



Parade

Here is some important information for all parade entries:

- The Parade is under the control of the Parade Marshall and musters at The Castle School, Park Road, Thornbury, BS35 1HP
- Gates open at 09:00 and the first part of the Parade departs at 10:15. The Parade is usually completed by 12:00 (noon)
- The Parade route is via Park Road, Castle Street, High Street, Chapel Street and St. Mary Street and is approximately 1.2 miles long
- The Parade does not return to The Castle School and there is not any public parking available at The Castle School site
- You may enter the Parade without any commitment for further activity on the Carnival field
- There is no charge for entry into the Parade. All relevant documents must be completed and available by the scheduled return date. This is essential for Parade sequence-planning and route stewarding purposes
- *Paraders will need to purchase Carnival entry tickets available in advance. Stage programme performing groups are the exception to this, but we will need to issue tickets for these. We encourage you to purchase your entry tickets in advance to save congestion at the gate, however you can pay your entry fee at all gates on Carnival day.*

There are many ways of being part of the parade. Make it fun, colourful and eye-catching:-

- **Floats** - In 2016, the theme for Paraders, Floats and Stalls will be “Things that fly”

Floats can reflect a business, local interest a charity or embrace the current Carnival theme. The Committee are keen to help and promote potential float entries so will do all we can to assist.

Floats can be in the form of the more traditional Carnival floats such as decorated pick-ups, flat-beds, converted car trailers or something larger, e.g. The Thornbury Country & Western group with their shed, seen over the last few years, to small powered entries, perhaps a modified go-kart; ride-on lawn mower, golf cart or even a solar powered vehicle.

Non-mechanised entries are also a great e.g. The Red Barrows of Thornbury in Bloom from previous years. Entrants could consider a children's tractor/trailer, pull-along garden cart, pedal car or a home-made cart or a group of decorated bikes. Please remember most of the route is uphill so pedal or push/pulling-assist power will be needed!

If planning a float, be vigilant of Safety issues!

- Vehicles – Vintage, Classic or Modern
- Walking groups (must have 2 nominated safety people wearing hi-visibility vests)
- Bands

Classic Cars and Military Vehicles

Following feedback from owners of older vehicles we offer a number of ways to participate so please select your preference on the parade entry form when completing. The options available are:-

1. A static exhibition on the Carnival field only (no parade participation)
2. Involvement as part of small groups of vehicles in the Parade, interspersed amongst the variety of other entries. This is suitable for the more modern type of vehicle being able to cope with slow speed, stops and starts.
3. Pre-Parade Cavalcade consists of older vehicles that perform better when kept moving at a constant speed. This section of the Parade starts at 10.15 am will only be for cars and will follow the parade route.

If you are making a vehicle entry into the parade, please provide a *brief* description of the type of vehicle on the application form.

Vehicle entrants will receive two entry tickets and a bronze plaque as shown from 2015.

Final Parade details will be sent to each parade entry approximately 3 weeks before Carnival day.



Third Party Liability Insurance

If you are part of a national organisation or even a local club Third Party Liability Insurance may already be in place. If you do not have Third Party Liability cover it can be arranged by contacting:

Steve Barker
Coversure Insurance Services
Tel: 0800 308 1323



Health & Safety/Exclusion Procedure

Health and Safety is very important to the Carnival organisers, please ensure you familiarise yourself with our procedures on this matter together with the exclusion procedure.

Visit www.mythornbury.co.uk/thornbury/thornbury-carnival-parade-application to submit an entry into the parade.