



SHAFTESBURY CARNIVAL 2025

SATURDAY 27th SEPTEMBER

Grand Illuminated Evening Procession

DETAILS

Results & trophies will be given out at the Youth Club at approximately 10.00pm

All Entries below will be judged on-route in the procession

The procession will form up in Longmead Industrial Estate via Hine Motors entrance and will start at 7.15 p.m. prompt.

Class	Description	Trophy	Prize money
1	Tableau Float (Open)	Ted Crocker Challenge Cup	£250 attendance allowance
2	Feature Float (Open)	Burton Challenge Cup	£250 attendance allowance
3	Comic Float (Open)	Joan Spence Memorial Cup	£250 attendance allowance
4	Juvenile Float (Comic/Feature/Tableau) (Open)	Clews Challenge Cup	£250 attendance allowance
5	Non VSO Float - Adult (Open)	Shaftesbury Tyre & Batteries Cup	£130 attendance allowance
6	Non VSO Float - Juvenile (Open)	Humphries Patrons Cup	£130 attendance allowance
7	Group of Masqueraders with motorised props (Open)	Mayors Cup	£50 attendance allowance
8	Decorated Trolley / Trailer (Open)	The Franks Family Trophy	£35 attendance allowance
9	Group of Masqueraders (Open)	Conelight Cup	£35 attendance allowance
10	Pairs (Open)	Box of Allsorts Cup	£35 attendance allowance
11	Pairs Juvenile (Open)	Deegees Cup	£35 attendance allowance
12	Adult Single Masquerader (Open)	Derek Brooks Cup	£35 attendance allowance
13	Juvenile Masquerader 16 or under (Open)	Kathy Webber Cup	£35 attendance allowance
14	Majorettes (Open)	The Majorette Trophy	£25 attendance allowance
Local Classes			
15	Trailer pulled by small vehicle (Local)	Centenary Challenge Cup	£30 attendance allowance
16	Decorated Trolley / Trailer (Local)	Peter E Rose Challenge Cup	£20 attendance allowance
17	Walkers 1-2 People 16 or under (Local)	Teresa Rolls Memorial Cup	£20 attendance allowance
18	Walkers 1-2 People Adult (Local)	Reg Humphries Challenge Cup	£20 attendance allowance
19	Group of Walkers 3 or more (Local)	Jim Clarke Challenge Cup	£20 attendance allowance
20	Vintage or Classic Vehicle	Vintage Vehicle Shield	Certificate only
21	Unclassified, Any entry not covered above	Phil Pitman Memorial Cup	£20 attendance allowance
22	Trade	Farmer Giles Farmstead Shield	£25 Entry fee to be paid prior

OTHER AWARDS & TROPHIES

Best Local Entry	The Best Local Entry Cup
Best Open Entry (Outside Local Area)	Abbey Shop Challenge Cup
Best Personality in Procession	Best Personality Cup
Best Youth Personality in Procession (Subject to change)	Youth Club Shield
Spectators Choice	Mr Punches Cup
The Most Original Interpretation of a Theme	This is Alfred "The Carnival Show" Award
Most Humorous Entry in Procession	Barber Challenge Cup
Most Colourful Entry in Procession	Swanton Challenge Cup
Happiest Float in Procession	Mr Punch Cup
Best Make Up	The Mike Shoemark Family Cup
Best Overall Costume	Ray Humphries Carnival Spirit Cup
Best Dressed Driver	A1 Road Craft Centre Cup

Please visit our Facebook page & website for our online entry form (<https://forms.gle/ziuWdsNmikEKjk5z7>)

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INFORMATION and CONDITIONS of ENTRY

IMPORTANT. It is essential all mounted entries entering any of the Wessex Carnivals are required by law to hold a valid and current Vehicle Special Order (VSO) licence issued by the Vehicle Certification Agency (VCA) and be taxed and insured for use on the public highway.

