

Dear Scarecrow Entrants,

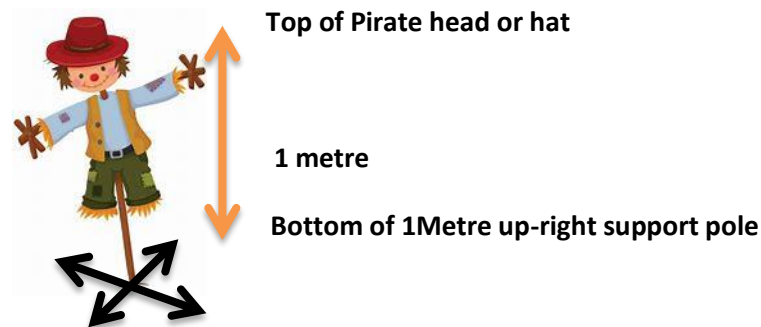
The trail itself is a new addition to this year's flower show, though Class 51 has been part of the show for a number of years. The main reason for running the trail is to help with managing numbers attending the show in the hall (social distancing) and a different & fun way to display our scarecrow class!!

We thought it would be a good idea to explain the rules for this class.

Class 51: Pirate Scarecrow – “Celebrating over 300 year anniversary of the capture and demise of Blackbeard”

Re-create a swashbuckling, treasure plundering pirate

TO BE MADE FROM ANY MATERIAL, HEIGHT NOT TO EXCEED 1 METRE AND TO BE SELF SUPPORTING (see below)



Support (crossed arrows)– whether a log or weighed bucket not included in 1metre limit

We have worked very closely with **NATIONAL PARK'S AUTHORITY** and the **VILLAGE COUNCIL** to get their support, on the understanding that **ALL** scarecrows are behind the gated / fence lines of resident gardens / properties. This is due to insurance issues and also to protect our New Forest ponies and other de-pastured animals, and also your fantastic pirate scarecrows!!

We are running the trail around a small loop of the village, were the scarecrows will be staged statically along our route. We are working on a small loop around the village (from Hall, up Seamans Lane, down Bull Lane, back into the village, crossing via the glebe land into Congleton Close, across to the Village Green, up to the church yard and back up to hall via Lyndhurst Road – about 1.4miles) Very kindly, a number of community spirited residents are helping out with staging our pirates.

All scarecrow need to be brought to the Hall on the Friday evening so they can be numbered, then photographed, judged & then staged by a committee member around the village route.

The scarecrows will be judged for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place, but we'll also invite the public to vote for their favourite!

Jo Instrall is happy to take in scarecrow entries beforehand, at Little Thatch, if they are ready before Friday.