



SOMERSET COUNTY GUY FAWKES CARNIVALS ASSOCIATION

JUDGE'S GUIDANCE NOTES From 2022 for **Classes 14**

Items to note

- Listed below are three categories, however your judging sheet will only show you have to judge two of the three listed.
- Entries are permitted to break tableau/stop performing if the procession comes to a halt in excess of 2 minutes, points should not be deducted or the entry judged in these circumstances.
- Each category is judged out of 40 points please do use the range available, this will make your decisions easier once you have started.

Where should I judge?

- A zone will normally be allocated to you prior to the procession. Judging should **not** take place in any rest area or other areas as indicated by local judging instructions
- Judges are respectfully requested not to congregate in pairs or small groups and to try not to stand in front of the same people all night.
- Judges are asked to judge both sides of all entries in their class.

For Class 14 (Best decorated towing vehicle)

The whole impact of the towing vehicle should be considered, including the personnel (if any) mounted on the vehicle, moving parts and lighting etc. You should however not be influenced by the main entry when judging this class. This may be difficult, but it is to be awarded purely on the merits (or otherwise) of the towing vehicle.

The judging categories are: -

- Vehicle build up.- It is the quality of workmanship and the technical skills demonstrated
Cart Build includes basic items such as the quality of the woodwork, joints filled and finished. Clubs should have given thought to help hide moving parts and supporting steel wherever possible. Paintwork finished to a good quality, no runs and no unpainted or bare wood on view, scores should be given appropriately.
Moving parts will help enhance a theme and should be rewarded with higher marks, the cleverer the movement the higher the marks awarded for the technical expertise.
Attention to detail and the clever use of additional manufactured props should be awarded higher marks,
- Presentation and general effect- This is the only category which is entirely your own subjective view and no real guidelines can be given. If an entry creates a greater impression or has a greater effect on you than the other entries, for whatever reason, then that entry is the one to which you should award the greatest points under this heading.
- Lighting- clubs should obtain higher marks when appropriate personnel are well lit, marks deducted for poor lit personnel, Lighting should be used to "illuminate" the key feature of the unit.
With the advent of more and more sophisticated LED fittings, clubs should be awarded higher marks for the use of lighting to enhance the theme, using the correct colours to enhance the theme such as caves, underground or cellar scenes should be lit with dark colours, Circus, Rio and lightweight themes should use multicolours and light chases to enhance.

All mounted entries with decorated towing vehicles should be judged as it has been agreed that clubs do not need to enter this class separately from entering their main class.

Affiliated Committees:

Bridgwater, Bridgwater Gangs & Features, North Petherton, Highbridge & Burnham on Sea, Shepton Mallet, Wells,
Glastonbury-Chilwell, Mid Somerset Gangs & Features, Weston Super Mare and Associates Gangs & Features