HATHERLEIGH CARNIVAL

1903 - 2026

123 YEARS OF CARNIVAL

2026 President: Mrs Monica Jones
Carnival Queen: Ms Emma Alford
Prince & Princess:
Noah & Mabel Sluggett





SATURDAY 14TH NOVEMBER 2026











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PROGRAMME OF EVENTS

Friday 13th November

8.00pm **Procession of Tar Barrels to Oakfield Road**

Saturday 14th November

5.00am **First Run of the Blazing Tar Barrels** Oakfield Road via Market Street and Bridge Street to the field adjacent to Island Park.

11.30am **Town Crier Competition** at The Square - Over 20 Town Criers attending. Organised and run by our Town Crier, Ros Chard.

11.30am **Judging of Shop Windows and Decorated Houses**

1.45pm **Children's Procession** assembles at Claremont and moves through town to the Community Centre for judging and crowning of royalty

5.45pm **Carnival Floats assemble in Market Quarter for judging** at 6.00pm **PROMPT. Floats must enter via Hole Court and Dunbia.** Entrants must register floats in Market Office on arrival

7.00pm **Royalty Floats leave Market Quarter (by Coop)** followed by floats ***SEE Pg34 FOR DETAILS OF AMENDED PARADE ROUTE FOR 2025***

Hatherleigh Silver Band leaves The Square to assemble with other bands **Massed Bands** march to assembly point

Main Procession moves off from Coop via Market Quarter, Bridge Street, High Street, Victoria Road, Park Road, **Torchlit procession** to leave top Market Street, Bridge Street to finish at Market Quarter (by Coop)

Second Run of Blazing Tar Barrels from Oakfield Road, Bridge Street, to field adjacent to Island Park, to follow after the Main Procession has cleared.

REFRESHMENTS - Watch out for the STREET ENTERTAINMENT

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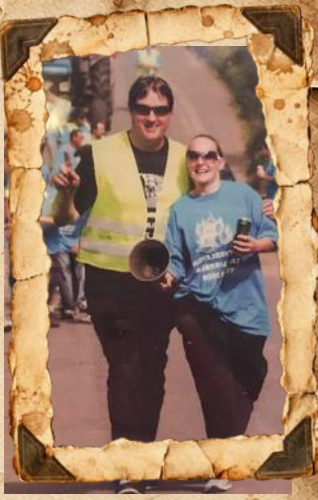
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CARNIVAL CHAIR



Welcome to the 2026 edition of the Carnival Programme. Here's to a successful weekend filled with fun, fire, creativity and tradition.

Firstly, I would like to express my heartfelt gratitude to our committee members, without whom I would be completely lost. A huge amount of time, effort and teamwork goes into planning and delivering Carnival, and I am incredibly grateful to each and every one of them.

I would also like to say a huge thank you to our amazing helpers, who always give up their time to support Carnival weekend. Without you, quite simply, it wouldn't happen.

After much thought, I have made the decision that this will be my final year as Chair, and I will be stepping away from the committee.

As many of you will know, Carnival has faced some significant changes and challenges over the years, with the Market Quarter and South Street being just a couple of examples. Being part of the committee, and especially taking on the role of Chair, requires a huge amount of time, energy and commitment.

At this point in my life, I simply don't have the capacity to give Carnival the time and commitment it deserves, or that I would want to give it. I love Carnival to my core, but my family will always come first. Perhaps, when my small humans have grown up, I may find my way back.

Carnival continues to grow and evolve every year, and I hope the work we have put in has helped to lay the foundations for its next chapter — bringing new people, new ideas and a fresh perspective, while continuing to protect and celebrate the traditions that make Carnival so special.

I would also like to take this opportunity to recognise and thank my parents, Mark and Helen Reddaway, on behalf of both myself and the Carnival.

To my dad, who chaired Carnival for an incredible 19 years — the sheer commitment, hours, love, hard work and countless meetings are something I will always admire. And to my mum, who made it possible for Dad to dedicate so much of his time to Carnival, looking after me and my sister while also sticking crepe, making amazing food for the busy team and continuing to step in and support me throughout my own years on the committee.

Carnival has always been about bringing our community together, but it is also a time to pause and remember the loved ones we have lost.

This year, we send our heartfelt condolences to the families of Colin Kidby, Mary Dayman & Sue Moss. Gone but never forgotten.

So, as always — be safe, make good choices, donate generously and, most importantly, have fun!

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A LOVE OF HISTORY

THE STORY OF HATHERLEIGH CARNIVAL 1903 - 2026

It was my love of history which took me to the Hatherleigh History Society, I was secretary for ten years and am now an archivist of the many photographs and documents yet to be recorded.

"What better way to introduce myself as this year's President than to give a potted history of one of the best Carnivals in the South West."

