



SCARECROW COMPETITION

Famous Film Characters



Get creative this autumn and take part in
Doddington Hall's annual Scarecrow Competition

Create your own scarecrow inspired by a famous film
character for the chance to win a Doddington Christmas
tree for your school, class or community group.

DODDINGTON HALL SCARECROW COMPETITION 2026

How to take part

- To register your entry, please email Angus at stableyard@doddingtonhall.com by Friday 16 October.
- Once your scarecrow is complete, please email a photograph of the finished entry to Angus before dropping it off. This will help us identify each entry while it is on display.
- All completed scarecrows must be delivered to the Doddington Farm Shop by 12 noon on Friday 23 October, ready for our team to set up.
- All entries will be displayed on the Gatehouse Lawn throughout October half term, from Saturday 24 October to Sunday 1 November 2026, and will be free for visitors to enjoy.

Scarecrow requirements

- This year's theme is Famous Film Characters.
- We encourage all groups to use sustainable, reused and recycled materials wherever possible.
- Entries must be no taller than 1.8m.
- Each entry must be securely attached to a pole supplied by your class or group.
- We encourage the inclusion of a small, discreet school or community group logo. Additional large branding or logos are not permitted.
- All components must be firmly attached, with no loose items.
- Entries should be substantial and robust enough to withstand outdoor weather conditions.
- Please remember that entries will be displayed outdoors throughout the whole half-term period, so materials should be chosen carefully. Paint, pumpkins and other less weather-resistant materials may deteriorate in wet conditions.

Judging

All entries will be judged by Tom and Ivan from our Garden Team, with one overall winner. Creativity, originality, sustainability and robustness will all be considered.

The prize

The winning class or group will receive a free Doddington Christmas tree. Trees are limited to 8ft, will be selected by our Woodsman, netted and must be collected from the Stable Yard.

Key dates

- Friday 16 October: Deadline to register your entry
- Friday 23 October: Completed scarecrows delivered to the Farm Shop by 12 noon
- Saturday 24 October – Sunday 1 November:
Scarecrows on display on the Gatehouse Lawn
- Monday 2 November: Winner announced via our social media channels

