Whitstable Carnival Association.

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Whitstable Carnival 2025

Conditions of Entry.

Whilst we hope you all enjoy participating in Whitstable Carnival, certain common sense rules must be strictly adhered to for legal reasons, the smooth running of the procession and the safety and comfort of everyone involved.

Please take the time to read and consider the Conditions of Entry listed below, before taking part in the carnival.

***Whitstable Carnival Association*** can not be held liable for any damage, injury or loss arising from any group or individual’s failure to adhere to these conditions, which constitute part of your entry into this community event.

**PROCESSION ASSEMBLY.**

No floats to arrive at the assembly point (or leave the dispersal point) with persons on back of vehicle.

All vehicles must be roadworthy and legal (i.e. Taxed. MOT’d) and suitably insured for such events as this*.*  Whitstable Carnival Association will advise. Please ensure you have copies of all relevant documentation with you.

If generators are used, an appropriate fire extinguisher **must** be carried.

An appropriate number of adults must supervise if children are involved in the entry.

Please ensure you follow correct assembly instructions.

Please be aware when assembling your float, of any traffic hazards.

**PROCESSION.**

No items to be thrown from floats (e.g. water, powder or any substances or objects).

Adequate spacing should be left between entries.

Walkers must walk to the side of floats – **never** in front or behind floats. **Please do not hang onto a moving vehicle.**

Drivers must keep control of their vehicles at all times.

The procession will be kept moving at all times, unless advised by the Police or an official Carnival Marshal.

No counter-marching from any band or majorette troupe is allowed.

No jumping on or off floats while the procession is moving. Speed limit is to be kept to a walking pace. Please provide protection over the wheels, if children are to be seated with their legs hanging over the side.

No person to travel or walk on draw bars of any tow vehicle.

Please be aware when interacting with the crowd not to frighten the children. Some disabilities (such as autism) are not always visible.

**DISPERSAL.**

Floats to stop at organised money collection points. **All monies collected are the property of *Whitstable Carnival Association***and must be handed over to the Carnival Officials before dispersal.

Marshals will direct all entries to the dispersal area. All persons must then alight and under no circumstances will they be permitted to travel on the floats after dispersal. **This is on Police instructions.**

At this stage, normal traffic/highway rules will apply.

Please ensure that adequate transport is at the dispersal area for your journey home.

**GENERAL.**

**If you have a suitably qualified First Aid trained person with your entry, could you kindly inform the office when you first arrive, ask for a ‘Green Cross Card’ and then display this in a prominent position in the cab of your vehicle. For non-powered entries, would you please ensure that the card is displayed in another prominent position on your entry.** This card enables the marshals, officials and police quickly to identify you in the unlikely event of an incident requiring First Aid assistance.

Any person maliciously throwing any item (coins, water, missiles, etc) should be reported to an official or Police Officer, immediately. This year, we will attempt to dissuade people from throwing any coins whatsoever, but as it has been a recognised practise for a few years, ***Whitstable Carnival Association*** can not guarantee that there may not still be some coin throwing this year.

All Marshals and Officials will wear green/yellow high-viz. vests, for clear recognition.

**NO ALCOHOL OR DRUGS IS PERMITTED ON ANY FLOAT EITHER BEFORE, DURING OR AFTER THE CARNIVAL PROCESSION. ANY PARTICIPANT IN THE PROCESSION, WHO IS DEEMED TO BE INTOXICATED FROM DRUGS OR ALCOHOL, WILL NOT BE PERMITTED TO TAKE PART. THE POLICE AND OUR MARSHALS HAVE THE POWER TO, AND WILL ENFORCE THIS RULE, BY DEMANDING THE IMMEDIATE WITHDRAWAL FROM THE PROCESSION AT ANY POINT, IF THIS RULE IS NOT STRICTLY ADHERED TO.**

Cups and trophies are the property of, and must be returned to, ***Whitstable Carnival Association***. Any loss or damage shall be the responsibility of the individual signing for it.

The ***Whitstable Carnival Association*** reserves the right to cancel or postpone the Carnival Procession and will not be held liable for any loss or damage that may arise therefrom. The ***Whitstable Carnival Association*** may, at their discretion, withdraw any entry.

The safety of your float/entry is entirely your responsibility. Ensuring the safety of all persons within your entry, all other participants and all bystanders, must be your paramount concern when designing, constructing and processing with your float/entry. Please ensure you take all reasonable steps possible to eliminate risk and help ensure a safe, secure and enjoyable carnival for everyone.

**Many thanks everyone. Let’s make Whitstable Carnival 2024 a carnival to remember…for all the right reasons!**