



RISK ASSESSMENT FORM: TADLEY AND BAUGHURST SCARECROW TRAIL 2026

Location:	Private houses and businesses around Tadley and Baughurst and surrounding areas.	Date:	Saturday 8 th August 2026 – 23 rd August 2026 Official dates
POTENTIAL HAZARDS	HOW ARE PEOPLE AT RISK	ACTIONS ALREADY IN PLACE	FURTHER ACTION REQUIRED
Scarecrows, and their displays, are made from a variety of materials and stand up to 2metres tall	Scarecrows or part of their displays could fall on a member of the public	All exhibitors in the trail are advised to keep scarecrows at a maximum of 2m tall and to secure them safely within their gardens or property. All are advised to position them away from the pavement. Advice should be given to the public if permission is not granted to view scarecrows from inside their gardens by erecting appropriate signage. The public must take full responsibility for being on someone else's property.	All exhibitors to read the 'Rules of the Scarecrow Trail' document.
Electric cables used to power displays (lighting, music etc)	Trips or electrocution from trailing cables across gardens and paths	All exhibitors advised to secure all cables appropriately, keep them on their own property and advise public of their existence.	As above
Overcrowding of display and scarecrow	Too many people visiting a scarecrow may obstruct the pavement	It is recommended on the maps that only 1 family at a time should view a scarecrow to avoid overcrowding and blocking of pavements.	As above
Adverse weather	Rain/Snow may cause puddles on pavements or around the	All exhibitors are advised to make their scarecrows waterproof, and some may erect gazebos to help	As above

	<p>scarecrows resulting in slippery pathways</p> <p>High winds may cause movement of the scarecrows and an unstable display</p>	<p>with this. Advice given to secure these structures effectively and exhibitors should be mindful of the weather should they be away from their property during the trail. The public should take full responsibility for walking the trail in such weather conditions.</p>	
Vandalism	<p>Broken elements of scarecrows from vandalism may leave sharp/exposed materials</p>	<p>Of the scarecrows that are left out permanently, the exhibitors will take full responsibility for them, and make any necessary alterations to repair them to make them safe again.</p>	As above
Traffic	<p>Walking the trail involves crossing major roads and possible walking in the lanes to view some of the scarecrows. Some scarecrows may only be viewed by driving to them making roads busier than usual and kerbside stopping to view them.</p>	<p>All members of the public should use common road sense when walking the trail. Anyone driving to view a scarecrow should drive with care and attention and be mindful of where they stop kerbside.</p>	As above