

Uckfield Town Council's Scarecrow Competition 2025 - Rules & Guidance

ENTRY RULES

1. Anyone who lives within the parish boundaries of Uckfield is welcome to enter the scarecrow competition.
2. To participate, entrants must submit completed registration forms and have their scarecrows on display by the required time.
3. Scarecrows should be a minimum height of 1 metre and a maximum of 2 metres.
4. All scarecrows must be built from scratch by the entrant (no commercial creations allowed).
5. Creativity and originality. Judges will be looking for scarecrows with that little bit extra; it may be the materials used, the way the scarecrow has been made, how the scarecrow is displayed, or simply a fantastic idea that catches the judges' eye.
6. You can use any materials you like to build your scarecrow; there are no restrictions, with just one exception: pre-moulded or commercially available face masks ARE NOT permitted (example attached).
7. All scarecrows must be made and displayed in good taste (specifically, designs are to be non-racist, non-discriminatory, non-sexist and non-political). Any entrant designing their scarecrow to cause deliberate offence will be disqualified.
8. All scarecrows must be displayed at the front of your property and should be positioned so that no one needs to access your property to view them. They must also be secured in a manner that they will not blow away and will not otherwise be a danger to or possibly cause injury to anyone. The organisers will not be held responsible for any damage to third-party property caused by the creation or insecurity of scarecrows. Owners are held solely responsible for the safety and security of their scarecrow(s).
9. Photos of all entered scarecrows should be submitted to the organisers (Uckfield Town Council) by 27th August. These should be submitted to rachel@uckfieldtc.gov.uk
10. Finally... The most important rule: Make sure you enjoy yourselves!

JUDGING

- Only scarecrows registered in time will be considered by the judges.
- Judges will be the Allotment Working Group and Manor Park & Hempstead Meadows Residents' Association.
- All entries must be submitted no later than **Wednesday 27th August**, for the judging to take place on **Wednesday 3rd September 2025**.

MISCELLANEOUS

1. The scarecrow committees' and judges' interpretation of these rules (and any decisions made by them) is absolutely final, and can't be challenged!
2. The rules are subject to change at any time (without notice).
3. By entering the scarecrow competition, you confirm that you accept these rules.
4. Entry to the competition is free, but donations with entry forms will be gratefully received, with all profits from the Scarecrow Competition going to local good causes.

PRIZES

- Household Competition Scarecrows – 1st Prize will be a gift hamper. The Top 5-rated entries will also receive certificates. Winning and specially commended entries will be featured on the Uckfield Town Council website and social media, and the Manor Park and Hempstead Meadow Residents' Association social media.

- Under-12s Competition Scarecrow – 1st Prize, a Trophy.

- Business Competition Scarecrows – 1st Prize, a Trophy.

Winners of the Household Competition, Under-12s Competition and Business Competition will also be invited to the Uckfield Town Council Allotment Conference on Wednesday 10th September, and will be invited to have a photo taken with the Uckfield Town Mayor, Cllr. Karen Bedwell, to celebrate their achievements.

HOW TO ENTER

Application forms can be found here: <https://forms.gle/QfvCCX1UiHjWBnda7>

The link to this form will also be available on the Uckfield Town Council website.

Alternatively, please collect an application form from the Civic Centre offices or call 01825 762 774.