

Suffolk Libraries Day

Scarecrow activity pack

Saturday 20 March

To celebrate Suffolk Libraries Day 2021, we're asking everyone to show their love for Suffolk Libraries by making a scarecrow and displaying it in their front garden, office, balcony or school by 20 March 2021.

As we're celebrating characters and stories, we'd love your scarecrow to look like your favourite character from a book, film, TV or the theatre.

You can go traditional and stuff your scarecrow or how about a scarecrow made from recycled materials, or knitted from leftover wool, or simply a painting, collage or sculpted scarecrow – the wider the variety the better – the key is to get involved, have a go, have fun and show the world! From *Peppa Pig* to *Harry Potter*, *Captain Pugwash* to *Romeo and Juliet* – go wild and as silly or wacky as you like – the most important thing is to have fun.

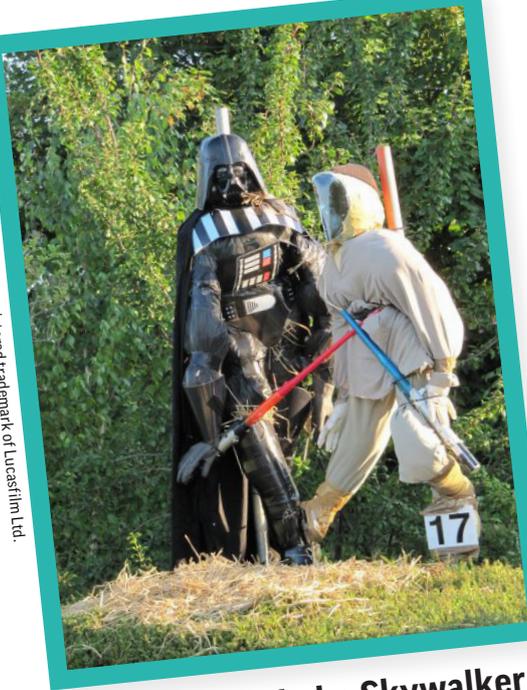
This pack explains how to plan, create and register your scarecrow. If you need more information or help contact us at suffolklibrariesday@suffolklibraries.co.uk.



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Get creative!

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Darth Vader & Luke Skywalker

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You can find plenty of inspiration on the internet and you can see how Peppa Pig's family created their own scarecrow too in this [video!](#)



Make your scarecrow

You will need – material or old clothing, tights, shredded paper or hay for stuffing, fabric, a hat, glue, string, old rope and two poles for the frame or some other supporting structure.

Here are some tips for creative a 'person' shaped scarecrow, but you can also go 'free-style' and go for whatever creation you like.

- **Head:** Tie a knot at the top of the legs of the nylons or tights and fill them with stuffing to the waist, leaving the legs empty. Close the waist by sewing or tying together forming a ball for the head.
- **Body:** Button up the long-sleeved shirt and starting with the arms fill with stuffing. Tie some string around the wrists to give the effect of hands. Fill the shirt as full as possible but allow some space to get down the front and back of the shirt when assembling the scarecrow.
- **Legs:** Fill the trousers or jeans with stuffing and tie string around the ankles to get the effect of feet. Leave the pants open at the top.
- **Poles:** Tie the poles together to make a cross shaped frame, ideal lengths for this are 1m for the horizontal pole and 2m for the upright. This needs to be strong enough to hold your scarecrow.
- **To assemble your scarecrow:** Take the empty legs of the 'head' and attach to the shirt by threading them down the neck of the shirt at the front and the back. Tug firmly to make the head stable. Add the legs to the body by attaching the nylons just pulled through the shirt to the belt loops in the front and back of the trousers.
- You are now ready to glue the facial features onto your scarecrow made from scraps of material, large buttons or anything else you think of. Attach your scarecrow's hair which can be made from wool, rope, material strips or string. You can add a hat if you'd like to. Whatever technique, media or style you have used, when you're happy with your scarecrow, tie it to your frame and proudly display it for everyone to see on Suffolk Libraries Day, (20 March 2021)! The earlier you display your scarecrow the better for everyone to get inspired and join in the fun!



Register and share

When your scarecrow is finished, proudly display it for all to see on Suffolk Libraries Day Saturday 20 March 2021. Remember to register your scarecrow on the Google map we've created to show the location of every scarecrow taking part. People will then know where they can find your scarecrow. You can register at: www.suffolklibraries.eventbrite.com. *Scarecrows need to be registered by Friday 19 March to appear on the map.*

We'd love to see your scarecrows!
Please post pictures on social media using the hashtag #thescarecrowsarecoming or by tagging Suffolk Libraries. You can also print and display the poster on the next page to show you're taking part!

#thescarecrowsarecoming

Suffolk Libraries is a charity and we've also found it tough during COVID-19 as we've not been able to carry out our normal fundraising activities. Everyone at Suffolk Libraries has been working hard over the past year to reach out and make a difference to our customers and communities, even when libraries have been closed.

The scarecrow trail is free, but we would really appreciate it if you could make a donation to Suffolk Libraries when you register your scarecrow to help us continue our work in communities across Suffolk.

Thank you!



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