



Frankenstein Pumpkins

Pumpkins are popular decorations during Halloween.

A carved pumpkin illuminated by candles is known as a 'jack-o-lantern'. The tradition is believed to have come from Ireland, where they used to carve faces into turnips, beet and other root vegetables as part of the Gaelic festival of Samhain.

Did you know:

An East of England Agricultural Society board member; Mr Ben Harris, who works for Lincolnshire Field Products grew a crop of pumpkins which were shaped like the head of Frankenstein's monster .

Ben Harris grew the ghoulish gourds inside a mould.



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Lincolnshire Field Products, based in Spalding grew 250 of the freakily shaped pumpkins in 2018. This was the first time that they have experimented with the fruit

Ben Harris said that it took a lot of time and effort: "We've got some special moulds that we placed around the young fruit in the early stages of growth. We watched it and then looked after it whilst it grew into the mould, which took around five weeks for it to grow fully. When it reached the right size we then cut the mould off and that's when it got exciting as it had either worked or become a mound of mush.

