



# SOMERSET COUNTY GUY FAWKES CARNIVALS ASSOCIATION

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### APPLICATION WINDOW FOR ENTERING THE 2024 SOMERSET COUNTY GUY FAWKES CARNIVALS OPENS TODAY (THURSDAY 1 AUGUST)

The application window to take part in the prestigious 2024 Somerset County Guy Fawkes Carnival processions opens today, Thursday 1 August 2024.

Potential entrants can now apply by completing a simple online electronic entry form, available from both the official Somerset County Guy Fawkes Carnivals Association (SCGFCA) website ([www.somersetcountycarnivals.com](http://www.somersetcountycarnivals.com)) and the Bridgwater Guy Fawkes Carnival website ([www.bridgwatercarnival.org.uk](http://www.bridgwatercarnival.org.uk)).

At a click of a button, the standardised entry form enables entrants to register to participate in the eight affiliated county carnivals – Bridgwater, Burnham on Sea, Weston Super Mare, North Petherton, Midsomer Norton, Shepton Mallet, Wells and Glastonbury.

Staged annually in November, an estimated 400,000 people watched the successful 2023 carnivals. In the past two years, over £210,000 has been raised from the town street collections and shared between good causes, local charities, and the towns themselves to help keep their respective carnivals going year after year.

David Churches, secretary of SCGFCA, said: “The Somerset Guy Fawkes Carnivals are the best illuminated processions in the world, and we should be very proud our county is home to them.

“Every year, people travel from all over the country to see our carnivals, and every year the standard of entries gets better and better. I am sure the carnival committees and entrants will be absolutely determined to put on a special show again for 2024, and I cannot wait for them to begin”

The 2024 Somerset County Guy Fawkes Carnivals will take place on the following dates:

Bridgwater	-	Saturday 2 November, 6pm start
Burnham on Sea	-	Monday 4 November, 7.30pm start

*Affiliated Committees:*

**Bridgwater, Bridgwater Gangs & Features, Highbridge & Burnham on Sea, Weston S Mare, North Petherton, Shepton Mallet, Wells, Glastonbury-Chilkwel, Mid Somerset Gangs & Features & Associates G&F's.**

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Weston Super Mare	-	Friday 8 November, 7pm start
North Petherton	-	Saturday 9 November, 7pm start
Shepton Mallet	-	Wednesday 13 November, 7.30pm start
Wells	-	Friday 15 November, 7pm start
Glastonbury	-	Saturday 16 November, 6.45pm start
<i>Midsomer Norton (associate)</i>	-	<i>Monday 11 November, 7.30pm start</i>

The closing date for applying to take part in the carnivals is Sunday 1 September, and those who are unable to complete an online entry form can still obtain a paper copy by contacting Dave Croker on 01278 421795 or at [dave@bridgwatcarnival.org.uk](mailto:dave@bridgwatcarnival.org.uk).

## **Note to editors:**

- 1) The SCGFCA was formed in February 1951, and the founding members were carnival committee representatives from Bridgwater, Highbridge, North Petherton, Cannington, Wells, Nether Stowey, Midsomer Norton, Spaxton, and Glastonbury. The association's inaugural meeting was held in Bridgwater, and it was at this meeting where the first chairperson was elected – Mr W J Hooper of Bridgwater Carnival Committee.
- 2) For more information on the details of this press release, please contact Dave Stokes on 07909 567888 or David Churches on 07870 625950.

**Bridgwater Guy Fawkes Carnival**  
[www.bridgwatcarnival.org.uk](http://www.bridgwatcarnival.org.uk)

**Highbridge & Burnham on Sea Carnival**  
<https://www.burnham-on-sea.com/carnival/>

**Weston Super Mare Carnival**  
<https://westoncarnival.co.uk/>

**North Petherton Carnival**  
<https://www.northpethertoncarnival.org.uk/>

**Shepton Mallet Carnival**  
<https://www.sheptonmalletcarnival.org.uk/>

**Wells Carnival**  
<https://www.wellscitycarnival.co.uk/>

**Glastonbury Chilkwell Carnival**  
<https://glastonburycarnival.org.uk/>

**Midsomer Norton Carnival** (associate member of SCGFCA)  
<https://illuminatedcarnival.co.uk/>