HOW IT BEGAN

Hatherleigh Carnival has been going in some form or other since 1903, starting by collecting door to door in fancy dress raising funds for the Royal Devon and Exeter Hospital. This helped to pay towards treatments for those who desperately needed help but couldn`t pay. Gradually more people joined in to make a parade in costumes and decorated bicycles and barrows and horse drawn carts with staged themes. Hatherleigh townsfolk loved a good parade.

THE FIRE & THE PARADE

Traditionally held on the first Wednesday in November, it later changed to the second Saturday in November. The burning torches had been used to light many celebrations around the town and on the Moor further back in Hatherleigh`s history but then when the `Gun Powder Plot` was later added into the equation, it`s easy to see how the `Flaming Tar Barrels` began! In the early years they were rolled down the street at frightening speeds narrowly averting disaster on the bend at the junction of Market Street and Bridge Street!



Now the barrels are run on a sledge controlled by ropes, still at great speed! With dazzling coloured lights and music the modern motor vehicles and huge tractors that pull the traditional crepe paper tableaux`s through the narrow streets need a lot of skill. Carnival only stopped during both World Wars and also because of Covid in 2020.

"It is still a wonderous sight to behold 123 years on."

PRESIDENT'S NOTE

I never expected the Honour of becoming President of Hatherleigh Carnival 2026 but now I will actually be part of this amazing, colourful Carnival and intend to enjoy every minute of my duties. Thank you to the hard working Carnival Committee and those who nominated me and thank you to all the volunteers who will be helping on the night.

Have a great Carnival.

EMMA ALFORD IS RETURNING AS OUR QUEEN - 26 YEARS AFTER SHE FIRST WORE THE CROWN!



As some of you may know, this is my second time as Carnival Queen. The first time was back in the year 2000.

I'd always dreamed of being Carnival Queen, so to have my dreams come true twice really does feel like fate.

I feel being Hatherleigh Carnival Queen again this year contributes to my love for the community spirit in Hatherleigh. I feel I've shown my support for our Community by being a trustee of the Community Centre for many years, and now I am pleased to be an employee.

I also work at the Tally Ho! (yet another position for the second time around!)

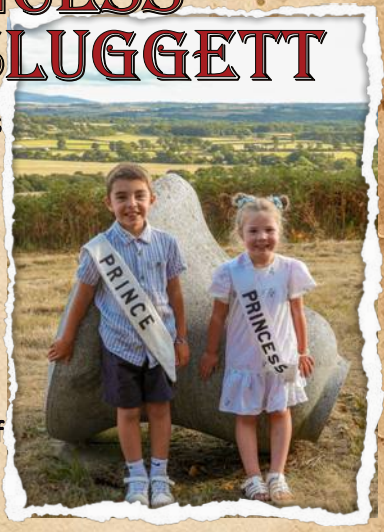


My charity for this year is the Stroke Association.

Please show your support for my charity and the carnival by giving generously , so we can enjoy our amazing event for many years to come

EMMA

Introducing our 2026 Prince & Princess - Noah & Mabel Sluggett



Noah and Mabel are very excited to be this year's Prince and Princess. We have lived in Hatherleigh for 11 years and are very proud to be part of the carnival this year.

Although I didn't grow up in Hatherleigh, it was always a big part of my life staying here with my grandparents. Carnival was always the highlight of the year as a child.

We have taken part in the afternoon children's procession over the years with varying degrees of success, Noah was Postman Pat at the age of 2 but sadly didn't make it past Claremont as it all got a bit much.

The following year with Mabel as Jess the Cat, the Post Van came out of retirement and we made it to the Community Centre to be judged. They have also taken part in the procession with School, Preschool and last year Fireman Sam and Penny complete with crepe paper fire engine.

Noah is 7 and is in year 2 at Hatherleigh School which he loves. He enjoys playing football on a Saturday morning with Hatherleigh YFC. In his spare time he loves Lego, swimming and riding his bike. His favourite hobby is currently learning to play the Cornet with the amazing Hatherleigh Silver Band and is a member of the training band which he is very proud of. Mabel is 4 and has just joined Reception at Hatherleigh Primary school which she is thoroughly enjoying. She is full of energy, enjoys colouring and craft and also loves riding her bike which she has mastered over the summer holidays. also enjoys Ballet and swimming.



As part of the Reynolds family, we're proud to have a long history of relatives who have taken part in the carnival over the years. We're very proud to be continuing the tradition and joining in with carnival this year. We hope everyone has a great time!

OUR 2025 QUEEN ZOE WONNACOTT



Carnival has always been a huge part of my life. Being Queen just felt like a dream come true. I would like to say a big thanks to the Carnival Committe for all the hard work they put in through out the year, a thing so special as carnival doesnt just happen over night. I wish Emma all the best and hope she has as much fun the second time around as the first.



