



## Joining Instructions – classes 1-6

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Road Crews will be briefed at the Chief Marshals meeting on 14<sup>th</sup> September, the briefing document can also be downloaded from our website in the 'Entrants Information Page' attached. Please read and share with all members who need the info.

### Key Points

1. **Line Up** - Cannards Grave Road will be closed from **9pm (21:00hrs)** on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> November until Midnight on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> November for cart Line up and dispersal of classes 1 to 6. We ask you to arrive on Tuesday evening **ONLY** between **9pm (21:00hrs) and midnight**. You will be directed to your parking position by our Stewards on arrival.
2. Vehicles made up of Car/SUV and trailers in classes 1-6 can arrive on Wednesday afternoon at 5:00pm and park in the old MDC car park with the walking entries, this will give more room in the line up area for the large carts
3. Carts attending Midsomer Norton Carnival on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> November will be able to park at the Mid Somerset Showground from 22:00hrs and then join the Line – up on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> November from 21:00hrs
4. Every entry in classes 1-6 will be given rubbish bags on arrival, please put all rubbish in these and take it with you for disposal – please do not leave on the road side.
5. Entry numbers are the same ones that you use at the other 6 carnivals that follow Bridgwater Carnival.
6. **Carnival Day – Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> November 2026**  
Roads Close between 6:30 & 6:45pm,  
Carnival Start time 7:30pm  
Performers to be on carts ready for move off from 7:15pm  
Route is Cannards Grave Road – Townsend – Old Market Road – Commercial Road – Paul Street – Charlton Road – Whitstone Road.
7. At the end of the procession - No cart entries to dismount personnel from their vehicles until they arrived back into the line up area in Cannards Grave Road. Please keep to the left hand side of the road, unless otherwise instructed.
8. **Dispersal to Wells** – This will begin at 22:00hrs when the roads are clear of spectators and vehicles. Carts that need to split before travelling must only do this in **Old Market Road (Next To Fire Station)** on route to Wells, this will allow the convoy to keep moving once underway. If you know you will split before arriving on Monday night, please arrive later so your position is later in the procession, this may then allow you to split in Cannards Grave Road but its not guaranteed. All drivers to stay in the towing vehicles in the dispersal area following the procession. Escort vehicle and spare towing vehicle to join the convoy as their club sets off, this will ensure all carts can get back into the line-up road to allow roads at the end of the procession route to be re-opened asap. If you have more than one escort vehicle, please move the other vehicles away from the Dispersal area before 18:30hrs and then use the diversion route along Old Wells Road to meet the cart in the Wells line up area on arrival.

**Good Luck and Thank You from Shepton Mallet Carnival**