



## CALLING ALL SCARECROWS!

In 2010, Hordle & District Twinning Association launched the first “Hordle Village Scarecrow Competition & Scarecrow Trail”, where households and businesses could enter and display a scarecrow at the front of their gardens or premises. Villagers then purchased a scarecrow trail map from local shops, walked around the trail and judged their top scarecrow in each category. Voting slips were returned to local shops for collection with winners being announced at the Hordle Community Association (HCA) Summer Fair.

Both the competition and trail proved very popular, with some very inventive and well crafted entries. This led to the competition & trail being organised by the Association on an annual basis up until 2020, when the Covid Pandemic struck and prevented the competition being run. However, with the return of a very successful HCA Summer Fair last year, 2024 is the ideal time to kick-start this enjoyable competition again!

Hordle is twinned with the French village of Yerville, and this years Olympics are being held in Paris. So, the theme for the 2024 Hordle Scarecrow Competition is, **“The Paris Olympics”** with scarecrows either of a sporting or Parisian design. **Below is the Bradley Wiggins scarecrow from the 2012 Olympics!**



Entry forms will be available from local shops in late May and scarecrows to be on display in July. The trail and judging will take place during the school summer holidays, voting slips counted at the Hordle Summer Fair on 31st August.

More information will be displayed around the village - so, in the meantime, get your thinking caps on and keep your eyes open 🙄!

Yerville is in Normandy, 40 minutes drive from Dieppe. Hordle has been twinned with Yerville since 1988, with groups from the two villages visiting each other for a long weekend on alternate years. May 2024 is Hordle's turn to visit Yerville with each single, couple or family carefully matched to a French host. It's great fun experiencing a glimpse of each other's lives and cultures, food (and wine!) language, and over the years long-lasting friendships have been formed and continue to flourish between our respective "twins".

If you are interested in finding out more about twinning and Hordle & District Twinning, please contact Bob on 07436000614.