



Abbots Langley Carnival Parade 2019

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ABBOTS LANGLEY CARNIVAL 8TH JUNE 2019

I am writing to invite you to enter a float in this year's Carnival Parade. As I am sure you are aware the Carnival is a key event in the village calendar and has become very popular within the surrounding area too. The floats and Parade get the Carnival off to a fantastic start, helping attract spectator crowds through the village who then move to the main Carnival at the Manor House Grounds supporting the charity stalls and events throughout the day. Last year's Parade entrants were outstanding.

There is no entry fee for the Parade and trophies are presented within the following categories:

- Best School Float
- Best Charity Float
- Best Youth Organisation Float
- Best Local Organisation Float

(THESE FLOATS WILL CONSIST OF A VEHICLE WITH OR WITHOUT PASSENGERS AND WALKING PARTICIPANTS)

- Best Walking Performers (Including bands/musicians, dancing performers and acting performers)
- Best Vintage Vehicle
- Best Motorbike or Scooter

Taking part in the Parade is an excellent way of advertising your organisation or group and is great fun, boosting the incredible community spirit residents engender in Abbots Langley!

This year there is a suggested theme of celebrating Warner Brother Films produced in the United Kingdom, however you are free to choose your own theme, and this will not affect judging decisions.

Timings for the Day

10.00am	Floats arrive on School Mead, off Hazelwood Lane WD5 0LA
10.30am	Judging of Floats
11.00am	Nominated Safety Marshall briefing
11.30am	Declaration of Winners and presentation of certificates
12.00 noon	Parade around Abbots Langley Begins
1.00pm	Parade Ends at Manor Lodge or School Mead

Large Lorry Entries (A themed decorated large lorry which passengers may sit on to parade.)

To encourage spectacular Lorry float entries, we have secured sponsorship from local businesses. Thus, the Lions are delighted to offer a grant of up to £130 towards material costs and up to £170 to help with insurance costs. This is applicable for entries of flat-bed lorries and other large decorated vehicles (over 7.5 tonnes). The grant will be payable after the event on receipt of transaction receipts.

For safety reasons, large lorry floats carrying passengers should have sides or netting to a minimum height of two feet as a preventative measure against passengers falling off.

Although Lions Clubs have their own Insurance Cover, this does not cover vehicles, floats or their passengers. It is therefore important that you check with the insurers of the vehicle to ensure you have necessary cover. Particularly important, that Passenger Liability Insurance is provided for passengers that you intend to carry on the back of commercial vehicles and/or trailers attached.

Walking Performers

Including bands/musicians, dancing performers and acting performers. The Watford Lions have Public Liability Insurance that covers your group.

Driving Participants

Including small vehicles, cars and motorbikes the usual vehicle insurance would be expected to be in place.

A Word About Safety:

Each entry will require a Float Co-Ordinator to supervise the float and liaise with the organisers of the Parade.

Each Large Lorry Float will need four walking adults as Safety Marshalls, (two at the front and two at the rear) and at least one adult on the float supervising. A minimum of five Safety Marshalls.

All floats are required to have a minimum of one Safety Marshall.

All Safety Marshalls are required to attend the Safety Briefing on the day.

For all participants in the Parade; all walkers need to be aware that the parade is along public roadways and to be vigilant to hazards and moving vehicles.

The Next Step:

Please contact Fiona Packman for a Parade Entry Application Form at 10 Manor House Gardens, Abbots Langley, Herts WD5 0DH, 01923 269257 or abbotsprocession@gmail.com. I will be delighted to send further details to you and confirm your category entry.

Float entries must be submitted **by Friday 17th May 2019**

I very much hope that you will be able to participate on the day and look forward to meeting you there.

Yours faithfully

Fiona Packman (Parade Organiser on behalf of Watford Lions Club)