

TAUNTON CARNIVAL – Saturday 21st October 2023



ENTRY CLASSES, PRIZES and RULES

ADVISORY NOTE

Entries in Classes 1-5, 10,11 and 14 are strongly advised to provide road crew. The minimum recommended numbers are 2 for a single vehicle entry, 4 for a two part entry and 8 for a three part entry

SOUTH SOMERSET FEDERATION CLASSES

Class	Title	Description
1	FEATURE	Movement, music and/or dance by cast or construction of float Prizes - 1 st £100 and The Taunton Hospital Cup, 2 nd £70, 3 rd £50
2	TABLEAU	No movement by cast or construction of float Prizes - 1 st £100 and The Somerwest Rose Bowl, 2 nd £70, 3 rd £50
3	COMIC	Subject matter, music and/or construction of float causing amusement Prizes - 1 st £100 and The Edwards Cup, 2 nd £70, 3 rd £50
4	YOUTH, FEATURE OR TABLEAU	Whole cast on float to be under 18 years on the day of the first Carnival of the South Somerset circuit Prizes - 1 st £100 and The Taunton Cider Cup, 2 nd £70, 3 rd £50
5	OPEN	Float not to exceed 15metres, some or all cast on the float. Entries to have lighting and music. Prizes - 1 st £50 and The Vic Ellis Cup, 2 nd £40, 3 rd £30

Classes 6-9 - Costumes may have supporting castor wheels. No stand alone, separate prop permitted. Costume = a complete style of dressing, including all of the clothes, accessories etc worn at one time, as in a particular country or period. Separate = Things forming units by themselves.

6	ADULT SINGLE WALKING	One person walking in the Procession – no separate wheeled prop. Support vehicle must not exceed 10 metres, lights and music may accompany entry but will not be judged. Prizes - 1 st £30 and The Silver Street Motors Trophy, 2 nd £20, 3 rd £15
7	JUVENILE SINGLE WALKING	Person under 18 years on the day of the first Carnival of the South Somerset circuit. One person walking in the Procession – no separate wheeled prop. Support vehicle must not exceed 10 metres, lights and music may accompany entry but will not be judged. Prizes – 1 st £30 and The Broom Centre Cup, 2 nd £20, 3 rd £15
8	WALKING PAIR	Two persons walking in the Procession – no separate wheeled props. Support vehicle must not exceed 10 metres, lights and music may accompany entry but will not be judged. Prizes - 1 st £40 and The Carr & Quick Cup, 2 nd £30, 3 rd £20
9	WALKING, GROUP	Three or more persons walking in the Procession – no separate wheeled prop. Support vehicle must not exceed 10 metres, lights and music may accompany entry but will not be judged. Prizes - 1 st £50 and The Tesco Cup, 2 nd £40, 3 rd £30
10	WALKING OPEN	All cast to be walking. Motorised part of entry must not exceed 15 metres. Separate wheeled props are permitted. Entire entry to be judged. Prizes - 1 st £50 & The Mary Wyatt Memorial Cup, 2 nd £40, 3 rd £30

NON-FEDERATION CLASSES

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| 11 | TRADERS
DISPLAY | Entries MUST be decorated. Restricted to a total entry of 25 vehicles. Not more than two vehicles from one business. Entries must have a direct relationship to the business they represent. Prizes – 1 st The Van Heusen Cup, 2 nd and 3 rd Certificates |
| 12 | MAJORETTES | INVITATION CLASS ONLY
Limited to six troupes invited by the Carnival Committee
Prizes - 1 st £15 and the Taunton Carnival Cup, 2 nd £10, 3 rd £5 |
| 13 | YOUTH
WALKING | <i>To include Groups, Pairs and Singles</i>
All to be under 18 years on the day of the Carnival
Prizes - 1 st £15 and the Taunton Carnival Trophy, 2 nd £10, 3 rd £5 |
| 14 | SUPPORTERS | THIS CLASS WILL NOT BE JUDGED
Open to any voluntary organisation who wish to take part in the Carnival in a non-competitive role |

These rules, although individual town rules are recognised, will be enforced by the Federation. A party of Federation representatives from all towns may inspect for compliance with these rules at Wellington and at any other town during the Carnival season.

