

Chertsey Agricultural Show 8th & 9th August 2026

Scarecrow Competition Rules & Guidelines

- Anyone is welcome to enter the scarecrow competition!
- This year's theme is: Traditional Scarecrows
- Entries must be registered by 9pm on Friday 1st August to the Scarecrow Secretary, and entry forms can be submitted by Email or Post. All entries will be confirmed by return email. Unregistered entries will NOT be accepted.
- Completed entries must be posted to Scarecrows, 68 Eastworth Rd, Chertsey, KT16 8DR or emailed scarecrows@thechertseyshow.co.uk
- Entry classes are: Jackdaws - Eight years old and below, Crows - eight to 15 years old, Rooks 15 to 21 years old and Ravens over 21 years old.
- The entry fee is £5 per Scarecrow. Maximum of 2 entries per entrant. Entry fees per scarecrow are payable at submission of entry forms by cheque or BACS or cash at installation.
- Please bring your scarecrows to the horticulture tent on Friday August 7th between 2pm and 7pm or Saturday August 8th between 7:30am and 9:00am.
- Scarecrows will be marked with your exhibitor number which will be issued by the Scarecrow Steward. DO NOT label with your name (such labels will be removed).
- Each entrant is responsible for the installation of their scarecrow(s).
- All scarecrows must be built from scratch by the entrant (no commercial creations allowed).
- You can use any materials you like to build your scarecrow (preferably recycled materials). Pre-moulded or commercially available face masks ARE NOT permitted. Height between one and two meters..
- All Scarecrows must be made and displayed in good taste. Any entrant designing their scarecrow to cause deliberate offence will be disqualified.
- The Chertsey Agricultural Show will provide a wooden mounting post, designated for each scarecrow. Scarecrows must also be secured to the mounting post in a manner that they will not blow away and will not otherwise be a danger to or possibly cause injury to anyone.
- All entries will be judged at 11.00am on Saturday 8th of August.
- Judges will look for creativity, originality, and adherence to the theme. Judges will also be looking for scarecrows with a 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.
- Rosettes will be awarded to First, Second and Third in each Class. A cash prize of £10 will also be awarded to the winners of each Class. A cash prize of £20 and a rosette will be awarded to the best Scarecrow of all the classes – the scarecrow most outstanding in its field!!
- All entries must remain until 5pm on Sunday 9th of August. Any exhibit not collected by 6pm will be destroyed.

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Entry for Scarecrow Classes 2026

Return via email to The Scarecrow Secretary at scarecrows@thechertseyshow.co.uk or by post to,
68 Eastworth Road, Chertsey, Surrey. KT16 8DR. Tel. 07710 412 008

ENTRIES TO BE RECEIVED BY FRIDAY 1st AUGUST 2026

Name	
Address	
Post Code	
Telephone	
Email	

Class	No. Entries (At £5 per Entry)	Total (£)
Jackdaw (8 yrs and below)		
Crow (8 to 15 yrs)		
Rooks (15 to 21 yrs)		
Ravens (above 21 yrs)		

Cheques payable to: Chertsey Agricultural Association.

BACS (CAA) account: Sort Code: 20-90-56 Acc No: 30050652 REF: Scarecrows & your name

How to Build a Basic Scarecrow

You will need:-

- 1 sturdy stick or bamboo cane, about 2m long
- 1 sturdy stick or bamboo cane, about 1m long
- 1 sturdy stick or bamboo cane, about 30cm long
- Old clothes – shirt or jumper, trousers, hat, old pair of tights, coat etc
- String
- Stuffing - Straw or leaves

Making a Frame

Tie tightly the 1m stake to the 2m stake about 15cm from one end, in a cross shape and then tie the other stake in the same way about halfway down. This is the frame for your scarecrow.

Making a Head

Cut one leg from an old pair tights and fill with some straw.

Push the straw firmly to the end and make it into a head shape. Tie a piece of string around the tights to stop the straw from falling out.

Paint a funny or scary face on it; you could make some glasses and maybe a beard. Now tie the head on to the top of the frame (above the longer cross bar)

Dress your Scarecrow.

Placing a shirt on the top crossbar and the trousers on the smaller bar is the standard scarecrow design but you can clothe your scarecrow as you wish.

Tie off the bottom of the legs of the trousers with string and stuff them with straw or leaves.

Button up the shirt and tie the ends of the arms then stuff the sleeves with straw or leaves.

Push some straw under the hat and leave it dangling out to look like hair.