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Marshfield Community Council Newsletter Summer 2024

Scarecrow Festival 2024

The second community scarecrow festival organised by Marshfield Community Council will take place over the weekend of 27th to 29th September 2024. Last year we were blown away by the response from you, our amazing residents. The high standard and number of scarecrows that were entered in our first ever festival was unbelievable. The creativity, uniqueness, ingenuity and variety of entries was brilliant and we are looking forward to the same this year. We have made some changes to the classes and have decided on the following age groups; (1) Families (2) Children up to 10 years (3) Young people 11 to 18 years (4) Adults (5) Groups, Clubs and Schools.



You can make any scarecrow, aim to impress with originality, quality and humour. There is no limit to the number of scarecrows you enter as it is free. Your scarecrow needs to be displayed in your front garden or driveway by Monday 22nd September. Entries to be made online via our website, www.marshfieldcommunitycouncil.org. There will be a dedicated link on the website where you can upload a photo of your scarecrow and your details.



This year voting for the winners will be down to you, our community; this will also be online with full instructions on the MCC website. There will be two rounds of voting which will choose the winners of each the classes. Then after round one, the top ten scarecrows selected will go through to a second round which will be voted on again to select the top 3 overall

winners based on your votes. There will be prizes for the class winners and also extra prizes for the top 1st, 2nd, 3rd overall.

Find out how to build your own scarecrow by visiting www.wikihow.com/Make-a-Scarecrow or www.rhs.org.uk. If you need some inspiration for scarecrow ideas visit www.makescarecrows.com/funny-scarecrow-ideas.html and www.sowanddipity.com/33-cool-scarecrow-ideas/

We are very grateful to this year's sponsors: -





The Masons Arms

As part of the festival there will be a **Children's Fancy Dress** competition at the Masons Arms, St Mellons Road on Sunday 29th September at 5pm; we would love to see some scarecrow outfits but will welcome any fancy-dress costumes, use your imaginations! The prize giving for the winners of the Scarecrow Competition will take place after the fancy dress



competition. Marshfield Community Council wishes to thank Maxime, Liam and Jamie-Leigh from the Masons for their support.

Please Help Fight the Blight of Fly-Tipping in and Around our Villages.

Fly-tipping is ruining our villages and countryside on a daily basis; it is a serious issue and every member of the community can help to stamp it out. The community council is working with Newport City Council and NRW to tackle the problem and we need all residents to be vigilant and help us to stop the tips from happening. This blight causes environmental damage, it is a public health risk as it attracts rats and other vermin and is a financial burden on the local authority who should be spending their already tight budgets on other important services. Fly-tipping is a **criminal offence** and the city council has various enforcement powers it can use from Fixed Penalty Notices and vehicle seizure, to prosecutions in the courts with unlimited fines and a possible 6 months in prison. As residents you can really help by disposing of your waste **responsibly**, report any fly-tipping straight away to Newport City Council. This can be done through '**Report It**' on the mobile phone app; the NCC website www.newport.gov.uk and contact centre 01633 656656; or email info@newport.gov.uk it is helpful to provide what3words and photos if you can. For full anonymity you can also report incidents to Crimestoppers www.crimestoppers-uk.org

If you contact a private company to remove your waste then please: -

- **Check** – that the contactor is legally registered by asking to see their **WASTE CARRIERS LICENCE**.
- **Check** – the contactors details and keep a record in case your waste is found dumped illegally.
- **Copy** – make sure you have a copy of the WASTE TRANSFER NOTE.

Natural Resources Wales website www.naturalresources.wales has a list of all the businesses that are registered as waste carriers so please check this site before engaging a business to remove any waste you want taken away. You can also report incidences to them on

Fly Tipping Action Wales's website www.flytippingactionwales.org has useful information and a way to report any fly tipping.

You are liable to a FPN of £300 and if prosecuted an unlimited fine if your waste is found fly-tipped somewhere so make sure that you have done all the checks above.



Please help stop this from happening to our community!