



Ripley Community Wool Bomb 2023

1st September – 15th October



Participant information



Thank you for your interest in Wool Bombing Ripley. We are thrilled that you would like to be part of this project in Ripley. We are really excited about this as it is bringing the community together to do something fun and creative! We want the 2023 community wool bombing to be the biggest and best yet!

What to do

Please feel free to knit, crochet, pom-pom whatever you like - we haven't got a specific theme. However, as it's the King's Coronation this year, you may want to theme your designs to commemorate this celebration. Some people are making little animals, birds, hot air balloons etc. Maybe you could knit a person that could be climbing a tree or an outfit to dress the tree in? If you can look on 'Pinterest' www.pinterest.co.uk and search for 'tree wool bomb', there are lots of ideas on there.

Location of the wool bombs in Ripley

There are 20 trees on Ripley Market Place and many more in Crossley Park in Ripley too. We would encourage you to place your creations on the trees on Ripley Market Place as it would be great for them to attract people to the town centre.

Date of the Wool Bombing exhibits

Sunday 3rd September 2023 – Sunday 15th October 2023

Installation – Friday 1st September and Saturday 2nd September 2023

Take down – no later than Sunday 15th October 2023

Installation of the wool bombs

Trees cannot be reserved. Please find an empty tree when you install your creation. Do not use the trees inside the play area on Crossley Park.

You will be able to install your wool bomb on Friday 1st September and Saturday 2nd September 2023. This can be from 9am if you are installing on a tree on Crossley Park and from 4pm if you are installing on a tree on Ripley Market Place due to Ripley Market being in situ before that time.

We will 'launch' them on social media on Sunday 3rd September 2023.

You will have to install your wool bomb yourself – Ripley Town Council representatives cannot assist. Please ensure you are able to do this before you commit to having a tree.

DO NOT use a stool / ladder or cherry picker to install your creations. Please only install your them as high as you are comfortably and safely able to reach without straining.

DO NOT use wire, glue, staples, drawing pins or anything else which may harm the tree.

DO use wool or twine to secure your wool bombs onto the tree.

DO NOT install your wool bomb from the very bottom the tree. Please bear in mind that some dogs use trees as a toilet and we don't want this to spoil your wool, so please start your installation from a couple of feet up the tree.

DO NOT have items hanging too low down so that people will walk into them or may injure themselves on it.

DO produce a laminated sign and attach to your tree to say who has made the wool bombs on that specific tree and what they are/ the story behind your theme. If you are a group or business, you can display information about your service and design this yourself.

We will monitor the state of the wool during its duration in the trees. If it becomes dirty or damaged, it may be removed and saved for you to collect from the Ripley Town Council office on Grosvenor Road, Ripley.

Health and Safety whilst installing and taking down your creations

You are installing and taking your wool bombs down at your own risk. Please ensure that you have plenty of room and the immediate area around the tree is cleared of any hazards, for example, broken branches. Please be mindful that other people will be installing / taking down their wool bombs on trees close to yours. If social distancing is still in place, please ensure you adhere to the advice.

Please only install your wool bombs to a height that you can reach without straining.

Hay fever sufferers, please bear in mind that there may be a high pollen count around the trees.

When installing / uninstalling on Ripley Market Place, please be aware of your surroundings and your safety and the safety of others. You may be installing / uninstalling near a pavement, road or in the car park.

Please take extra care if you have young people assisting you whether you are installing on the Market Place or in Crossley Park.

Taking down your wool bomb

Please take down your creations no later than Sunday 15th October 2023.

The wool bombs will be in situ for six weeks. You will need to take your creations down by 8pm that evening please. Please ensure the area around the tree you used, is wool free. There are bins around both Crossley Park and Ripley Market Place for you to dispose of any litter.

Recycling your wool bombs

Please wash and keep your knitted items as they could be used for other future community projects. If you make scarves, please wash them and consider donating them afterwards to homeless shelters. You could even sew several scarves together to make blankets to donate.

Individuals who would like to take part

If you are not part of a group, we will have specific 'Community Trees' on Ripley Market Place and Crossley Park which individuals can collectively put their creations on. They will be identified by the sign on them and will be the only trees that will be reserved. You will have to put your creations on these trees yourselves. Ripley Town Council is unable to assist with this. Please ensure you can do this before you commit to taking part.

Please do not remove or move creations that other people have placed on the tree.

Dedicated Facebook Group

We have set up a dedicated Wool Bombing group on Facebook where participants can exchange information, let us know how they are getting on and give us sneaky peeks of their creations. If you are on Facebook, please join the group: https://www.facebook.com/groups/672474139836151/?ref=group_browse_new

Thank you!

Without all of you wonderful, talented people, we wouldn't be able to make this project the success we are sure that it is going to be. We have been totally overwhelmed by the interest and enthusiasm from our local community over the past few years. Your work really does brighten up Ripley and they bring joy to the people who look at them.

We hope that people from not just in the Ripley Township will come and have a look at your hard work, but that it will bring people from further afield into our great town and spend in our shops, cafes and pubs.

Please tell your friends, family and colleagues about this community project. We hope that you may have learned a new skill or taught someone else how to knit, crochet or pom-pom. We sincerely hope that you enjoy taking part.

If any of you would like to continue crafting, there are groups locally that you can join. Or, if you would like to set up your own group, please let us know and we can point you in the direction of people that can give you advice on how you can make this happen.

Very best wishes,

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