posting it in the voting box at the Café in the Park.

The winners of the gold, silver and bronze prizes will be decided by a peoples vote, announced at **11am on the 6th August** at the Farmstead.



## Make your own scarecrow competition



You can design your scarecrow to look however you like or use your favourite book or film character as inspiration. Below is the basic structure of a scarecrow to get you started. For more information see [www.rhs.org.uk/education-learning/gardening-children-schools/family-activities/Activities/activities/make-a-scarecrow](http://www.rhs.org.uk/education-learning/gardening-children-schools/family-activities/Activities/activities/make-a-scarecrow)

### What you'll need

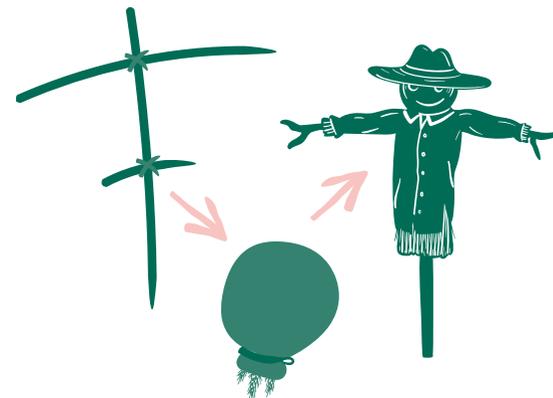
- 01 A sturdy stake for the body
- 02 A sturdy stick for the arms
- 03 A sturdy stick for torso
- 04 Old clothes to dress your scarecrow
- 05 Old pair of tights
- 06 String
- 07 Straw or leaves

### Make a head

- 03 Cut one leg from the tights and fill with some straw.
- 04 Push the straw firmly to the end and make it into a head shape. Tie a piece of string around the end of the tights.
- 05 Decorate your scarecrow's face.
- 06 Tie the head on to the top of your scarecrow frame.

### Make a frame

- 01 Tie tightly the arms stick to the body stake about 15cm from one end, in a cross shape.
- 02 Tie the torso stick in the same way about half way down the body stake. This is the frame for your scarecrow.



### Dress your scarecrow

- 07 Place a top on the arms crossbar and trousers on the smaller torso stick.
- 08 Tie off the bottom of the legs of the trousers with string and stuff them with straw or leaves.
- 09 Tie the ends of the arms and stuff the sleeves with straw or leaves.
- 10 Push some straw under the hat and leave it dangling out to look like hair.

### DON'T FORGET!

To register your scarecrow by **mid-day 1st August** by emailing **info@linmere.co.uk** with your details. You'll be entered into the competition and will receive a numbered label to display on your scarecrow.

# What else is happening



## Guided tour

**4th August 5:30pm**

Meet at the Cafe in the Park, 5:30pm and walk the Scarecrow route with Richard our Community Ranger and pick your winner.

## Walk the Scarecrow Route yourself

**4th-5th August**

Collect your maps from the Cafe in the Park and follow the route to pick your winning scarecrows. Don't forget to fill in your voting slip and post in the voting box at the cafe afterwards. Voting closes at 9.30am on 6 August.

## Scarecrow festival

**6th August** at the Farmstead for a morning of family fun.

**From 9:30am** meet Ark Farm and their **petting zoo** of farmyard animals.

**11am** the Scarecrow competition winners will be announced and presented with their prizes.

## Timetable of events



### Build your scarecrow weekend

**30th - 31st July.** Display your scarecrow outside your home, on your balcony, or wherever it can be seen from the street.



### Register your scarecrow

**By mid-day on 1st August** by emailing [info@linmere.co.uk](mailto:info@linmere.co.uk) with your house number and street name.

### Scarecrow labels

**1st August** your scarecrow label will be delivered to your house. Clearly display this on your scarecrow outside your home.



## Voting slip

Each scarecrow will be numbered. Choose your favourite 3 scarecrows and rank in order, by writing their number on this voting slip. Once complete, tear off and place this voting slip in the voting box at the **Cafe by the Park** by **9:30am on 6th August**.

**1st choice**

**2nd choice**

**3rd choice**