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1903

THE FIRST CARNIVAL





At the turn of the last century, in 1903, the very first primitive carnival was held. History tells us that the Edwardians adored any excuse to don a costume - so a fancy dress parade to raise money for the Royal Devon and Exeter hospital in Exeter seemed a great idea! There was no NHS back then, so people were raising funds for a county hospital. Naturally, the tar barrels were still pulled through the streets at 5.00 am. (according to folklore, warding off evil spirits for another year) and then again after the evening parade. A perfect day of celebration and excitement for all!



With the start of the new age of carnival, the barbaric ridicule of burning of effigies of people who had wronged throughout the year ceased to exist, and a new and exciting carnival procession began. Soon bicycles and carts were decorated with a new invention – crepe paper!

Crepe paper had been invented in the late 1890s, but it was said to have been 'revolutionised' in 1902 when a wet-creping process was developed, creating a crinkled coloured paper that could be used for all forms of decorations. Crepe paper became the choice all over the world, from the Mediterranean carnivals to South America and of course, to Hatherleigh!



Although run proof crepe was being developed in america in the early 1930s, it was not readily available for domestic use for another 50 or 60 years. Many of us can remember having coloured fingers when creating our floats and the pot of glue turning bright pink! And if it rained, the children could end up bright purple or green! The run resistant crepe has a different texture, making it slightly trickier to use but the huge advantage is of course, it doesn't run.

The Tar Barrels











THE TAR BARRELS

In November 1605, Guy Fawkes and Robert Catesby attempted to blow up Parliament in the Gunpowder Plot.

The following year, King James I made 5th November a day of thanksgiving, sparking fire festivals across the country with burning barrels, torches and effigies. Over the centuries, most of these traditions disappeared.

Today, only five traditional fire festivals are believed to have survived across the UK — two of them here in Devon. Remarkably, very little has changed. The tradition remains true to its historic roots, with the barrels still pulled through the streets on a sledge and the skills needed to prepare them continue to be passed down through the generations.

One of the most significant changes came in 1903, when Hatherleigh Carnival was formed and the Tar Barrels became part of its celebrations, helping to bring some order to the lively festivities.

Our biggest challenge we face today is balancing tradition with modern safety, while preserving the spirit that makes it so unique.

Preparations start in October, when volunteers spend their weekends preparing the barrels and making the torches, passing on traditional skills to the next generation.

But the Tar Barrels belong to the whole community. They rely on the people who give their time, skills and materials to support the event. Without the generosity of the people of Hatherleigh and the surrounding area, the Tar Barrels would have disappeared many years ago.

For more than 400 years, people have come together to keep the barrels burning. Now it is our turn to carry that tradition forward — and to make sure there is a next generation ready to take it on.

Once a tradition stops, it may never come back.
Our aim is simple:
To keep the barrels burning.









PRESIDENTS

Every year, the carnival committee invites a local, carnival supporting individual to be the carnival president. Sometimes the honour is shared as a couple. The position is always seen as a prestigious, honorary role, often offered to people who have helped the carnival considerably in the past or the present. Sometimes it is offered to a person who works hard within the community.

The president becomes an ambassador of the carnival and will attend any fund-raising event, often offering a short speech to rally support. Carnival day is of course their big day. The president starts the day early at 5.00 am. by lighting the tar barrels, then at 11.00 am. they are invited to coffee and cake in the George which is followed by the judging of the shop windows. At 2.00 pm. they take part in the afternoon parade and then crown the carnival royalty. Later, in the evening, they will help lead the grand carnival procession and then finally, they will light the final barrels at the end of the carnival.













ROYALTY
THROUGH THE YEARS

Every year, the Carnival Royalty is chosen. This is a great honour and everyone who has had the privilege of leading and representing Hatherleigh carnival, will always remember the sheer excitement and thrill of being part of something so important and so massive.













children's PROCESSION

Little ideas... BIG imaginations!

Year after year, our young carnival stars bring colour, creativity and plenty of smiles to the streets.

From homemade costumes to minature floats, every year brings new and imaginative ideas - and its wonderful to see the next generation keeping the carnival alive!



















TORCH LIT PROCESSION



Hatherleigh's traditional torch-lit carnival parade began in 1903. Originally, torches were often used as a form of light for the parade due to very little street lighting at that time. Torches were also possibly used before 1903 to help celebrate the failure of the Gunpowder plot.



Unique to Hatherleigh is the stunning wooden frame, created by using around 12 torches, and the two magnificent crosses that head the whole parade. If you are ever fortunate to see these lit at the top of Market Street, I can guarantee it will give you goose bumps as it is such a symbolic moment!







COMIC FLOATS

For generations, carnival has given local people the chance to let their imaginations run wild. Comic floats are where creativity, humour and a good dose of mischief come together.



The photographs show just how much the tradition has changed — and yet how much has stayed the same. There are homemade costumes, outrageous characters, topical jokes, performances and plenty of clever ideas packed onto floats.



Some floats have clearly taken a playful swipe at local issues and current events, while others are simply an excuse to dress up and have fun. The effort that goes into creating them is part of the magic. A few sheets of board, some paint, costumes and imagination can be transformed into an entire moving scene for carnival night.



