

Shepton Mallet Carnival – Wednesday 15th November 2017

The Somerset County Guy Fawkes Carnival will be held in Shepton Mallet on Wednesday 15th November starting at 19:30hrs.

Build up to the event will start on Monday 13th November and the following information will help our residents and visitors who during the days leading up to the procession.

Road Closures – Monday 13th November to Wednesday 15th November 2017

Field View & Cannards Grave Road

Road closed from 21:00hrs on Monday 13th November until Midnight on the 15th November. – Parking of Carnival carts.

Parking for vehicles without private drives in Cannards Grave Road has been made available at the Council offices. A pass will be posted to residents in Field View and lower Cannards Grave Road.

From 06:00hrs on the 14th November to 18:00hrs on 15th November - Access to properties on Tadley Acres will be via Whitstone Road only using Webber Road and Hobbs Road. There will be no exit using Little Brooks Lane during this period either.

Whitstone Road

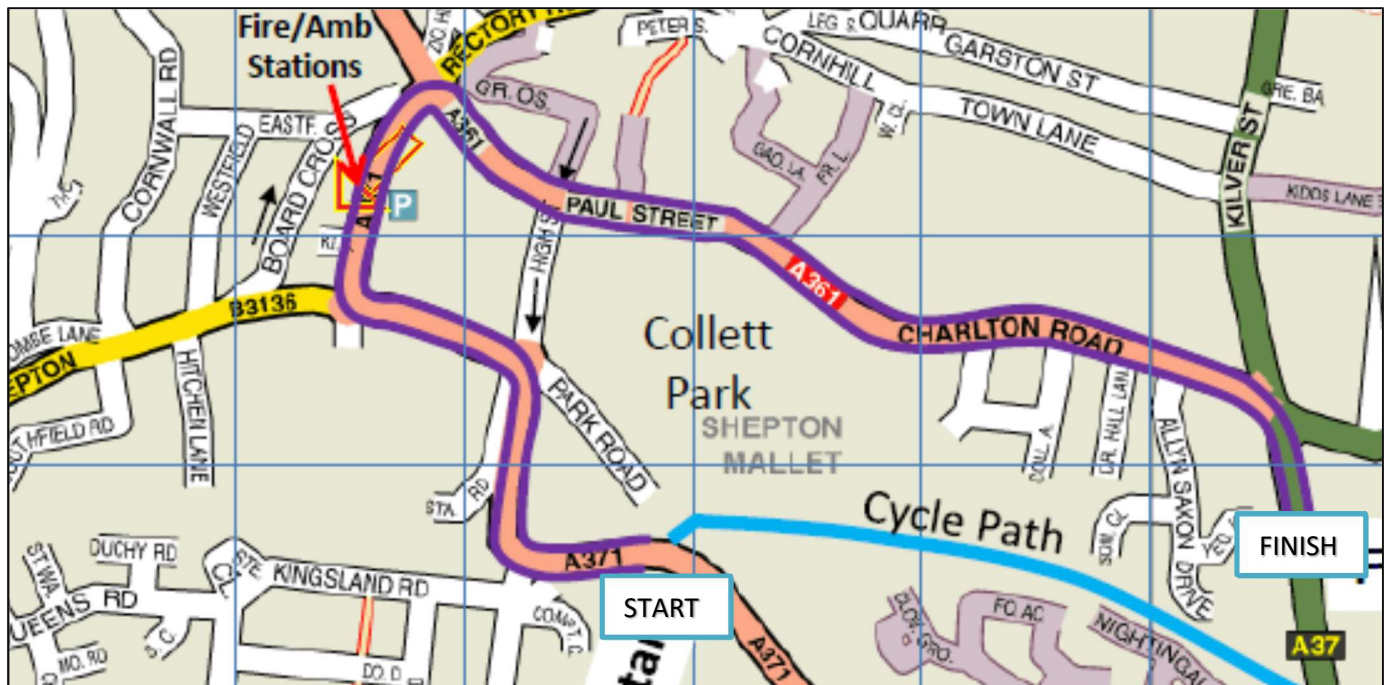
This road will be closed from 21:00hrs on Monday 13th November to 06.00hrs on Tuesday 14th November. Access to properties during this period will be on a one way system, direction of travel is from the Charlton Traffic Lights to the Flock Roundabout.