GENERAL INFORMATION	
Assembly details will be emailed approximately 10 days prior to the Procession. Please ensure these are read as soon as they are received and all Club members made aware. The assembly location will be on Castle Street and Tangier Way. All entries must approach via the Tesco junction in Wellington Road. Judging will take place on route, between the Start on the bridge in Tangier Way and the Finish at the bottom of East Reach. Procession numbers will be handed out on arrival.	
RULES	
1	Safety is paramount and it is the responsibility of the Clubs and Entrants to ensure the safety of their members and the public at all times.
2	Taunton & District Carnival Committee Ltd accepts no responsibility for 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. The documentation must be available for inspection if requested.
3	Entries in Classes 1 – 5 and 10-15 must carry an appropriate fire extinguisher and a supply of sand in case of diesel spillage. All fuel is to be carried in approved containers. In the event of an emergency all vehicles and participants will move, on instructions from Procession Marshals, to their left (in the direction of travel).
4	No alcohol will be consumed by any entrant or road crew in the Assembly Area or during the Procession.
5	All connecting lines will be of sufficient length such that disconnection around corners is not required
6	All entries will conform to the conditions of The Carnival Handbook or Trailer Letter (where VSO does not apply) agreed with the Avon & Somerset Constabulary and must have a valid Vehicle Special Order (VSO) if required to do so. The documentation must be available for inspection if requested. Entries falling within the VSO designation must have their VSO documentation available for entry at the Assembly Point.
7	All floats and procession vehicles will have a qualified driver in attendance at all times.
8	Taunton and District Carnival Committee Ltd reserves the right to refuse any entry which, in their opinion, may give offence. This right can be exercised at any time.
9	The Judges' decisions are final. No correspondence or discussion will be entered into.

10	Taunton and District Carnival Committee is licensed by Somerset Council to make a street collection. Charities, other organisations and participants are NOT ALLOWED to collect for their own funds.
11	All cups and trophies are the property of Taunton Carnival Committee and must be returned by Friday 6 October 2023 in good condition to Marilyn House (5 St Augustine Street, Taunton TA1 1QH tel 01823 289395). The cost of making good any damage will be charged to the last holders of the trophy
12	If the Procession is halted for three minutes or longer participants may relax their pose or dance routine but may not get off their float or leave their entry.
13	Entries must complete the whole Procession route (unless otherwise directed by the Committee/Silver Control) to be eligible for inclusion in the results
14	All entries will comply with instructions from Procession Marshals
15	Entrants under 18 years of age must have adult supervision with them at all times.
16	All entries comprising a towing vehicle and one or more trailers must have a permanent but flexible barrier between each unit and display Do Not Cross signs of rigid construction (not paper) between each unit, visible from nearside and offside
17	In the event of a breakdown or generator failure the following will apply 1) 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. 2) 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	The maximum permitted size for any wheeled entry before, during and after the Procession is 5m high (from ground level), 3.5m wide and 30.50m long.
19	For safety reasons entries on roller skates, roller blades or skateboards cannot be accepted.
20	No objects may be thrown or liquid squirted at spectators or persons taking part in the Procession.
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	Procession numbers must be displayed on the nearside of the windscreen of towing vehicles
23	Entries from organisations that are primarily for the purpose of. advertising a trade or business MUST be entered in Class 11 – Traders' Display
24	Entries from voluntary organisations, that are not competitive but are intended to support the Carnival Procession must be entered in Class 14 – Supporters.
25	Only entries received by Saturday 7 October can be guaranteed inclusion in any publicity material. Final closing date is Wed 18 October. Late entries may be accepted at the discretion of the Committee.

The following cups will be awarded to the Best Local Entry from the former (pre 1974) Taunton Borough and Rural District areas for the classes listed:

The Taunton Licensed Victuallers Jubilee Cup - Best Local Entry

The Bill Down Cup - Best Local Entry in Class 1, Feature

Taunton 1888 Cup - Best Local Entry in Class 2, Tableau

The Rockett Trophy - Best Local Entry in Class 3, Comic

The Taunton Times Cup - Best Local Entry in Classes 6a, 6b, 7, 8, 9 and 12

Entries will be judged for:

*The Alderman FC Spear Cup - Premier Award - Best Entry in Classes 1 - 5
The Bill Cole Statuette - Float with Best Costumes in the Procession
The Taunton Motoring Club Trophy - Best Lorry Build Up
*The Mervyn Grant Memorial Cup - Best entry in Classes 6a, 6b, 7, 8, 9 and 12
The Ken Gamblin Memorial Trophy – Best Costume on Foot

*The Alderman FC Spear and Mervyn Grant Memorial Cups will be presented at the South Somerset Federation Presentation Evening in October.

Entries in Classes 1 to 10 complying with rule 17 will automatically be entered in the South Somerset Federation of Carnival Committee's competition for the entries gaining most points in the equivalent class at Wellington, Ilminster, Chard, and Taunton Carnivals.

The results will be announced as soon as they are available after the Procession. The prize presentation will take place at the Tangier Scout & Guide Centre, Castle Street

If any Carnival Club members not participating in the Procession wish to collect, a percentage of the amount counted in their tin will be donated to their Club's funds. Contact the Secretary for further details.

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Any changes to the Assembly arrangements or amendments to the Route will be published on the Taunton Carnival website www.tauntoncarnival.co.uk

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