And that is perhaps what makes comic floats so special. You never quite know what is going to appear around the corner.



The themes may change, the costumes may change and the floats may get bigger and more elaborate, but the spirit remains the same: a bit of imagination, a lot of humour and the willingness to make a fool of yourself for the enjoyment of everyone watching.





WALKING GUYS
ACROSS THE YEARS



The walking guys are a much-loved part of Hatherleigh Carnival and have been for generations.

From traditional characters and comic costumes to full groups with clever themes. They always bring humour, creativity and plenty of entertainments to our streets.













DIFFERENT DECADES **SAME GREAT SPIRIT**

HATHERLEIGH JAZZ BAND

Part of the Friday night fun and frolics is the very popular 'jazz band'. According to records, the original band was called a 'Rag Time Band'. The earliest photo found dates back to 1912. Records do not tell us if this was connected to the then, Hatherleigh Town Band or not.



Apparently, this tradition died off for a number of years but in the early 1970s, Hatherleigh Silver Band revived the tradition and renamed the band as a 'Jazz Band'.

Originally, this was to give band members the chance to dress up as of course on carnival day, they would be wearing their band uniforms. Often past band members dress up and join in with the Jazz Band to help lead the unlit tar barrels up through the town on the Friday evening.







HATHERLEIGH SILVER BAND





The band have been an integral part of the day.

There used to be a football match in the afternoon and the band would march to the football field. Fancy dress judging, Royalty crowning etc also took place in the field.

Massed bands was also a much bigger event with 3 or 4 local bands all combining before and after the evening procession.





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HATHERLEIGH CARNIVAL 2025
AFTERNOON PROCESSION RESULTS





Class 1 – Open Non judged

Flower Fairies - 1st Hatherleigh Brownies

Through the Ages - Hatherleigh Primary School

Highampton Super Heros - Highampton Primary School

Brush it Off - Sophie, Jenna, Albert & Izzy

Class 2 – Decorated cycles and prams (Local)

1st - Aladdin - Phoebe, Emily, Ivy, Poppy, Harrison, Billie and Louie

2nd - Mario Kart - Anya and Jonah Hill

3rd - Fireman Sam and Penny – Noah and Mabel Sluggett

4th - Alvin and the Chipmunks - Ben, Katy, Samuel, Lexi & Isla

Class 3 – Large decorated carts unmotorised over 1.5m (Local)

1st - Bob the Builder and Scoop – Oliver Moyse - Junior Jolly Boy

Class 4 – Groups up to 8 years

1st - Happy as can bee – Highampton Preschool

2nd - The very hungry caterpillar – Orla and Maeve Doyle & Clara Gardner

3rd - Shrek - Evie & Alice Barry, Sid Cleave, Benjamin & Isabelle Chisholm, Wilfred Fishleigh, Grace & Felicity Veale

4th - 3 Ninjas - Charlie, Oliver & Alfie Nuth

Class 5 – Groups 16 years and under

1st - Mum Crew and Busy Bees – Mum Crew and Busy Bees (Hatherleigh based baby/ toddler group)

Class 6 – Girls 5 and under

1st - Alien Invasion - Willow Mitchell-Hartnett

Class 7 – Boys 5 and under

1st - Woody - Archie Glover

Class 8 - Girls 6 – 9 years

1st - King Bob - Poppy Jones

2nd - Glinda from Wicked - Penelope Joyce

Class 11 Walking couples

1st - Abracadabra - Chloe Braithwaite and Suzanne Bryant

HATHERLEIGH CARNIVAL 2025 EVENING PROCESSION RESULTS

Best Overall (Perpetual challenge cup) - Let's get lit

Best Visitor (Challenge cup) - Los Buenos Amigos

Best Local (classes 1,2 and 3) Rose Bowl - Let's get lit

Best Local (classes 4,5 and 6) Lindsay Cup - Rock the boat

Best Comic (classes 6 and 9) Mr & Mrs Hooper - Rock the boat

Best walking guys (classes 12 - 15) Small perpetual cup - Merry Christmas 2025

Best walking guys (classes 16 - 19) Olive Reynolds cup - Bob the builder and Scoop

Shirley Dilling Trophy - most creative use of crepe paper - Let's get lit

Jacky Entwistle Cup - most visual impact - Cruella

John Moyse memorial Cup - the people's choice - Cruella

Carnival Queen/King perpetual cup in memory of Jean Newcombe - Zoe Wonnacott

Class 1 – Artistic – non moving parts (minimum 75% crepe paper)

1st – Barbie Dream Float - Barrs, Keeley, Reddaway, Joyce, Chapman and Bowden families

Class 2 – Artistic – moving parts (minimum 75% crepe paper)

1st - Let's get lit - Jones, Powlesland, Pease, Rice, Cleave, and Friggens families

Class 4 – Artistic (any materials)

