



Gloucester Carnival Procession 2011

Information and Entry Form

Saturday 23rd July 2011 – Starting from Gloucester Park

Gloucester Carnival is back in 2011 for its 75th year!

Following the regeneration of the link area between the city centre and the Docks, we have altered the route to showcase the newly pedestrianised Southgate Street. For 2011, the parade is set to travel through Gloucester City Centre gate streets (see map further on in this document) in a blaze of colour, music and dancing.

The procession will lead the crowds back to the park where there will be live music, food and drink, fairground rides and attractions, stalls and lots more!

This year, the carnival theme is Circus: we want to create the largest walking circus Gloucester has ever seen! Dress up as clowns, animals, ring masters, lion tamers, tightrope walkers – show off your juggling, unicycling, hula hooping or anything else you can think of!

All entries will be judged as in previous years, with trophies being given to the best carnival creations. All participants will be rewarded with a medal to show they helped make 2011's Carnival a roaring success!



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What Happens On the Day?

Entries are welcome to arrive from 1pm, to be ready for the traditional judging from 2pm.

Vehicle Entries

Vehicles must access the park via the Spa Road entrance. All entries will start at Gloucester Park, however all vehicles will finish the procession in Spa Road. **It is important that participants must never try to climb on or off vehicles while they are moving, no matter how slowly.**

Walking Entries and Performers

Walking entries and performers will process along with vehicles and will return into the park at the end of the procession.

Limited parking will be allowed close to the park for small equipment vehicles only. Please let us know on the entry form if you require a parking space.

A storage/changing space can be made available (no valuables please). If this is something you will need, please let us know on the application form.

Timetable

1pm: Carnival entrants arrive and get ready for judging at 2pm

2pm: Judging of entries begins (both walking and performing entries)

3pm: Judging complete

3.15pm: Prizes and trophies awarded

3.30pm: Procession begins

4.30pm: Procession ends (approx)

4.30pm: Music and entertainment in the Park

7pm: Event ends



All carnival entrants are eligible to be entered to win trophies, depending on the age of participants and type of entry...

Carnival Trophies

Children's Trophy (age 11 and under)

For individuals, children's groups, nurseries, schools, young community projects, after school clubs etc

Young People's Trophy (age 12 - 17)

For individuals, schools, youth groups, young community projects etc

General Trophy (over 18s)

For individuals, clubs, societies, sports clubs organisations, neighbourhood projects, charities etc

Commercial Trophy (Note: £25 entry fee for this category only)

For companies, shops, pubs, restaurants, attractions, factories etc

Performers' Trophy

For music groups, dance groups or individuals who include a 'performance' routine into their entry

Best of the Best Trophy

The entry voted the 'Best of the Best' from all of the above categories...

All winners keep their trophies for one year and must give them back in time for the following year's carnival procession. All entries will be judged on originality, costumes and materials used to make their carnival creation.

Medals

Everyone taking part in the carnival will be given a medal marking his or her contribution to the procession.



Carnival Route for 2011

Left out of Gloucester Park onto Park Road

Right onto Brunswick Road

Continue onto Clarence Street

Continue onto Spread Eagle Road

Left onto Northgate Street

Continue onto Southgate Street

Left onto Spa Road and return to Gloucester Park.



Frequently Asked Questions

How do I enter?

Entering is easy! Just decide on what your costumes, creations or performance will be, check which trophy you'd like to be entered for, fill out the form and return or e-mail to the address shown.

Do we need our own stewards and helpers?

All vehicles should be accompanied by a minimum of four out-walkers (one at each corner of the vehicle) and an observer alongside the driver. It is extremely important that all children's groups should be proportionately staffed with adult helpers, and that all youngsters are accompanied throughout the event. In addition, a short health and safety sheet will need to be filled out in advance.

Can I collect money for charity?

Sorry, the Gloucester Lions have the only collecting rights for the procession.

What happens on the day?

A detailed information pack will be sent out closer to the event. All entries should arrive in plenty of time for the start of the procession.

Can I hand out sweets, leaflets, stickers etc?

Yes, but only material appropriate to the fun of the day. Organisers reserve the right to refuse permission to hand out material if necessary.

Can we use music or PA systems?

Yes, but please let us know on the entry form so that we can keep music/sound systems apart in the procession line-up. Organisers reserve the right to instruct entrants to turn music down or off prior to the procession leaving the park.

Do we need insurance?

It is very important that all participants with vehicles should arrange their own insurance cover in case of any loss or injury during the event.

Does it cost anything to take part?

The procession is free to enter for everyone other than businesses and commercial entries, who must pay £25. You can either send a cheque (business cheques only) payable to Gloucester City Council or visit the Gloucester Guildhall Box Office with your application form and pay by cash or card. (There is a small surcharge on credit card payments)

If you have further questions, give us a call on 01452 396391 or e-mail guildhall@gloucester.gov.uk

Photography by Mike Tonks, Tony Hickey, Nick Turner and Gloucester City Council



Carnival Entry Form (please type or write clearly and answer all questions)

Name of group/entrants and main Contact

Address

Tel (day)

Tel (eve)

E-mail

Category: Children

Young People

General

Commercial

Performers

Brief description of entry:

Approx. number of people in entry:

Will you have a vehicle/float? (Y/N)

Approx. length of entry (metres)

Will you bring a Music/sound system? (Y/N)

Do you require changing space? (Y/N)

Will you have an equipment vehicle? (Y/N)

If Y, what type of vehicle?

Name & signature

I enclose a fee of £25 (if applicable). Please make cheques payable to Gloucester City Council (Business cheques only).

The deadline for all entries is Friday 9th July. Please send this completed form to:
F.A.O Carnival Entry, Gloucester Guildhall, 23 Eastgate Street, Gloucester, GL1 1NS