

WELLINGTON CARNIVAL 2026

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DATE	START	ROUTE
Saturday 26 September 2026	7.30pm prompt	Rockwell Green to Priory Junction

Main Event Sponsor: Ellisons Commercial Training

Grand Illuminated Procession • Free Official Programme • Give Us A £1

WELLINGTON PREPARES FOR A SPECTACULAR CARNIVAL NIGHT

Wellington is preparing to welcome thousands of spectators for one of Somerset's most colourful community events when Wellington Carnival 2026 takes place on Saturday 26 September.

Organised by Wellington Carnival Committee (Somerset) Ltd, this year's Grand Illuminated Procession will begin from Rockwell Green at 7.30pm prompt. Windy Wheelers Motor Cycles will set off at approximately 7.25pm to lead the procession through the town.

The parade will travel from Rockwell Green, over Hilly Head, along Mantle Street and through Wellington Town Centre, finishing at Priory Junction. Carnival clubs, majorette troupes, schools, community organisations, collectors, emergency vehicles and visiting guests will come together for an unforgettable evening of entertainment.

OUR MAIN EVENT SPONSOR - ELLISONS COMMERCIAL TRAINING

We are incredibly proud and grateful to welcome Ellisons Commercial Training as the Main Event Sponsor of Wellington Carnival 2026.

Ellisons Commercial Training has generously sponsored our Grand Illuminated Procession, our Official Carnival Programme and the Majorette Class. This fantastic support makes a significant contribution towards staging this year's carnival.

As a local business supporting a major community event, we are truly humbled by their generosity and commitment to Wellington Carnival. Please look out for the Ellisons Commercial Training vehicles in the main parade and give them a huge Wellington welcome as they travel along the route.

A HUGE COMMUNITY CELEBRATION

Wellington Carnival is made possible through months of planning and fundraising by a small team of passionate volunteers, together with tremendous support from local businesses, organisations and the wider community.

Wellington Town Council has awarded the carnival a grant towards its considerable running costs. Its continued support of this important community event is greatly appreciated.

Online Wellington has provided generous sponsorship, a valued contribution and continued support, helping us meet the substantial costs of keeping this much-loved tradition on the streets of Wellington.

Work Wear Online has supplied the fantastic official collectors' tops. Look out for collectors wearing their Give Us A £1 tops and carrying branded collection buckets.

Special Occasion Mascots will bring a selection of lookalike characters to support the Give Us A £1 campaign and entertain younger spectators and families along the route.

The committee also thanks Bridgwater Guy Fawkes Carnival, Somerset Council, the Police, Fire and Ambulance Services, the South Somerset Carnival Committees, Weston Medical Services, every sponsor, volunteer, organisation and supporter helping to make Wellington Carnival 2026 possible.

KEY INFORMATION FOR SPECTATORS

PROCESSION

Saturday 26 September. Windy Wheelers at approximately 7.25pm; Grand Illuminated Procession at 7.30pm prompt.

QUIETER VIEWING

Hilly Head is traditionally a quieter section of the route and may suit families, older visitors and anyone who prefers to avoid the busiest town-centre areas.

ROUTE

Rockwell Green • Hilly Head • Mantle Street • Town Centre • Priory Junction.

MARSHALS

Please follow every instruction from volunteer marshals, respect barriers and road closures, keep emergency access clear and cross only where directed.

ROAD CLOSURES AND TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS

To protect spectators, participants, marshals and event staff, road closures and traffic restrictions will operate throughout the afternoon and evening. Drivers are asked to move vehicles away from the procession route by 5.00pm at the latest.

- **2.00pm-6.00pm:** A one-way traffic system will operate between Perry Elm Roundabout and Bagley Road.
- No access into Wellington from Perry Elm Roundabout.
- Monument View: vehicles leaving must turn left.
- Access to Monument View and the Caravan Park is via Bagley Road. Caravan Park residents leaving should turn right.
- **From 6.00pm:** Perry Elm Roundabout to Bagley Road will be fully closed.
- **From 6.30pm until approximately 11.00pm, or until safe to reopen:** Town Centre roads from Bagley Road (Rockwell Green) through to Longforth Roundabout will be closed.