1st - Cruella - Madders, Smart, Goddard, Gent, Redstone, Squires and Simmons families

2nd - The wreck deck - Amy and Spencer Phillips, Barry and Christie Madge, Oz and Fran Holden

Class 5 – Artistic – 13ft and under (Any materials)

1st - Fantastically Great Women Who Changed the World - Andrew and Hill Families

Class 6 – Comic

1st - Rock the boat - Hatherleigh Jolly Boys

Class 7 – Young Farmers – Committee perpetual Shield

1st - Pirates of Buckland Brewer - Buckland Brewer Young Farmers

2nd - The Lionesses - Okehampton YFC

3rd - Wallace and Grommet – Winkleigh YFC

Grease - Stratton + District YFC

Women's Rugby World Cup - Newton St Cyres YFC



Back British Farming – Chumleigh YFC

Mamma Mia - Clawton YFC

Woolsery airways - Woolsery YFC

Madagascar - Lewdown YFC

How to train your dragon – Winkleigh Mini YFC

Class 8 – Visitors' artistic

1st - Los Buenos Amigos- Dead good friends

2nd - Winkleigh Youth Division Football Club - Winkleigh Youth Division Football Club

3rd - Disney in Devon – JB and ME

Class 9 – Visitors' comic

1st - The Minions - Devon's Finest

Class 10 – Visitors Royalty Tableaux – Admart cup

1st - Launceston Carnival Royalty

2nd - Camelford Royalty



3rd - Dolton and Dowland Prince and Princess

3rd - Holsworthy Royalty - Prince and Princess

Class 12 – Walking guys adults

1st Merry Christmas 2025 - Graham Jones

Class 13 – Walking couples adults

1st - Florence and Emily – Paul Dell

Class 18 – Decorated cycles, prams and carts unmotorised (local)

1st Bob the Builder and Scoop - Oliver Moyse - Junior Jolly Boy

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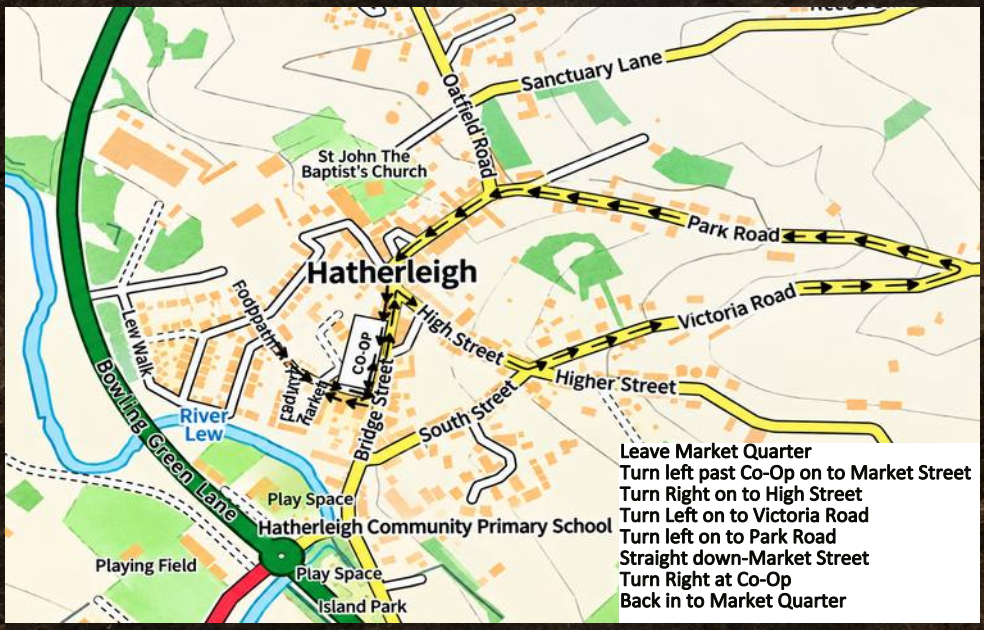
HATHERLEIGH CARNIVAL ROUTE FOR 2026

With South Street still closed we are keeping to the same route as last year for the Tar Barrel runs and Carnival Procession.

The Tar Barrels will be pulled directly down Market Street and Bridge Street ending at the normal field next to the fire station.

The evening procession route will start by coming out of the Market Quarter by Coop. Floats will proceed up Bridge Street as far as High Street where the procession will then revert to the normal route up towards Victoria Road and down Park Road. The torch lit procession will then travel down Market Street and Bridge Street as far as the Coop turn off where floats will return to the Market Quarter to finish.

Please spread the word with any family and friends who normally attend the Carnival as it may be necessary to move from your normal viewing point. We will need the crowd to work with our Marshals to facilitate these significant changes.

