Blackford does Halloween

Even though the current restriction of "you must not socialise with anyone from outside your household or extended household, inside a private home," makes traditional guising round the village impossible, we can mark Halloween with a great and safe weekend.

House Decorating

We'd like to see your deadly decorating skills to show that

Blackford Scares

So, carve the pumpkin, decorate your windows, doors, gardens, houses with a scary theme. Post photos of your efforts with your name and address to the 'Blackford Does Halloween' Facebook page or put your name and address on the clipboard in the Blackford Scares box at the shop.

Scarecrows 2

Following on from the success in the summer, we're rerunning the scarecrow competition. But this time it's a

Scary Scarecrows only

There will be straw to collect again from the church grounds thanks to William McLaren at Netherton Farm. Perhaps your scarecrow is attached to your house or looking out a window; perhaps it's you in costume.
Entries as for "House decorating"

Scavenger Hunt

If you dare, come and join in the Blackford Halloween Scavenger Hunt, Treasure Hunt and Quiz!

Test your spooky skills in this fun themed competition which will combine activities and fact-finding. You can do it as a team in your own home discovering Halloween objects out and about in the village. Go have some creepy creative fun! Copies are in the Blackford Scares box at the shop.

Halloween Quiz

This weekend we have Sarah Thomas back in the chair hosting a special Friday Night Lockdown Quiz.
It's at 7pm on the **Blackford Cares** Facebook page so you'll see and hear Sarah but we only see you when you post a photo* in the comments. Compete as a household team with a scary name or turn up on your own ...if you're brave enough.

(*Fancy dress of course.)

Blackford Cares: for Blackford residents to support each other during COVID-19

Blackford Cares invites you for coffee* and chat in the church on Saturday 31st October 10:30am to 12:00noon
(*other drinks and biscuits are available)

Working under hospitality rules, we'll record details for Test and Protect and expect face coverings until seated at a table of up to six people from up to two households. It's a legitimate opportunity to escape the house and our grant from PKC's Local Area Partnership Fund will pick up the tab. We have also recently had a grant from the Blackford Community Fund. Thanks to both.

From the Blackford Events Group Unfortunately, the Fireworks, Santa Sleigh and the Light Switch On will not be going ahead this year due to the situation, there just doesn't seem to be a safe way to continue as things are. Festive Lights will still be going up but there will not be the usual event to mark this. We'll just have to make next year's even better!!

An organised **Remembrance Sunday** gathering at the War Memorial would have limited access points, details taken for Test and Protect and strict stewarding of 2m physical distancing. No such gathering will be held and we are advising visits to the War Memorial in your own time during the period of Remembrance to pause and lay wreaths or poppies.

The Last Post will be played from the church bell tower just before 11am on Sunday 8th and Wednesday 11th. The Church service at 10:00am on the 8th will mark Remembrance with a 2 minute Silence. Poppies are available from the Blackford Stores.

Santa's Crafty Fun Run/Walk will be over the weekend of 5/6 December. Similar to the Blackford 500 in June, there will be stalls along the route selling the wares of our amazing village crafters and artists (£5 donation from stallholders.) More info to follow. Organisers are also setting up a Blackford shop where our crafters and artists can sell their pieces - no need to go to the shops or to use Amazon.

BLACKFORD Items for Sale/Wanted

Blackford Items for Sale/Wanted: This new village Facebook Group is to buy or sell other items particularly second hand.

Blackford Cares funds are held by Blackford Parish Church
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