



CASTLE CARY AND ANSFORD CARNIVAL 2025

Date – Saturday 11th October

Procession Start – 7pm from Ansford Academy, Maggs Lane, BA7 7JJ

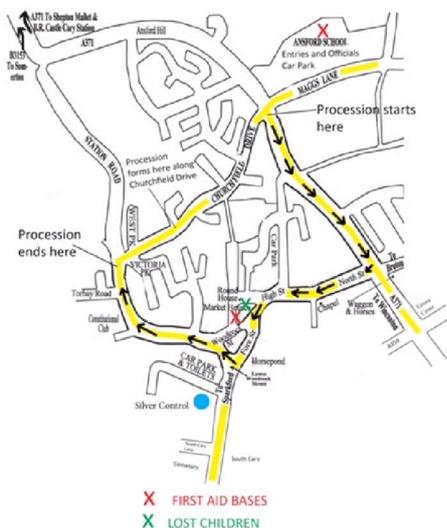
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GUIDANCE NOTES FOR ENTRANTS – REGULATIONS AND INFORMATION Please read these very carefully and retain for future reference.

ENTRIES

1. Each entry can only enter one class.
2. Entrants must enter a class to which their entry is applicable. The Carnival Committee reserve the right to transfer entries which, in their opinion, have an unfair advantage due to incorrect classification.
3. The Carnival Committee reserve the right to refuse any entry which is considered to be of an objectionable nature.
4. To qualify as a local entry, Masqueraders must reside within 5 miles of Castle Cary Market House. A local cart entry must have its place of registration within 5 miles of Castle Cary Market House.
5. Your Entry Number can be collected from the Castle Cary and Ansford Carnival gazebo, located by the entrance to Maggs Lane, on the day of the carnival. Your entry number does not indicate your position in the procession.
6. Overnight parking for carts before or after the carnival may be secured by request.
7. Entries will continue to be received and included in the procession up to 12 noon on Friday 10th October 2025. Entries on the morning of the 11th October, carnival day, should be made direct to the Entry Secretary, Paul Burch, 07973 932 207
8. Entries are fed into the procession from three directions:
 1. Carts, vehicle entries **and wheeled props** from the line-up in Churchfield Drive.
 2. Carnival Royals, Majorettes with their attendant vehicles, Bands and Collection Vehicles from the line-up in Maggs Lane up to the school and Community Hall.
 3. Masqueraders from the Shepton Mallet direction of the A371. Gather around the Castle Cary and Ansford Carnival gazebo, located by the entrance to Maggs Lane, then move into place once the road closures come into force at 6:30pm

PROCESSION ROUTE AND REGULATIONS



The requests made by the Chief Marshal and his Marshalls must be complied with at all times. In the case of an emergency all participants should move to the left.

1. CARS, WHEELED VEHICLES AND WHEELED PROPS will be guided by Marshalls on duty from 4.00 PM to the Check-in Point near the bottom of Victoria Park. It is essential that you approach Churchfield Drive from Station Road. Carts and vehicles will be expected to comply with the appropriate regulations regarding dimensions and general roadworthiness. Please try to arrive no later than 6:00 PM
2. Please do not park in such a way to impede access to and from resident's properties. In addition, please exercise consideration when testing sound equipment in the hours leading up to the procession as playing the same

music over and over again for prolonged periods of time can be very irritating to nearby householders.

3. Cart/vehicle entrants will be expected to have valid insurance certificates available for inspection.
4. Masqueraders should assemble at Castle Cary and Ansford Carnival gazebo, located by the entrance to Maggs Lane by 6:30 PM – when road closures come into force.
5. Please make the Entries Secretary aware of any special requirements regarding the placement in the procession BEFORE carnival day.
6. Entry numbers MUST BE DISPLAYED in a prominent position at all times.
7. Owners of horses or other animals must be satisfied that they can be kept under control and will not be frightened by the noise from carts, bands, emergency vehicles etc.
8. The throwing or squirting of water or other liquids at floats or spectators along the procession route is strictly forbidden.
9. No alcohol is to be consumed on carts or by road crews during the procession.
10. The procession will move off at 7:00 PM.
11. ALL PERSONS ENTER THE PROCESSION AT THEIR OWN RISK.

JUDGING

1. Judging will be done on route between specified points. NO JUDGING will take place coming down Cary Hill between the Waggon & Horses and the Methodist Chapel.
2. Any entry not completing the course will be disqualified. The finishing point (signed) is at the bus stop between Torbay Road and Victoria Park.
3. The decision of the judges is final and binding and should be accepted in the true spirit of the Carnival tradition in Somerset. We invite judges from different and wide-ranging Carnival Committees in-order to obtain as fair results as possible.

RESULTS AND PRESENTATION OF CUPS

1. Results will be announced as soon as they are available. In the interests of accuracy, participants are asked to allow the process to be carried out without repeated requests for updates.
2. Results will be read out on the steps of the Market House, Castle Cary and posted on the Society's webpage www.ccacs.org.uk and Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/CaryCarnivalSociety/>
3. Cups will be awarded at a Presentation Evening on Friday 5th December 2025, at the **Rugby Club, Castle Cary, BA7 7PF. What 3 Words ///paler.merely.intrigues** Doors open at 7:00pm with the presentation beginning at 7:30pm

SEX OFFENDERS REGISTER

To safeguard both the public at large and those on the Sex Offenders Register, anyone listed on the Sex Offenders Register is prohibited from participating/ associating with the carnival procession and carnival committee activities by any means; this includes fundraising, collecting, marshalling, road traffic marshals, toy sellers and any other role involved in the procession and line up/breakdown of the carnival.

If you need further information, please contact Paul Burch, Entries Secretary on 07973 932 207.

HAVE A GREAT EVENING!