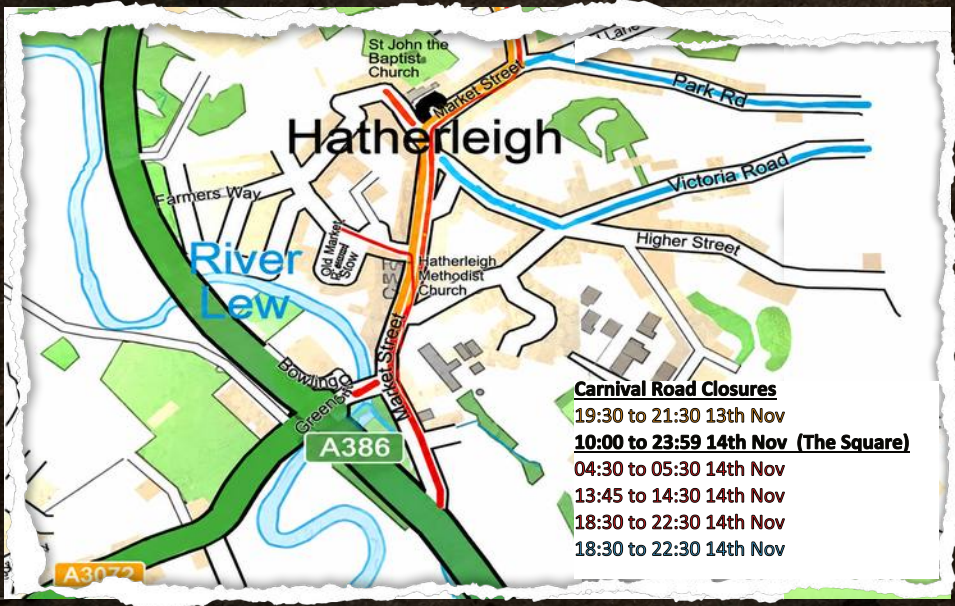


Road Closures and Parking Restrictions

Dear Residents of Hatherleigh,

As we are sure you are aware, this year's Carnival takes place on Friday 13th and Saturday 14th November. We are writing to you to make you aware of where and when the parking restrictions and road closures will apply. The following streets/roads will be closed at the times listed below:

Hatherleigh Carnival 13th/14th November 2026 - Road Closures/diversions (details)



As has been the case in previous years, cones will be placed around the town to keep the carnival route clear (see map).

Please note that any vehicle parked in contravention of the parking restrictions may be liable to be issued a Fixed Penalty Notice served by the Traffic Enforcement Officers.

Interested in carrying a torch? Then please collect from the Market Quarter entrance and top of Market Street on Carnival evening or email us at info.hatherleighcarnival @gmail.com

Hatherleigh Carnival 13th/14th November 2026 - Parking Restrictions



We hope that you understand that the restrictions are necessary for the safety of everyone involved in the carnival. We are aware of the issues that can arise from the restrictions but your patience and co-operation is appreciated by everyone.

We will endeavour to open the roads as soon as safely possible and keep disruption for residents to a minimum.

If you wish to contact the committee to discuss the above, please email us at info.hatherleighcarnival@gmail.com or contact us via social media using our official Hatherleigh Carnival Facebook Page.

We thank you for your support,

Hatherleigh Carnival Committee

WE NEED YOU!

Want to help Marshal on Carnival Evening?

Please ring Laura on **07814838844** for more information

Our Marshals meeting is on **Monday 9th November 7.15pm at Hatherleigh Old Schools**

RULES AND REGULATIONS

* In the interest of safety it is the responsibility of the float operators to ensure trailers and any vehicle entering the carnival are in a condition of roadworthiness.
* All vehicles must also be road legal
* Any local entry displaying a sponsorship sign will be disqualified, forfeiting their grant and the right to be judged. Entrants may display "loaned" by signs for the following items only: tractors, trailers, generators and lighting.
* All entries/persons **MUST** comply with Road Traffic Regulations.
* **A SAFETY CHAIN**be fitted from towing vehicle to trailer. If one is not fitted the entry will be disqualified from the carnival.
* It is the responsibility of each entrant to ensure that they are in the correct class and to ensure they can get around the carnival route.
* Insurance details form & a signed copy of the rules and regulations to be displayed on the towing vehicle.
* **IN THE INTEREST OF SAFETY YOU MUST NOT JUMP ON AND OFF YOUR TABLEAUX WHILST IT IS MOVING OR DURING THE PROCESSION, UNLESS THERE IS AN EMERGENCY. STRICTLY NO ROCKING OF FLOATS!**
* **STRICTLY NO ALCOHOL** to be consumed on any tableaux.
* **NOTHING** may be thrown, sprayed or allowed to escape from any tableaux.
* **ALL TABLEAUX MUST CARRY A FIRE EXTINGUISHER**.
* In the interest of safety, some form of restraint or handhold **MUST** be fitted to floats for the use of participants. A rope should be provided around the trailer when a strap or handhold is not practical.
* The entrant to nominate one person walking beside the tableaux to wear a marshal's bib and carry a collection bucket. Please return to OLD schools after the procession.
* judge's decision is **FINAL**.
* The role of the float marshal is to ensure the safety of all participants & compliance of the rules and regulations.

