



FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS (FAQs)

How do I enter a scarecrow?

- Email scarecrows@stjohnspta.com your chosen 'Children's TV & Cartoon' (*first-come, first-served*)
- We shall reply with confirmation, entry form, payment details, rules & guidelines & further info
- Entry is £10 per scarecrow
- Deadline Monday 3rd October 2022

When & where do I buy a trail map?

The maps cost £4 each and are available from either [Rowlands Castle Home Hardware](#), [The Bumblebee Café](#) or the [Londis](#) (cash only) all on the village Green, on the days the trail is running. You can also buy a map on this website!

Where do we park?

Firstly, if you're local and can walk to the trail, then we encourage that as we expect it to be quite busy. If you do need to drive, there is the Recreation Ground car park (PO9 6AE) and street parking is available. Please park considerately of others as the village has many families & elderly residents.

What age range is this aimed at?

It's open to everyone and in previous years we've seen new born babies going round and those in their 80's & beyond! So whether you fancy a stroll round on your own or you're coming with friends & family, don't think twice - just come and enjoy yourself!

What do I need to bring?

We'd recommend a pen (& a clipboard helps), some change to buy the maps (£4 each), perhaps waterproofs/umbrellas just in case and a big smile!

How long does it take?

It depends how fast you walk but we expect it to be around 3-4 hours on average. There is no requirement to do the whole thing or in one go. Some people have fun doing half one day & half another. Do whatever you feel like!

Does it still happen if it rains?

Absolutely! We've had kids & adults out in their waterproofs and wellies having a fantastic time. Don't forget we've got the fantastic Bumblebee Café & four lovely village pubs within walking distance if you need to warm up a bit.

How do I keep safe on route?

Observe caution when crossing roads and please ensure children are supervised at all times.

Where can we get refreshments on the route?

For quick drinks & snacks on the go, the best places are [The Bumblebee Café](#) and the [Londis](#) (both of which you can buy the trail maps from). If you'd like something more substantial, [The Castle Inn](#), [The Robin Hood Inn](#), [The Fountain Inn](#) and [The Staunton Arms - Harvester](#) pubs are all within walking distance on the trail. Why not treat yourself and make a day of it!

Do I need to complete the whole route?

No, there's no need to complete the route, although if you wish to take part in the trail competition then the more you see, the more chance of winning you'll have. Also, it'll help when you vote for your favourite scarecrow. Lastly, the scarecrows are fabulous so you'll want to see them all! When you buy your map, you'll clearly see where all the scarecrows are located so you can do as many as you want. You can also return at any point during the trail and finish it off.

Can we touch the scarecrows?

No, please do not touch the scarecrows. Please also respect people's property and do not enter anyone's gardens or property.

Are there any prizes?

There are prizes for the following.

TRAIL COMPETITION - (sponsored by [Smart Energy Solar UK](#)) £100 prize
(The entry with the most correct answers will win. If there is more than one entrant who guesses the most correct answers, then the winner of the competition will be randomly selected by a draw from those entrants)

SCARECROW MAKERS

Excitingly this year, we shall be presenting trophies to the winners, which they'll keep until the next year along with small keepsakes.

The winners will also receive the following prizes.

'[Rowlands Castle Pharmacy](#) Trophy' - People's Choice - £100

'[Halls Garage](#) Trophy' - Judge's Pick - £100

'[St John's Church](#) Trophy' - Best Eco Scarecrow - £100

How do I find out who won?

We shall be announcing the winners and presenting the trophies on Sunday 30th October at 6pm in [The Robin Hood Inn](#) on the village Green. Please do come along and see who's won!

If you can't make that & for more info, follow/like the [@rowlandscastlescrowtrail](#) page on Facebook and/or keep an eye out on www.pta-events.com/stjohnsrowlandscastle for announcements!