



# ILMINSTER CARNIVAL GRAND PROCESSION



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## Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> October 2023

### GENERAL

Assembly details will be notified to you at a later date.

All Judging will take place en route (Judges may view entries prior to the start of the procession).

The anticipated start of procession is **7.15pm**.

Procession Start: **Bay Hill**. Procession Finish: **Station Road Roundabout (by Brakes Garage)**.

The Assembly Point is between **Boxstone Cross & Bay Hill**.

The Carnival Procession Route is between **Bay Hill and the Station Road Roundabout**.

### Dispersal Area:

**Mounted Entries in Classes 1-5 & 11 will continue down Station Road to Hort Bridge**

**All Walking Entries will turn left towards the Stonemasons Pub and disperse along Canal Way.**

All floats or motorised entries must be in the Assembly area by 5.30pm with ALL PERSONNEL READY TO MOVE at 7.00pm

All Walking or Non-Motorised entries must be assembled by 7.00pm.

The presentation of Trophies etc. will take place in the Market Square (from 10.15pm).

A deduction of points or disqualification may result from a breach of any rule.

### Guidelines

1. Safety is paramount and it is the responsibility of clubs to ensure the safety and welfare of their members and helpers and members of the public at all times.
2. The Ilminster Carnival Committee Ltd will accept no responsibility for any Loss, Damage or Injury, however caused to, or by any person, article or vehicle. All entrants and participants are advised to insure against **ALL RISKS**.
3. All Floats or Motorised Entries will carry an in date certified approved Fire Extinguisher & a Bag of Sand. **ALL FUEL** is to be carried in **APPROVED CONTAINERS**. In the event of an emergency ALL vehicles/participants will move to their **LEFT** (if instructed).
4. No person is allowed to take part in carnival activity whilst under the adverse influence of any medication, drug or alcohol.
5. Connecting Lines will be of sufficient length such that disconnection around corners is unnecessary.
6. **ALL ENTRIES WILL CONFORM TO:** The conditions laid down in 'The Carnival Handbook 2017' - <https://www.avonandsomerset.police.uk/advice/vehicles-and-roads/vehicle-special-order-for-carnivals/> or [Trailer Letter \(where VSO does not apply\)](#)
7. All floats & procession vehicles will have a driver in attendance at all times.
8. Ilminster Carnival Committee reserves the right to disallow any entry, which in their opinion is of a vulgar or objectionable nature.
9. The Judge's decision is final. No correspondence will be entered into.
10. Organisations are not allowed to collect for their own funds.
11. All trophies remain the property of the Carnival Committee, recipients are responsible for any loss or damage. Any trophy will be returned to the Carnival Committee upon request or by September 1<sup>st</sup> of the following year.
12. If the procession stops for 3 minutes or longer, an entry's cast may relax their pose or dance routine but may not get off any float.
13. All entries must complete the whole route to be eligible for a prize (unless altered by the committee). The route will not be deemed complete until the entry has passed the finish line. The responsibility of completing the route lies with each entry.
14. All entries will comply with the instructions of the marshals.
15. Entrants under 18 **MUST** have adult supervision at all times.

16. **ALL** entries comprising a towing vehicle and one or more trailers must have a permanent but flexible barrier and **DO NOT CROSS** signs of rigid construction (not paper), on the outside edge between the towing vehicle and each trailer.
17. In the event of a breakdown or generator failure the following will apply:
- Assembly area. The club will be given time to fix the problem and permitted to go out of order if fixed. If the problem cannot be fixed the float will be required to travel the route in the procession as directed by the Chief Assembly Marshal. The cast to be fixed in position and permitted to perform. Road and Emergency lighting to be used with Road Crew in attendance.
  - On route. If the lights fail, they will be given a short time to fix the problem. If the problem cannot be fixed the float will carry on in the procession. The cast to be fixed in position and permitted to perform. Road and Emergency lighting to be used with Road Crew in attendance.
18. **DIMENSIONS WILL NOT EXCEED** TOTAL LENGTH - 30.50 METRES  
TOTAL WIDTH - 3.5 METRES  
TOTAL HEIGHT - 5.00 METRES
19. Entries on: ROLLER SKATES, ROLLER BLADES, SKATE BOARDS or HOVERBOARDS are not accepted.
20. No objects or liquids will be thrown.
21. Entries must TAKE PART in a minimum of two of the four South Somerset Federation Carnivals to qualify for Federation points and trophies.
22. A condition of entry for each carnival you have entered is that you are required to complete a **tick box form**. This form is now part of the South Somerset Federation of Carnivals Entry Form and must be completed before submitting your entry.

**Any Queries to: Mrs K Toms (Chairperson) 01460 53508 mob: 07979991980**

## **ILMINSTER CARNIVAL GRAND PROCESSION PRIZES & CLASS RULES**

***These rules are recognised and will be enforced by the federation. A party of federation representatives from all towns may inspect for compliance with these rules at any of the South Somerset Federation Carnivals.***

**Class 1 - Feature** (Movement, music and / or dance by cast or construction of float.) 1<sup>st</sup> £100 & The G.D.Pearce & K.C.White Cup, 2<sup>nd</sup> £70, 3<sup>rd</sup> £50

**Class 2 - Tableau** (No movement by cast or construction of float.) 1<sup>st</sup> £100 & The Richard Townsend Cup, 2<sup>nd</sup> £70, 3<sup>rd</sup> £50.