PLEASE NOTE THAT ON THE NIGHT ITSELF A CARNIVAL OFFICIAL **WILL** BE CHECKING **ALL** OF THE ABOVE.

ALL TABLEAUX ARE TO BE REGISTERED IN THE MARKET OFFICE BY **5.45PM.** (Please collect your marshal's bib) If there is an unforeseen problem (such as a flat tractor tyre) then it should be reported to the market office by 5.45pm. ALL TABLEAUX ARE TO ASSEMBLE IN THE MARKET QUARTER BY **5.45PM** FOR JUDGING AT 6PM PROMPT. CLASSES 1 and 2 MAY ENTER VIA HOLE COURT BY PRIOR ARRANGEMENT.

Exceptions do not include the lights, music not working or the weather.

STRICTLY NO FIREWORKS OR BANGERS

ANY TABLEAUX NOT IN THE MARKET QUARTER AND REGISTERED BY 5.45PM WILL NOT BE JUDGED BUT MAY STILL TAKE PART IN THE PROCESSION.

SIGNATURE_____ **VEHICLE REGISTRATION**_____

GRANTS

Entries in Classes 1 & 2 will receive a grant of £250.00

Class 3 will receive a grant of £200.00

Class 4 & 6 will receive a grant of £235.00

Class 5 will receive a grant of £190.00

Classes 7, 8, 9, 10 18* will receive a grant of £30.00 and Class 11 £15.00

(*as long as not already received a grant in the afternoon procession)

ALL GRANTS ARE SUBJECT TO THE DISCRETION OF THE CARNIVAL COMMITTEE

LOCAL PERPETUAL CUPS

A variety of Visitors Open and Local Perpetual cups and trophies will be awarded.

IT IS THE RESPONSIBILITY OF ALL ENTRANTS TO ENSURE THAT THEY ARE IN THE RIGHT CLASS AND THAT THEY HAVE REGISTERED IN THE MARKET OFFICE ON ARRIVAL (By 5.45pm prompt)

All grants will now be paid via BACS.

Photographs of 2025 Carnival
Donna Lewis

SAVE THE DATE!

Hatherleigh Carnival Final Meeting - Wednesday 25th November
8.30pm Public Welcome

Hatherleigh Tar Barrels Tractor Run - **Sunday 20th December.**
Raising monies for Hatherleigh Tar Barrels and Pancreatic Cancer UK.
More details to follow soon.

Summer Fundraiser - June 12th 2027

Carnival 2027 - 13th November

CLASSES for the AFTERNOON PROCESSION

All entrants MUST assemble at Claremont 1.45pm

		1st	2nd	3rd
1.	Open Category - NON JUDGED	All entries to receive £2.00		
2.	Decorated cycles and prams (Locals)	£5.00	£4.00	£3.00
3.	Large decorated carts unmotorised (Local) over 1.5m	£5.00	£4.00	£3.00
4.	Groups up to 8 years	£20.00	£16.00	£12.00
5.	Groups 16 years and under	£20.00	£16.00	£12.00
6.	Girls 5 years and under	£5.00	£4.00	£3.00
7.	Boys 5 years and under	£5.00	£4.00	£3.00
8.	Girls 6 to 9 years	£5.00	£4.00	£3.00
9.	Boys 6 to 9 years	£5.00	£4.00	£3.00
10.	Boys or girls 10-16 years	£5.00	£4.00	£3.00
11.	Walking couples	£10.00	£8.00	£6.00
12.	Decorated cycles, prams and carts unmotorised (Visitors)	£5.00	£4.00	£3.00

Every child in costume will receive a special certificate, £2.00 and sweets.

Class 2 to receive a grant of £15.00
Class 3 to receive a grant of £30.00

All entries must be sent to the secretary:

At Hatherleigh Post Office or

Email **info.hatherleighcarnival@gmail.com**

BY 12 NOON on THURSDAY 12th NOVEMBER 2026.

HIGHEST MALE OR FEMALE COLLECTOR WILL BE RECOGNISED

ADULT TORCH BEARERS REQUIRED

Benefiting from this year's carnival will be: **The Stroke Association, CHEMOtivation, Devon Air Ambulance** and other worthy local causes.

ENTRY FORM FOR WALKING GUYS

I/We the undersigned would like to enter this year's Hatherleigh Carnival.