IMPORTANT

Once closures are active, no vehicles may pass through officially closed roads except Police, Fire and Ambulance vehicles. Please listen to our marshals and follow their instructions.

FACILITIES AND WELFARE

TOILETS

Start Line • Longforth Road • Priory / finish area

MISSING PERSONS

The Community Hub is the official missing persons point. Speak to the nearest marshal immediately if help is needed.

FIRST AID

Medical cover is provided by Weston Medical Services.

ACCESS & SAFETY

Keep exits and emergency routes clear. Be aware of large vehicles and pedestrians throughout the event area.

RESIDENT AND ROAD CLOSURE INFORMATION

Please share these arrangements with neighbours, visitors and anyone travelling through Wellington on carnival day.

WELLINGTON (SOMERSET) CARNIVAL COMMITTEE LTD

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CHAIR
Paul Goodyer

Supporting
Wellington Carnival

Dear Residents Of Wellington

WELLINGTON CARNIVAL

SATURDAY 26TH SEPTEMBER 2026

*** IMPORTANT INFORMATION ***

Wellington Carnival will take place on Saturday 26th September 2026, this year's procession will start in **Rockwell Green** and proceed over **Hilly Head**, along **Mantle Street**, through the Town Centre and finish at the Junction of Priory.

In order to support the Wellington Carnival Committee and to provide safe viewing spaces for the public, and maintain emergency access, you are politely asked to move your vehicles away from the routes mentioned above, by the very latest – 5.00pm on Saturday 26th September 2026.

TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS FROM 2.00PM

- NO ACCESS INTO WELLINGTON FROM PERRY ELM ROUNDABOUT.**
- MONUMENT VIEW:** Vehicles leaving Monument View must **TURN LEFT**.
- ACCESS TO MONUMENT VIEW & CARAVAN PARK:** Residents requiring access should enter via **BAGLEY ROAD**.
- CARAVAN PARK RESIDENTS:** When leaving the Caravan Park, please **TURN RIGHT**.

These arrangements are necessary to allow carnival entries, including large vehicles, to assemble safely.

Please be aware of large vehicles and pedestrians and follow the directions of our volunteer marshals.

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PERRY ELM ROUNDABOUT TO BAGLEY ROAD
FULL ROAD CLOSURE FROM 6.00PM

TOWN CENTRE ROADS FROM BAGLEY ROAD (ROCKWELL GREEN) THROUGH TO LONGFORTH ROUNDABOUT
CLOSE FROM 6.30PM TO 11.00PM, OR UNTIL SAFE TO DO SO.

NO VEHICLES WILL BE ALLOWED IN OFFICIALLY CLOSED ROADS ONCE ROADS ARE CLOSED.

WHY ROAD CLOSURES ARE NECESSARY

- To protect the safety of spectators, procession participants, marshals and event staff.
- To prevent vehicles entering the live procession route.
- To provide safe space for carnival entries to assemble and move off.
- To maintain clear emergency access along the route.
- In the event of an emergency, clear routes must be available at all times.

THANK YOU

We know road closures cause inconvenience, but they are essential to make your carnival safe and enjoyable for everyone.

Thank you for your patience, understanding and continued support.

PLEASE RESPECT OUR VOLUNTEER MARSHALS AND FOLLOW THEIR INSTRUCTIONS.

PROCESSION ROUTE PLAN

For any further information please visit www.wellingtoncarnival.co.uk

or contact me direct on chair@wellingtoncarnival.co.uk

Find us on Facebook [Wellington Carnival](https://www.facebook.com/WellingtonCarnival)

SUPPORT YOUR CARNIVAL

FREE OFFICIAL CARNIVAL PROGRAMME: The Official Wellington Carnival Programme is completely free this year. Copies are available from participating local shops and Wellington Carnival Committee members while stocks last.

OFFICIAL CATERING UNITS: Please purchase refreshments from the event's authorised catering units. Supporting official traders helps the carnival and the people working with the committee to deliver the event.

