# East Hagbourne scarecrow trail celebrates fictional heroes with charity boost



Scarecrows have taken centre stage in East Hagbourne, captivating residents and visitors alike with their whimsical displays since May 24. This charming event will run until June 8, inviting participants to follow the trail, admire the creativity on display, and vote for their favourite scarecrows. The sweet reward for the winning creator is a coveted cup, adding a competitive spirit to the festivities.

The East Hagbourne Scarecrow Trail has been delighting locals since its inception in 2005, featuring a different theme each year. This year's theme focuses on beloved fictional characters from literature, with 33 unique entries showcasing figures such as Harry Potter, The Very Hungry Caterpillar, and Horrid Henry. Families have engaged in this community event with enthusiasm, taking the opportunity to express their creativity through these character interpretations.

Maps detailing the scarecrow locations are available for just £1 from the East Hagbourne Community Shop and The Fleur De Lys pub, making it easy for those eager to explore the village. The community spirit extends to the Hagbourne Action Group, which will host a tea and cake sale at the local church on June 8, further adding to the festive atmosphere.

The event also has a philanthropic edge, with proceeds going to support WaterAid and Oxfordshire Wildlife Rescue. The latter organisation operates a crucial 24-hour service dedicated to rescuing and rehabilitating sick and injured wildlife across Oxfordshire and West Berkshire. Their mission focuses on preserving life wherever possible, highlighting the importance of compassion for local wildlife.

Scarecrow trails have become a popular activity across various communities, although the themes and presentation styles may vary. For instance, the Frampton Cotterell Scarecrow Trail this year included a 'Book Character' theme, allowing for an equally playful display of creativity among participants. Meanwhile, other events like the Mortimer Scarecrow Trail offer categories for different honours, creating a rich tapestry of engagement and community involvement.

As East Hagbourne's trail approaches its final week, the mix of creativity, community spirit, and charitable support all contribute to a delightful celebration that highlights the charm of village life.

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