Name: **Address:**

Contact Telephone Number:

PLEASE PROVIDE BACS DETAILS TO ENSURE DIRECT PAYMENT OF YOUR GRANT (IF APPLICABLE TO YOUR CLASS)

Name on Account: **Account Number:** **Sort Code:**

For details of Classes, see Carnival Programme Page 30 and 32

Name of Entry:

Class Number Afternoon: **Class Number Evening:**

Child/Children or Adult name (s) **Number of Participants:**

Name of Club/Organisation (if applicable):

☐ **I/We agree to comply to the Carnival Rules and carry a collection pot.**

(Please return collection pot to Old Schools)

Signed: **Date:**

Please return to Hatherleigh Post Office. Or email **info.hatherleighcarnival@gmail.com**

By 12 noon Thursday 12th November 2026

CLASSES for EVENING PROCESSION

(Assemble at Market 5.45pm)

	1st	2nd	3rd
1. Artistic - Non-moving parts *(Minimum 75% crepe paper)*	£5.00	£4.00	£3.00
Sponsored by Mike Stamp			
2. Artistic - Moving parts *(Minimum 75% crepe paper)*	£5.00	£4.00	£3.00
Sponsored by Mike Stamp			
3. Artistic - 13ft and under *(Minimum 75% crepe paper)*	£5.00	£4.00	£3.00
Sponsored by Grace Letheren			
4. Artistic- *(Any Materials)*	£5.00	£4.00	£3.00
Sponsored by Mike Stamp			
5. Artistic - 13ft and under *(Any materials)*	£5.00	£4.00	£3.00
Sponsored by Mrs Patricia Vick			
6. Comic	£5.00	£4.00	£3.00
Sponsored by AF Maintenance			
7. Young Farmers	£15.00	£12.00	£10.00
8. Visitors' Class Artistic	£15.00	£12.00	£10.00
9. Visitors' Class Comic	£15.00	£12.00	£10.00
10. Visitors Royalty Tableaux	£15.00	£12.00	£10.00
11. Visitors Royalty Car	£10.00	£8.00	£6.00
12. Walking Guys Adults	£5.00	£4.00	£3.00
13. Walking Couples Adults	£10.00	£8.00	£6.00
14. Walking Guys 16 or Under	£5.00	£4.00	£3.00
15. Walking Couples 16 or under	£10.00	£8.00	£6.00
16. Groups 16 and under	£14.00	£12.00	£10.00
17. Groups Adult	£20.00	£16.00	£12.00
18. Decorated cycles, prams and carts unmotorised *(Local)*	£12.00	£10.00	£8.00
19. Decorated cycles, prams and carts unmotorised *(Visitors)*	£12.00	£10.00	£8.00

ALL FLOATS MUST AGREE AND COMPLY WITH THE CARNIVAL SAFETY REGULATIONS AND DISPLAY A SIGNED COPY!

SORRY NO TRADE

ENTRY FORM FOR TABLEAUX

***Please Note* The committee would like each entry to provide at least one torch bearers (must be aged 16 or over) Thank you.**

I/We the undersigned would like to enter this year's Hatherleigh Carnival.

Participant(s) Name(s):

Address:

Contact Telephone Number: **Class Number:**

PLEASE PROVIDE BACS DETAILS TO ENSURE DIRECT PAYMENT OF YOUR GRANT

Name on Account: **Account Number:** **Sort Code:**

For details of Classes, see Carnival Programme Page 30 and 32

Name of Tableaux:

Class Number:

Name of Club/Organisation/Carnival Royalty (if applicable):

The Nominated Person to wear a Marshall's Bib and carry a collection pot is:

(Please return both Marshall bib and collection pot to Old Schools)

☐ **I/We agree to comply to the Carnival Rules and regulations. I will bring on the night a copy of my insurance to show my vehicle is road legal. Failure to do so may result in being removed from the processions and any monies being withheld.**

Signed: **Date:**

Please return to Hatherleigh Post Office. Or email **info.hatherleighcarnival@gmail.com**

By 12 noon Thursday 12th November 2026

Please ensure no more than one car to be parked in the Market - AT OWNERS RISK

WET WEATHER POLICY

In the event of adverse weather conditions –
This does **NOT** include drizzle or light rain.

FRIDAY NIGHT

* Friday night will continue as normal.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON

* A decision on the Afternoon Procession will be made at 1.30pm, and signs Informing everyone will be placed at The Square, outside Co-op and Claremont.
* If the Procession is still on, the decision will be with the Royalty as to taking part with their Tableaux or their own car, and to inform the Chairman by 1.45pm.
* Procession starts at 2pm prompt.
* Crowning will take place inside the gazebo at Community Centre - 1st Prince & Princess, 2nd Queen

SATURDAY EVENING

* The Carnival will **NOT** cancelled unless instructed by Devon and Cornwall Police Authority.
* All tableaux to arrive at Market Quarter via A386 bypass by 5.45pm for judging at 6.00pm prompt. Classes 1 and 2 may enter via Hole Court by prior arrangement.
* Tableaux arriving after 6.00pm will **NOT** be judged but may still take part in the Procession.
* The Band Leaders to make the decision of the Mass Bands taking place. A representative of the bands to inform the Committee at Market Office by 7.00pm.
* The Committee reserve the right to change any of the above as unforeseen circumstances dictate.

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