DO NOT BUY FROM UNOFFICIAL LIGHT PEDDLERS: Unofficial light-up toy and novelty sellers donate nothing to Wellington Carnival Committee. Money spent with them does not support the future of the carnival. Please support official traders and collectors instead.

GIVE US A £1: When official collectors pass, please donate £1 into a branded Wellington Carnival bucket. Every pound helps towards the enormous cost of staging the carnival and supports the event's future, local charities and good causes.

LOOKALIKE CHARACTERS FOR YOUNGER VISITORS

Special Occasion Mascots will join the procession with lookalike characters in support of the Give Us A £1 campaign. Please give them a warm welcome as they entertain families along the route.



Lookalike characters supplied by Special Occasion Mascots.

PLEASE LISTEN TO OUR MARSHALS

Our volunteer marshals are there to keep everyone safe. Respect barriers, keep emergency routes clear and act promptly when a marshal gives an instruction.

GRAND ILLUMINATED PROCESSION LINE-UP 2026

Line-up correct at the time of publication and subject to alteration or withdrawal on the night.

Entry		No.	Entry
1	Wellington School Corps of Drums	29	Ellisons
2	Windy Wheelers Motor Cycles	30	Ellisons
3	Devon & Somerset Fire Appliance & Collection Buckets	31	Wellington Pantomime Society
4	Wellington Majorettes	32	Official Collecting Trailer
5	Portuguese Twinning Association	33	Merriott Majorettes
6	Burrell Crane Traction Engine	34	Zem Carnival Club
7	Official Collection Trailer	35	Chard Evolution Majorettes
8	Special Occasion Mascots	36	Unicorn Carnival Club
9	Pickle Carnival Club	37	Official Ilminster Majorettes
10	Spirit Carnival Club	38	Somerset Ghost Hunters
11	Rubalo Juvenile Carnival Club	39	Roger Muspratt
12	One Line	40	Ilminster Diamonds
13	One Line	41	One Plus One Carnival Club
14	One Line	42	Somerset Youth Theatre
15	Lyme Regis Majorettes	43	Tiverton Town Majorettes
16	Beech Grove Primary School	44	A & A Carnival Club
17	Tiverton Diamond Twirlers	45	Harlequin Carnival Club
18	Misfits Carnival Club	46	Fortitude Performance Team
19	Wellington Folk and Custom Society	47	Silk & Cells
20	Eclipse Elite Twirlers	48	Rachel Stanton
21	Ruth & Rio Welch	49	C&D Southwest Collection Vehicle
22	Silver Star Elite	50	Genesis Youth Theatre
23	Ipplepen Carnival Club	51	Xtreme Carnival Club
24	1st Wellington Scout Group	52	Tizzy's Carnival Club
25	Chard Carnival Royalty	53	Gemini Carnival Club
26	Ellisons	54	St John Ambulance
27	Ellisons	55	Crescent Utilities Ltd
28	Ellisons	56	Frost Rescue Breakdown Truck

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MAIN PARADE SPONSOR 2026





HAVE FUN, APPLAUD & CHEER

GIVE A £1

INTO OUR OFFICIAL COLLECTING BUCKETS & CARTS

A MESSAGE FROM WELLINGTON CARNIVAL COMMITTEE

We would like to thank every carnival club, school, majorette troupe, organisation, sponsor, volunteer, marshal and member of the public for supporting Wellington Carnival 2026.

We hope you have a fantastic evening, enjoy the incredible illuminated entries, applaud every participant and help us create another unforgettable carnival for the town of Wellington.

Have fun, applaud loudly, cheer proudly and please give generously.

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Please put Saturday 25 September 2027 in your diary. The future of Wellington Carnival depends on the continued support of our community, volunteers, businesses, sponsors and spectators.

Paul Goodyer & Tina

Chair & Vice Chair

Wellington Carnival Committee (Somerset) Ltd

MEDIA AND EVENT INFORMATION

Website: www.wellingtoncarnival.co.uk

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