**Class 3 - Comic** (Subject matter, music and / or construction of float causing amusement) 1<sup>st</sup> £100 & The E.F.Britten Cup, 2<sup>nd</sup> £70, 3<sup>rd</sup> £50.

**Class 4 - Youth** (The whole cast on float to be under 18 years on the day of the first carnival of the South Somerset circuit.) 1<sup>st</sup> £100 & The Barclays Bank Cup, 2<sup>nd</sup> £70, 3<sup>rd</sup> £50.

**Class 5 - Open** Some or all of cast on float (float not to exceed 15m), entries to have lights and music.) 1<sup>st</sup> £50 & The Crouch & Son Cup, 2<sup>nd</sup> £40, 3<sup>rd</sup> £30.

### **Classes 6 – 9**

***Costumes may have supporting castor wheels. No stand alone, separate prop permitted.***

***Costume - a complete style of dressing, including all the clothes, accessories, etc, worn at one time, as in a particular country or period. Separate - Things forming units by themselves.***

**Class 6 Adult Single Walking** (One person walking in procession, no separate wheeled prop. Support vehicle must not exceed 10 metres, lights and music may accompany entry but will not be judged.) 1<sup>st</sup> £30 & The Townsend Cup, 2<sup>nd</sup> £20, 3<sup>rd</sup> £15.

**Class 7 - Juvenile Single Walking** (One person walking in procession, no separate wheeled prop. Support vehicle must not exceed 10 metres, lights and music may accompany entry but will not be judged. Person under 18 years on the day of the first carnival of the South Somerset circuit) 1<sup>st</sup> £30 & The Sylvie England Memorial Trophy, 2<sup>nd</sup> £20, 3<sup>rd</sup> £15.

**Class 8 - Pair Walking** (Two persons walking in procession, no separate wheeled prop. Support vehicle must not exceed 10 metres, lights and music may accompany entry but will not be judged.) 1<sup>st</sup> £40 & The Ilminster Cash & Carry Warehouse Cup, 2<sup>nd</sup> £30, 3<sup>rd</sup> £20.

**Class 9 - Group (3 or more walking)** (Three or more persons walking in procession, no separate wheeled prop. Support vehicle must not exceed 10 metres, lights and music may accompany entry but will not be judged.) 1<sup>st</sup> £50 & The Mynster Motors Cup, 2<sup>nd</sup> £40, 3<sup>rd</sup> £30.

**Class 10 - Walking Open** (Motorised part of entry must not exceed 15 metres. Separate wheeled props are permitted, entire entry to be judged.) 1<sup>st</sup> £50 & The Friends of Vaughan Lee Cup, 2<sup>nd</sup> £40, 3<sup>rd</sup> £30.

**Class 11 - Trade** (ENTRY FEE - £30. We will be in contact once we have received your entry form with payment details) 1<sup>st</sup> The Jack Gosling Cup.

**Class 12 - Majorettes Class** (by invitation only) 1<sup>st</sup> The Royal Oak Trophy, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>

**Class 13 - Non-Federation Children's Entry** (U18yrs) 1<sup>st</sup> The Sainsbury Cup

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**Challenge Cup** (The Charlie Hurlstone Cup) will be awarded (at federation dance) from those judged from first prize winners in Classes 1 - 5.

**Overall Walkers Cup** (Festive Lizards Cup) will be awarded from those judged from 1<sup>st</sup> Prize Winners in Classes 6-10

**Best Local Float** 1<sup>st</sup> £40 & (The Archer Cup), 2<sup>nd</sup> £25, 3<sup>rd</sup> £15 will be awarded from those judged in Classes 1-5. Entry is automatic but restricted to within a 4-mile radius of Ilminster Market Square.

**Best Local Walking** 1<sup>st</sup> £25 & (The Marion Loveless Cup), 2<sup>nd</sup> £15, 3<sup>rd</sup> £10 will be awarded from those judged in Classes 6-10. Entry is automatic but restricted to within a 4-mile radius of Ilminster Market Square.

**Best Costume on Float** (The John Hawkins Cup).

**Best Costume on Foot** (The Bee & Squire Akhurst Cup).

**Best Music on Local Float** (The George Widgery Memorial Cup)

**Best Music in Procession** (Ray Blackmore Cup)

**Best Routine in Procession** (The Paula White Trophy).

**Best Make-up in Procession** (The Harlequin C.C. Plate)

**Best Tableau Pose** (The Prima Moda Brides Cup)

**Best Build Up** (The Hooper Cup)

**Best Dressed Driver** (The Norman Bellew Trophy)

**Sprit of Carnival** (The Starlight C.C. Shield)

**Decorated Window Competition** 1<sup>st</sup> (Powermatic Cup), 2<sup>nd</sup> .

**Mayors Choice**

**Most Colourful Entry** (Steve Plato Cup)

**Most Outstanding Individual Performance on a Feature Entry** (The Shane Hooper Cup)