

Minstead Flower Show Scarecrow Festival Trail 2021

Minstead Flower Show Scarecrow Festival Trail, 2021, will take place over the 1st week in September 2021, Saturday 4th September and Sunday 12th September 2021. across the village of Minstead

Scarecrow HQ will be Minstead Hall on the 4th September.

& we're looking forward to welcoming you!



Visitors to our first scarecrow trail in 2020 were treated to 12 different swashbuckling , treasure plundering pirates entered by local families, which were then placed strategically on a short trail around the village.

The scarecrow trail is free to enter

This year we want to make it bigger and better - the theme will be open, so there hopefully will be a wide variety of different scarecrows on display.

All our scarecrows are built by families, individuals, clubs, organisations and schools from the village and surrounding area, so if you fancy making one and you don't live in our village, fret not, we have a number of community spirited villagers, who will give your scarecrow a home for the week!!

We want to encourage a wide diversity of subjects and styles, but will work hard not to have any duplicate titles

All of our builders last year were outstanding, and the competition for "Public Vote" was fierce! Once again, We've planned the trail to be as accessible as possible around the village, centred around our scarecrow trail.



Dear Scarecrow Entrants

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

We have worked very closely with **NATIONAL PARK'S AUTHORITY** and the **VILLAGE PARISH 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 scarecrow creations!!

We are running the trail around a small loop of the village, where the scarecrows will be staged statically along our route. This trail will be 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 1.4 miles) Very kindly, a number of community spirited residents are helping out with staging our scarecrows.

Theme – Open
FOR INDIVIDUALS OR GROUPS

Any subject, any style!!

We want big Scarecrows, small Scarecrows, multiple Scarecrows, special effects and the weird & wacky!

To be made from any material. No restriction on size.

THOUGH THE SCARECROW NEEDS TO BE SELF-SUPPORTING. .

PLEASE COMPLETE THE SCARECROW TRAIL ENTRY FORM BELOW

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

The scarecrows will be judged for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place on show day. However we'll also invite the public to vote for their favourite with a public vote over the week and the winner will be announced following the count at the end of the trail.