This road is being used to muster the carnival carts on arrival in Shepton Mallet.

This road will then close again from *19.30hrs until end of procession on Carnival night. **Vehicle access to Tadley Acres will be possible via Hobbs Road from the Flock Roundabout under direction of Marshals during procession.**

Carnival Procession Route - Wednesday 15th November

The following roads will be closed from *18:45hrs until the end of procession - Cannards Grave Road,



Townsend, Old Market Road, Commercial Road, Paul Street & Charlton Road.

Whitstone Road will close at 19:30hrs.

*roads may close earlier from 6pm if required for public safety.

End of Carnival

To leave Shepton Mallet after the procession Marshals will direct traffic to the nearest main road for onward travel, this may mean a small detour for some but it will be the quickest route home whilst the carnival is still progressing in other areas of the town and the carts are making their way to Wells on the A371, which will be closed until all carts have arrived at the Wells Relief Road (approx Midnight).

Visitor Parking

West Shepton (arriving from Wells & Glastonbury direction)

Tesco's at the Townsend Retail Park has very kindly allowed car parking (not coaches) for The Shepton Mallet Carnival.

From 16:30hrs on Wednesday 16th November the 2 hour parking limit will be waived.

Road closures for the procession are *18:45hrs, but access to Tesco car park from West Shepton only, will remain open during the Carnival with the exit towards West Shepton on the B3161 being your route available. All cars have to be removed by 22:30hrs, when Tesco's security will have their barriers in place. Shepton Mallet has 3 other central public Car Parks: Haskins Car Park (by kind permission), the Old Market Road Car Park and The Great Ostry Car Park, these are all available for parking with the usual fees being charged until 18:00 hrs.

East Shepton (arriving from Yeovil, Frome and Bristol direction) including parking for Coaches

To avoid the crowds and congestion at the start of the procession it is better to park at Dobbies Car Park and then walk to watch carnival at about 20:15hrs at the Charlton Cross Roads or Whitstone Road where you will be able to watch in comfort.

Dobbies shop and restaurant will remain open till 18:00hrs, but their car park will stay open for coaches and cars until 23:00 hrs.

All the other pubs and food bars in this area will remain open the whole evening.

Disabled Parking

We have a limited amount of space for vehicles which occupants can view the carnival from, which can be booked in advance to guarantee a good view of the carnival, there is a charge of £5 (including free programme)

Disabled Parking: Please telephone Tina Edwards 01749 840756 woodhill.cottage2@yahoo.co.uk

Disabled Seating: Please telephone Rev. G. Dart on 01749 347437 for a seat outside Shepton Mallet Baptist Church if you are disabled

Tesco Car park is also a central parking place close to the procession route

Public Toilets

The public toilets next to the police station will remain open during carnival, Portable toilets are also available at Park Road opposite the Cenotaph and in Charlton Road near the Leisure Centre.

Street Collection – During the procession local charities and groups will make a bucket collection for donations in appreciation of the spectacle you are enjoying, please give generously. Proceeds of the collection will be distributed to local charities, clubs and groups. The carnival costs in excess of £15,000 to stage each year, £1 from each spectator would give us a record collection in 2017.

PLEASE BRING YOUR OLD £5 NOTES AND £1 COINS, WE CAN BANK THEM.

Souvenir Programmes & official merchandise – these will be on sale in various shops and the Tourist Information Office. They will also be sold during the procession. The programme gives you information of the procession entries and Local Carnival Clubs. We are also selling "Light-up Toys" the official merchandise for 2017, please only buy these items from our official sellers on the night who will be wearing a 'special tabard' or available through the schools in the town before carnival day, this is the only way of ensuring your money goes towards the carnival funds distributed to local charities and groups.

More information regarding Shepton Mallet Carnival can be found on our website –

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