

Aberaeron Town Improvements Committee



Aberaeron Carnival Float Entry Form 2019

We wish to register a float for Aberaeron Carnival on August Bank Holiday Monday.

Name of Float	
Organisation	
Contact Name	
Address	
Postcode	
Telephone Number	
E-mail address	

Declaration

We acknowledge that we have received, read and understood the *Information for float entrants* provided by the organising committee.

Signed _____ Date _____

Completed forms should be returned to the Secretary at the address below or via email to tic@aberaeron.info

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Information for Float entrants – Aberaeron Carnival 2019

This information has been produced to help you ensure that your carnival float is safe for those taking part and for the public who support you. The onus for safety rests with the Aberaeron Town Improvements Committee; float operators, drivers and those who take part.

This information will be included with the float entry form. It will remind those taking part of the responsibilities they are undertaking.

The committee reserves the right to refuse entry at any time. Any entry which is considered to be of a vulgar or racist nature and likely to cause controversy will be refused as this is a family event.

Float Fitness

The vehicle and any trailer forming part of the float must comply with Section 40A of the Road Traffic Act 1988. Please read the advice contained within and ensure those involved with this float comply with the safety measures aimed at ensuring needless accidents are prevented.

SAFETY ADVICE

Carnivals are an important part of the colour and culture of local communities. This year we have had consultations with many agencies and have agreed common sense safety measures which will protect the participants and onlookers alike. The advice stated below will ensure that carnivals will continue to operate in a region with a rich carnival tradition and that risk of injury to any person will be minimal.

The onus for safety of the vehicle and its passengers and members of the public supporting the carnival rests with: **The Committee, the Float Operators and the Driver of the Float.**

Each member of the carnival committee can be held responsible for permitting a carnival float, which is likely to cause danger, to take part in a carnival on a public road. This can include the owner of the vehicle, the owner of the trailer, and each individual member of a group who subscribe to that individual float. Anyone neglecting his or her responsibilities risks prosecution.

SECTION 40A ROAD TRAFFIC ACT 1988

A float vehicle or trailer must be mechanically sound and not be suffering from corrosion or defect that is likely to lead to failure. Any float or equipment carried on the vehicle or trailer should be so secured and substantial enough for the purpose. The vehicle or trailer must be suitable to perform the job it is intended, e.g. you cannot pull a ten tonne trailer with a Land Rover 90 Series, because the drawing vehicle was not designed for that purpose nor the brakes capable of stopping such a load. You cannot carry more people than the vehicle was designed to carry. Passengers carried on an open vehicle or trailer may fall off and injure themselves. Passengers must not be in a position where their safety is compromised. Anything carried on or bolted to a vehicle or trailer must be such that at all times it remains safe.

The test to be applied in all cases is: Would the vehicle or trailer, or the load or passengers be in any way likely to cause injury to any person carried in or on the vehicles or in the proximity of the vehicle whilst it is on a public road? If you think it is, then the vehicle should not be used. You are criminally liable and possibly liable in civil law if subsequent injury is caused. A certificate of insurance or suitable indemnity must be in force covering the use of the vehicle in the carnival. The tyres, lights and brakes must conform to legal requirements.

No passengers may be carried on a carnival float unless that float is proceeding in the carnival procession, except on large floats where an attendant may be carried to assist the driver. No one so carried shall climb off a float unless it is stationary and there is contact with the driver. At the end of the procession choose a safe location to stop and unload the passengers. Any such procession may only proceed at walking pace when passengers are carried on the float.

Each float must be under the supervision of two suitable persons who will walk alongside each side of the float, one on each side. No flour, other missiles or any water in any form should be discharged from the float. Advertising material and samples must be handed out by walkers and not by people on the float. Collection tins must not be operated from floats. Only walkers may collect using approved collection tins. A means of communication, either verbal or radio, must be available between the driver and passengers on the float to halt the vehicle immediately should the need arise.

No one will climb on or off a vehicle or trailer whilst in the procession, unless the vehicle is stationary and one of the float supervisors is in contact with the driver who will be told when it is safe to proceed.

In train vehicles, the tow bar will be supervised to ensure that no-one crosses between the vehicles or rides on the tow bar. Children must be seated securely or if standing provided with restraints and adults should be provided with hand holds if standing.

The advice and direction of the stewards must be followed at all times.