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These willow sculptures were made by Rutland Willows, a small business located in the small market town of Oakham about 40 miles from Olney. The ladies have been given a permanent home near the starting line on the Pancake Day Race on the Market Place in downtown Olney. Using willow for basket making, fencing, etc. has long been a rural craft in the United Kingdom. The use of the natural resources of reed from the local rivers is also used locally for thatching on the roof of buildings.

By TONY LAMMING • Olney Pancake Day Committee The figures of ladies racing in the Pancake Day Race were commissioned by the Olney Town Council from Rutland Willows and have been sited on the Market Place adjacent to the starting line for the Pancake Race.

They are permanent features and are the latest in a number of willow sculptures to be installed in the town.

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The company was established in 2000 by John Shone and he started making simple plant supports and hurdles (willow panels) for fencing as well as some animals as garden ornaments. He also was asked to run courses on how to make these animals as well as giving talks on the willow industry.

Olney willow sculptures honor racers

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The sculpture is a tribute to the local racing community and is made from willow branches. It is a unique and artistic representation of a horse, created by a local artist. The sculpture is displayed in a field, and it is a popular attraction for visitors to the area. The artist has spent a significant amount of time and effort on this project, and it is a testament to their skill and creativity. The sculpture is a beautiful and inspiring work of art, and it is a great example of what can be achieved with natural materials. It is a true masterpiece, and it is a shame that it is not more widely known. The artist should be proud of their work, and they should be encouraged to create more sculptures in the future. The sculpture is a wonderful addition to the local art scene, and it is a great way to honor the racing community. It is a beautiful and inspiring work of art, and it is a true masterpiece. The artist should be proud of their work, and they should be encouraged to create more sculptures in the future. The sculpture is a wonderful addition to the local art scene, and it is a great way to honor the racing community.

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