1. Age restrictions - If entering classes 4, 6, 11, 13 or 17 should be under 17 years on the carnival day. All ground crew must be 18 years of age or older.
2. No alcohol is to be carried on, with the entry or to be consumed by the entrants in the line-up, procession or breakdown areas.
3. All mounted entries must comply with the following maximum measurements whilst in procession: Height: 5 metres; Width: 3.35 metres; Length: 30.48 metres. Floats failing to comply with the permitted measurements will be directed away from the procession assembly by a marshal.
4. Non-VSO floats Classes 5 & 6) – A single decorated unit not more than 2.55 metres wide and not charging membership or other fees. This would comply with VSO Exemption Rules (Subject to change by VSO). They would still need to comply with all the construction and use regulations that apply to all road going vehicle and trailers.
5. All mounted/mechanised entries must have an accessible towing eye & pin at the front of the towing vehicle, to enable a second vehicle to be attached if necessary.
6. Mounted entries failing to comply with instructions to rectify faults with their entry may be disqualified.
7. Competitive entries only will be accepted in classes 1 – 21. Entries can only enter one class.
8. Trade entries will only be accepted in Class 22 with entry fee paid before the carnival day.
9. The towing vehicle driver must be available to remove the entry from the assembly area as directed by a marshal or police officer.
10. Definition of Tableau. A motionless representation of some scene or event. No deliberate visible movements (or illusion of movement) are permitted.
11. Gaps are the bane of everyone and apart from upsetting the audience do absolutely nothing to enhance the processions. Judges & Marshals are asked to report any offenders so consideration can be taken if points should be deducted.
12. In classes 7, 9 – 13, 17 – 19 for judging purposes and for compliance all entries that are encased in a prop it will be considered as both a costume and a prop.
13. On submitting your entry you confirm that you have obtained all necessary licences and your entry will not infringe any copyright, racial or decency issues, you accept that any infringement of the aforementioned is the responsibility of the entrant and not the carnival you are entering and that the carnival committee will not accept any responsibility for any action taken for infringement by your entry.
14. The committee reserve the right to refuse entry, withhold appearance money, deduct points or disqualify an entry at any time.
15. Any entry which is considered to be of a vulgar or objectionable nature and likely to cause controversy will be refused.
16. If the procession halts for more than two minutes entries shall be permitted to relax until the procession restarts.
17. We reserve the right to refuse entry to any entry which constitutes a Health & Safety risk, any special effects should be cleared by the relevant committee and be accompanied by a Risk Assessment.
18. All entries take part in the procession at their own risk and responsibility. Each entry needs to ensure they have adequate insurance cover in place to protect their personnel as well as the general public should a claim arise. All vehicles should be insured for carnival use and for mounted entries a £5 million public liability cover is required. The committee accept no responsibility for an entry's non-compliance with this condition!
19. Any entries failing to abide by these Conditions of Entry or not following the instructions of the marshals will not be allowed into the procession.
20. All entries must complete the whole route to qualify for appearance monies unless cleared with the committee prior.



21. Competitors littering the Highway in any way will be automatically disqualified. They will also be charged for any cleaning which may arise. The throwing or spraying of liquids will result in Points Deduction or Disqualification. Nothing should be thrown from your entry.

22. No **live animals** or pushchairs will be permitted into the procession as any part of the entry or with Ground Crew, excluding Guide Dogs.

23. No counter marching or static displays are allowed.

24. The committee reserve the right to postpone or cancel the whole or part of the event which would only be done as a last resort or the situation is beyond their control.

25. The committee are not responsible if you enter in the wrong class, when you enter online you should check your entry is correct after you press submit, details of what you have entered will then appear on the screen which you can print off as a receipt your entry has been received.

26. All judging will take place on the route between the start and finish signs. Classes 1 to 6 will be judged on the content of their entry between the front and the rear procession numbers. It is your responsibility to ensure that your numbers are positioned to show what you want to be judged. This does not affect judging for the Best Dressed Towing Vehicle Driver.

27. If after submitting an entry you find you have to withdraw you should advise the procession director without delay.

28. Once an entry is in motion personnel for their own safety must be prevented from entering the gaps in the train.

29. All results announced on the night at the Youth Club at approx. 10pm.

30. To qualify for appearance money standards of entry must meet the judging requirements. Wessex members will receive additional appearance money Classes 1 – 4 £25, Classes 5-6 £20, Class 7 £10 Classes 8-13 £5

31. All cups & trophies awarded are the property of the committee and should be returned and engraved by the 31st July 2026. Any damage or loss to the aforementioned should be reported immediately. Trophies should be returned to 74 Linden Park, Shaftesbury or Wessex Carnival Meeting in July 2026.

32. Local entry classification will normally be within the SP7 postal area for entries base or at the discretion of the procession director.

33. Due to limited space in the assembly area, vehicles accompanying entries must be moved to the either Youth club car park or Public carpark by Hine Motors.

34. The closing date for all your entry will be Sunday 1st September to ensure its inclusive in the programme. Entries are accepted until Wednesday 24th.

35. **Safeguarding & Child Protection Policy**

- I understand it is good practice and the responsibility of the entrant to have a safeguarding & child protection policy in place if anybody connected with the entry is 18 years of age or younger.
- I agree that by submitting an entry form I am confirming that my/our entry will conform to the above statement.
- Failure to confirm your entry is covered by the above option will result in the entry not being accepted into Shaftesbury Carnival.

36. If further information is required please contact the Procession Director.