



South Somerset Carnival Park Committee (SSCPC)

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Dear Carnivalites

The South Somerset Carnival Park Committee (SSCPC) has been set up to raise awareness of the plight affecting many local clubs in terms of their lack of build grounds, with ultimate aim of identifying a suitable site; and raising the necessary funds to create South Somersets very own version of Butler park - Glastonbury.

The SSCPC is formed from members of most local clubs and carnival committees alike. The principles officers of the committee are as follows:

Chairman - Steve Dawe / Kym Toms (Joint)

Secretary – Tracey Norman

Treasurer – Gemma Champion

We are in the process of creating a business plan, and whilst investigating park locations are also investigating funding sources for a site of approximately 1.5 acres with up to 6 sheds, enough to eventually house all current South Somerset Clubs and Ilminster Carnival Committee, together with meeting rooms and outdoor spaces.

We see this facility as a resource which the entire carnival community can use. Obviously the intention is to create build spaces for the mounted entries but we also want the smaller groups and even walkers to be able to make use of the space within a community shed even if for nothing more than storage.

We have so far received a great deal of support and enthusiasm from all involved but in order for this group to progress with our immediate aims we are going to need three things directly from the local clubs involved.

- 1 - A statement of commitment from your club towards the project in principal.
- 2 - A small cash injection to allow the SSCPC to operate, in terms of awareness raising in the short term and administrative costs.

We would suggest the following as a guide only, and have attached a form to facilitate this request.

Feature / Tableaux / Carnival Committee / similar £50.00

Comic / Juvenile / similar £25

Groups £20

Pairs £10

Single walkers £5

3 – On the 13th June we will be officially launching the Carnival Park project at the IMEX event happening in Ilminster, this will be followed later in the year with events at Chard. Wellington and Taunton are yet to be confirmed.

In addition we intend to present our case to District and Town councillors at meetings occurring in the summer. (We already have several councillors in full support of the project).



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In order that these presentations can take place we need information from individual clubs which can then be presented as one group of figures. Eg total numbers of people involved in carnival, total financial contribution carnival makes to the local economy etc.

We appreciate that you may not wish to take part in the attached survey or may choose not to answer all questions. However, the more information you can provide the stronger the case we will have; we assure you that any information given will be used in an appropriate manner.

More information can be obtained from your representatives on the SSCPC or by contacting either Steve or Kym directly.

We would appreciate your highest attention in returning the attached documents in a timely fashion.

Yours Faithfully

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Encl: Club commitment form & Club Committee Questionnaire



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Club Commitment Form

Dear SSCPC

Weagree that the work being undertaken by the SSCPC is of fundamental importance to the future of the South Somerset Federation of Clubs, and we back the group in their endeavours to create a Carnival park.

We enclose a cheque for £ in support of this project.

Please make cheques payable to Ilminster Carnival Committee, who will host the funds of the SSCPC until such times as alternative arrangements can be made.



Club / Committee Questionnaire

Organisation Name:.....

1. How many official members does your club have?.....
2. What year was your club established?.....
3. Please detail the numbers of members by age

Less than 10 years	10-18	19-65	65+
Male	Male	Male	Male
Female	Female	Female	Female

4. In addition to your official members how many helpers / associates / previous members you can call on; are involved in some capacity with your club?.....
5. How many members have gained skills / knowledge as part of carnival activities which have had a direct result in their choice of employment / employment prospects?.....

Eg. A 14 year old member, who worked with the club carpenter, and subsequently got an apprenticeship with a carpentry firm.

Or A member who took on a secretarial / financial role and subsequently used these new skills as part of their work activity.

6. How many hours on average are spent on carnival related activities per member?

Eg.

Activity	Hours	Quantity	Period	Total
Building / meetings / costume	3	2	Week	6
Fundraising	4	1	Month	4
Carnivals	8	12	Year	96

Activity	Hours	Quantity	Period	Total
Building / meetings / costume				
Fundraising				
Carnivals				
Other				



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7. A) What was your total financial outgoings for the 2014 season?.....

B) How much of the above is spent locally in percentage terms?.....%

8. Using the scale below indicate the importance of a carnival park in securing the long term future of the South Somerset federation of carnivals?

Not very important	Not that important	Not a concern either way	Very important	Vital
1	2	3	4	5

9. How secure is your current carnival build location?

Not secure at all	Not that secure	Neither secure nor insecure	Reasonably secure	Own land / premises (Very secure)
1	2	3	4	5

10. If you had to move in the future from your current location, how likely would you make use of a carnival park facility should one be available?

Would not use the facility	Not likely to use the facility	Not sure either way	Likely to use the facility	Definitely use the facility
1	2	3	4	5

11. Without the provision of a carnival park facility, what would be the probable outcome of an eviction noticed served on your club at this time, from its current location. (Tick one)

A	Club would continue at new location we have	
B	Club would go into storage for indeterminate length of time	
C	Club would likely fold	



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Please feel free to add comments or case studies below, in support of a carnival park project as proposed.