

***HESKETH BANK 2007***  
**SCARECROW FESTIVAL COMPETITION 2nd – 7<sup>th</sup> July**

**Entry Form**

**Supported by The Parish Council**

Entering a Scarecrow is **FREE, FUN** and **OPEN** to everyone. You can enter as a family, an organization, a business or as an individual.

Use your imagination and creative powers to create a unique Scarecrow. (They don't always have to resemble the one's you see in the fields)

This can then be set up in your garden, on your house or with permission, somewhere else in the village.

**INFORMATION and RULES**

1. Set up can commence the weekend before the 2nd. Ideally all scarecrows to be in place by **Monday July 2<sup>nd</sup>**. However I'm sure the press would like a photo shoot before then, so if you want publicity then get your Scarecrow on show earlier!
2. Remember to make your Scarecrow weatherproof. It will be exposed to the elements for at least a week. **Refer to our "Scarecrow making tips"**. We will of course be anticipating good weather at this time of year, but this cannot be guaranteed.
3. Judging of the Scarecrows will take place on Tuesday evening **July 3rd. (after tea)** There will be two categories: (a) **Anything goes** (b) **Traditional**
4. We also hope to set up a **Scarecrow Trail** so that everyone can see the results, and follow a route around the Village at anytime during the Festival period.
5. In addition we aim to have a 'Scarecrow quiz sheet', for those who want a bit of a challenge. These will be made available to all in the week of the Festival, as information is gathered as to how many Scarecrows are likely to visit the Village. The competition will be judged by the most eminent 'Scarecrow Watcher' available. Results for the best Scarecrows will be initially announced on the Tuesday evening at All Saints School, and the prizes presented on Saturday the 7<sup>th</sup> at approximately 3pm at All Saints Church Garden Party. Please do come along.
6. All completed entry forms to be returned before Monday the 2<sup>nd</sup> to All Saints School Shore Road or if you have a problem then contact either Lesley Standish Gore 816835 or Iain Ashcroft 815014. All competition winners will be notified
7. Any other queries contact above telephone numbers.

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**NAME** .....

**ADDRESS** .....

**TEL.NO.** .....

**LOCATION of SCARECROW (E.G Garden, House, Garage etc)**

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**NAME or TITLE of SCARECROW**

**CATEGORY (please tick)**

- a) Anything Goes.....      b) Traditional.....

# **How to make a Scarecrow**

Originally used by farmers to keep birds away from important crops, in times gone by they were very much part of the landscape.

Scarecrows are not expensive to make, and you can have fun by easily making a scarecrow from everyday items that are lying about the house, they can be as crazy or silly as you like.

This easy set of instructions may be of help in making your scarecrow, and remember it requires no more complicated skill other than cutting and tying.

You only need a few items to make your scarecrow and clothes that are too far gone to give away are just great. Suggest that you will need a pair of tights or nylons, an old shirt, an old pair of pants or jeans, scraps of fabric, a hat, some glue, old rope for the hair, and paper or hay for stuffing.

Making the scarecrow head is possibly the hardest part, but with an old pair of tights or nylons you can make an easy start. Tie a knot at the top of the leg, or legs in the case of tights, then stuff the top, not the legs with hay or paper (shredded is easier). When the top is full tie a further knot in the top. You will now have a large round base for the head. Now cut scraps of fabric or felt into shapes for the eyes, nose and mouth. You can be very fancy if you wish, but simple triangles, circles, squares work just as well. Glue the shapes to the face and allow them to dry. At this point you can add hair made of long pieces of fabric, string, unplatted synthetic rope, and glue in place. If all fails you can of course simply buy a mask. (If you prefer, faces and hair can be glued on after the scarecrow has been assembled, when it will be easier to determine the front of the head).

For the body, button up the shirt, and starting with the arms fill with straw or paper. If you use hay, you can pull a bundle through the arms to resemble hands. A similar effect can be achieved by tying the wrists of the shirt with string. Fill the shirt as full as possible, but remember you will need room to get your hands into the front and back of the shirt when you assemble the scarecrow.

Next make the scarecrows legs by stuffing the jeans or trousers with paper or hay, don't forget to close the zip, then fill from the ankles to the waist. Like the wrists, you just tie the pants close to the bottom with string, or let some hay hang out for feet. Leave the pants open at the top.

You now have all your pieces ready to assemble your scarecrow. Take the empty stocking legs of the head and attach them to the body. To do this, run one leg through the neck of the shirt at the front and the other through the back of shirt neck. Pull the nylon legs all the way through to the bottom of the shirt. Tug firmly on the legs so that the head sits firmly on the top of the shirt neck.

Add the legs to the scarecrow. Bring the filled pants close to the assembled head and body. Tie one leg of the nylons to the belt loop in the front of the trousers, making sure to pull the nylon leg through the loop until its tight. Then do the same for the nylon leg at the back of the shirt.

All that remains is to top off your scarecrow with a hat or cap, with that the scarecrow is complete !!! Now if it is going to stand it will need a stick or broom handle up the back of the shirt, but it could be that you want it to sit on an old chair.

Some weather proofing can be achieved by firstly putting the hay/paper stuffing inside dustbin bags.

**Don't forget give your Scarecrow a name !**