

# The Mortimer Village Scarecrow Trail, 2025

## "Mortimer's Gone Potty"

Brought to you by the Mortimer Village Partnership  
Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> October – Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> November



## Entry Form

Contact name: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Business, group, school or family)

Name to appear on sign: \_\_\_\_\_  
(eg: Smith Family, Rainbows Pre-School)

Contact address: \_\_\_\_\_

Postcode: \_\_RG7\_\_\_\_\_ Phone / Mobile no: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail address: \_\_\_\_\_

Chosen character / idea: \_\_\_\_\_

**Exact address of location of scarecrow** incl. postcode (if different from contact address above):

Please provide a question and answer relating to your character, for the trail 'Just For Fun Quiz'.

Question: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ One word answer: \_\_\_\_\_

### Terms and Conditions

We undertake to maintain and display our scarecrow at the above location, from 9am on Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> October – until 4pm Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> Nov 2025. We also agree to abide by the rules and guidelines of the competition (outlined below).

- ☐ £10 entry fee has been transferred via BACS to Mortimer Village Partnership  
Sort Code: 60-17-21, Account # 89207939  
Please use your given contact name as reference, **plus 'SCT'** (e.g. 'SmithSCT')

OR

- ☐ £10 entry fee is enclosed.  
Cheques to be made payable to Mortimer Village Partnership.

This completed entry form (with payment if paying by cheque) must be returned to Mike Rogers, Meadowside, Windmill Road, Mortimer, RG7 3RJ, or emailed to [scarecrow@mortimervillage.org.uk](mailto:scarecrow@mortimervillage.org.uk) no later than Monday 22nd September 2025.

Please sign below on behalf of business, group, school or family stated above.

Name in block capitals: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

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## Scarecrow Trail, 2025 - Rules and Guidelines



The theme this year is "**Mortimer's Gone Potty**", you can choose any character, person or animal, real or fictional, the only requirement is that you incorporate plant pots in the build.

### Competition Rules

- The competition and trail starts at 9am on Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> October and runs until 4pm Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> November.
- Scarecrows need to be visible each day of the trail from 9am until dusk.
- Scarecrows need to be maintained as far as possible in good condition for the duration of the trail.
- The organisers will provide a laminated A4 poster. If for any reason the scarecrow is not available, the poster must still be displayed for trail followers to see.
- The organisers will take photographs of all the registered scarecrows on the first day. Registration of a scarecrow permits the Mortimer Village Partnership to use the photos on social media and in promotional literature/displays.
- Duplicate characters should be avoided; you will be advised by email if someone has already reserved your character.
- If the organisers have to limit the number of scarecrows, priority will be given to early entrants. Some entrants may be asked to consider alternative locations for their scarecrows in order to maintain a reasonably spaced and balanced trail.
- The prize categories are as follows:

Category	Who Votes?	First Prize	Second Prize
Funniest	Trail followers via trail map	£50	£25
Children's Favourite	Trail followers via trail map	£50	£25
Adults Favourite	Trail followers via trail map	£50	£25
Best Newcomer (must not have entered a scarecrow before)	MVP Committee	£50	-
Chairman's Choice	MVP Chairman	£50	-

**A scarecrow may only win one category and the organisers' decision is final.**

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- There will be a trail competition for all trail followers who have purchased a map. The winner of the trail competition will be drawn from all correct quiz entries and first prize will receive £50.00

**N.B.** Organisers refer to the Scarecrow Committee, Mortimer Village Partnership.  
Entrants refer to families, individuals, organisations, groups, businesses etc. registering/entering a scarecrow into the competition.

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## Guidelines & Additional Information

- Above all the Scarecrow Trail is all about having fun - we hope that you do!
- When making your scarecrow, think about the theme and the characteristics and/or situation that will make your choice of scarecrow instantly recognizable.
- Any materials may all be used as long as flower pot(s) are incorporated in the design. Thought should be given to how they will stand up to the elements throughout the duration of the Scarecrow Trail.
- A **Plant-Pot-Swap** facility has been organised with the Parish Council and will be outside the Mortimer Library during Council office opening times (Monday, Tuesday and Thursday between 9:30am and 5pm) and at weekends between 9:00am and 4:00pm. You can deposit your unused flowers pots for other makers to use or select some for your own creation!
- It is recommended that scarecrows in the front garden of private houses are set back from their front boundary fences to minimize the risk of vandalism. Commercial premises may wish to display their scarecrow either standing or seated outside during the hours they are open and, in their windows, whilst they are closed. When making the scarecrow, take into consideration how easy it will be to move it, if required.
- Scarecrows can be standing, seated, lying down and/or posed as if participating in an activity.
- Consider making a "storyboard" of the construction of your scarecrow to display alongside for trail followers to look at.
- Why not join the Makers page on Facebook for hints and tip from other builders:  
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/428613623937557>

If you have any further questions please contact Doug Overett, 07738 470870.

[www.mortimervillage.org.uk](http://www.mortimervillage.org.uk)

Thank you