



BRIDGWATER GUY FAWKES CARNIVAL

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*A spectacular event
showcasing local talent
and community spirit!*

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BRIDGWATER GUY FAWKES CARNIVAL COMMITTEE | REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER: 1120551

OFFICIAL VISITORS GUIDE 2026

SATURDAY 7 NOVEMBER 2026

ILLUMINATED PROCESSION | 6.00PM

Everything you need to plan your Carnival visit

Parking / Road closures / Entertainment / Squibbing

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IMPORTANT

Times and access arrangements may change. Check official social media.



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BRIDGWATER GUY FAWKES CARNIVAL

This guide is designed for first time and regular visitors to our amazing carnival. We want to make sure you have the best experience for our 2026 carnival.

BEFORE YOU ARRIVE

- This is a large event that attracts tens of thousands of visitors to a medium-sized rural Somerset town, so it will be VERY busy!
- Bridgwater Carnival goes ahead whatever the weather!
- You do not need to buy a ticket to watch Bridgwater Carnival unless you wish to sit in a grandstand seat or enjoy a hospitality package (both of these always sell out in advance of the day). There is plenty of space to stand along the 1.7 mile long route.
- It is best to arrive early to find parking and secure your place along the procession route.
Road closure details are on pages 7-8. Check our social media for updates on the day.
- Please DO NOT park illegally or inconsiderately. There are official charity park and rides, car parks and other public car parks. No overnight parking is allowed, this includes overnight parking of motorhomes.

IMPORTANT: ROAD CLOSURES & LIVE UPDATES

Road closure times and locations are listed later in this guide.

Details are accurate at the time of writing but may change without prior notice.

Please check our official social media throughout Carnival Day for updates.

MAKE THE MOST OF YOUR VISIT



- Be prepared to queue (for toilets, car parks, park and rides etc), please be patient.
- Wrap up warm and be prepared for wet weather just in case – it's November!
- Important to note that despite our best efforts there may be unofficial traders selling light-up toys, balloons etc on the route. These are NOT associated with our carnival and no money comes to the event as a result.
- Be prepared to stand for a long period of time (unless you have booked a grandstand seat/hospitality). Please do NOT stand in the road.
- The illuminated carnival procession takes approximately two hours to pass any one point on the route and is a mixture of carnival carts (some 100ft long!), walking entries (groups and individuals), marching bands and charity collection carts.
- Sometimes unavoidable gaps appear in the carnival procession. We do absolutely everything we can to reduce these but it is not always possible.
- If you don't like large crowds or noise, we recommend you watch our carnival online via our live stream.
- Please don't bring dogs or animals to our carnival unless they are for assistance purposes.
- Mobile phone signal/service is often reduced during the event due to the sheer number of people in our town.
- After the carnival procession finishes there is a unique firework display held on the High Street called 'squibbing'. It gets VERY busy in this area and squibbing is viewed entirely at your own risk.
- Bridgwater Carnival is organised ENTIRELY by volunteers! Please respect our stewards, marshals and road crews as they are there for your safety.

YOUR CARNIVAL DAY



DAYTIME ENTERTAINMENT

Make a day of it in Bridgwater before the illuminated procession begins at **6pm**. Enjoy the carnival atmosphere and daytime entertainment in the town. Please consult the official carnival daytime entertainment programme for confirmed acts, locations and performance times.

PLAN AHEAD Arrive early, allow time for parking and road closures, and check the latest daytime entertainment information before travelling.

EVENING HIGHLIGHT The illuminated carnival procession starts at **6pm on Saturday 7 November 2026**.

OFFICIAL CAR PARKS & PARK & RIDE

Official carnival car parks

Cars £10 | Minibuses £20 | Motorhomes £30

Vehicles parked in official carnival car parks after 10am on Carnival Day are chargeable.

Official Park & Ride

Cars £17 | Minibuses £30

The Junction 25 Park & Ride is at a new location in 2026 and **does not accept minibuses**.

NO OVERNIGHT PARKING including motorhomes. Allow extra time for queues and follow all parking signs.

IMPORTANT: TOW-AWAY OPERATION

06:30–23:59 ON CARNIVAL DAY. Vehicles parked in restricted zones during these hours may be towed away. Observe all temporary restrictions and signage.

SUPPORT & STAY CONNECTED



WATCH THE OFFICIAL LIVESTREAM

Unable to attend? The enhanced official livestream starts at **6pm**.

www.bridgwatcarnival.live

HELP KEEP OUR CARNIVAL ALIVE

PLEASE give generously to our official charity collection which supports many local charities, community groups and also the future running of the event. You can donate in person, via text or online. Official collectors wear i.d badges.



SCAN & DONATE

gofund.me/6d4c4c362

Registered charity number: **1120551**

CONTACTS & LATEST INFORMATION

For parking locations, road closures, route maps and daytime entertainment updates:

Website: www.bridgwatcarnival.org.uk

Facebook: @bridgwatcarnival | Twitter: @BCarnival

Instagram: @bridgwatcarnival

Carnival Centre: 01278 428220 (weekdays 9am–1pm, subject to volunteer availability)

Publicity email: publicity@bridgwatcarnival.org.uk

DAYTIME ENTERTAINMENT

SATURDAY 7 NOVEMBER 2026 | MUSIC & DANCE FESTIVAL

HIGH STREET PERFORMANCE AREA

10.30	Fox King Dance Academy
10.50	Westover Green School
11.15	Bubbles LaFae
11.50	Bridgwater Rock Choir
12.25	Julia McDonald Dance Co
12.40	Farmyard Circus Cabaret
13.20	Bridgwater Sea Cadets
13.45	The Lifesaver
14.25	Gugge 2000
15.05	Farmyard Circus Cabaret
15.40	Bubbles LaFae
16.15	The Lifesaver
16.55	Gugge 2000

CORNHILL STAGE

10.30	Black Velvet Band
11.15	Shalana Serafina
11.55	Barnacle Buoys
12.40	Westcan
13.15	Black Velvet Band
13.55	The Vixens
14.30	Talisha Sings
15.20	Two Tone
16.10	Ashley Ross Quinn
16.45	Talisha Sings

ST MARY'S CHURCH

11.15	Somerset Songbirds
12.00	Wells City Band
14.15	Bridgwater Rock Choir

MORE LOCATIONS & ACTIVITIES ON THE NEXT PAGE

Times and performers may vary. Please follow official announcements.

ILLUMINATED CARNIVAL PROCESSION

Starts at 6.00pm | Followed by squibbing in the High Street

MORE ENTERTAINMENT

ADDITIONAL PERFORMANCE AREAS & TOWN CENTRE ACTIVITIES

ANGEL PLACE SHOPPING CENTRE

- 10.30** MADE Community Youth Theatre
- 13.00** Krazy Kev & Dinky
- 13.40** YMTC
- 14.25** Barnacle Buoys
- 15.10** Lucy Lost-It
- 15.45** Krazy Kev & Dinky
- 16.20** Simon the Shanty Harpist

BRIDGWATER ARTS CENTRE

- 11.30** Milly Riquelme's Cuban music
- 12.30** Sedef - Bulgarian dance
- 13.15** Dawn from HK
- 14.00** 14.00 Tambore (Colombian Dance)

AROUND THE TOWN CENTRE

Marvellous Magical Theatre | Lucy Lost-It | Bubbles La Fae
Magical Musical Bike | Sounds of the Streets | Gugge 2000
Children's Fairground Rides (from 17.40)

PARADE & SQUIBBING

Procession from 6.00pm; squibbing follows after the procession finishes.

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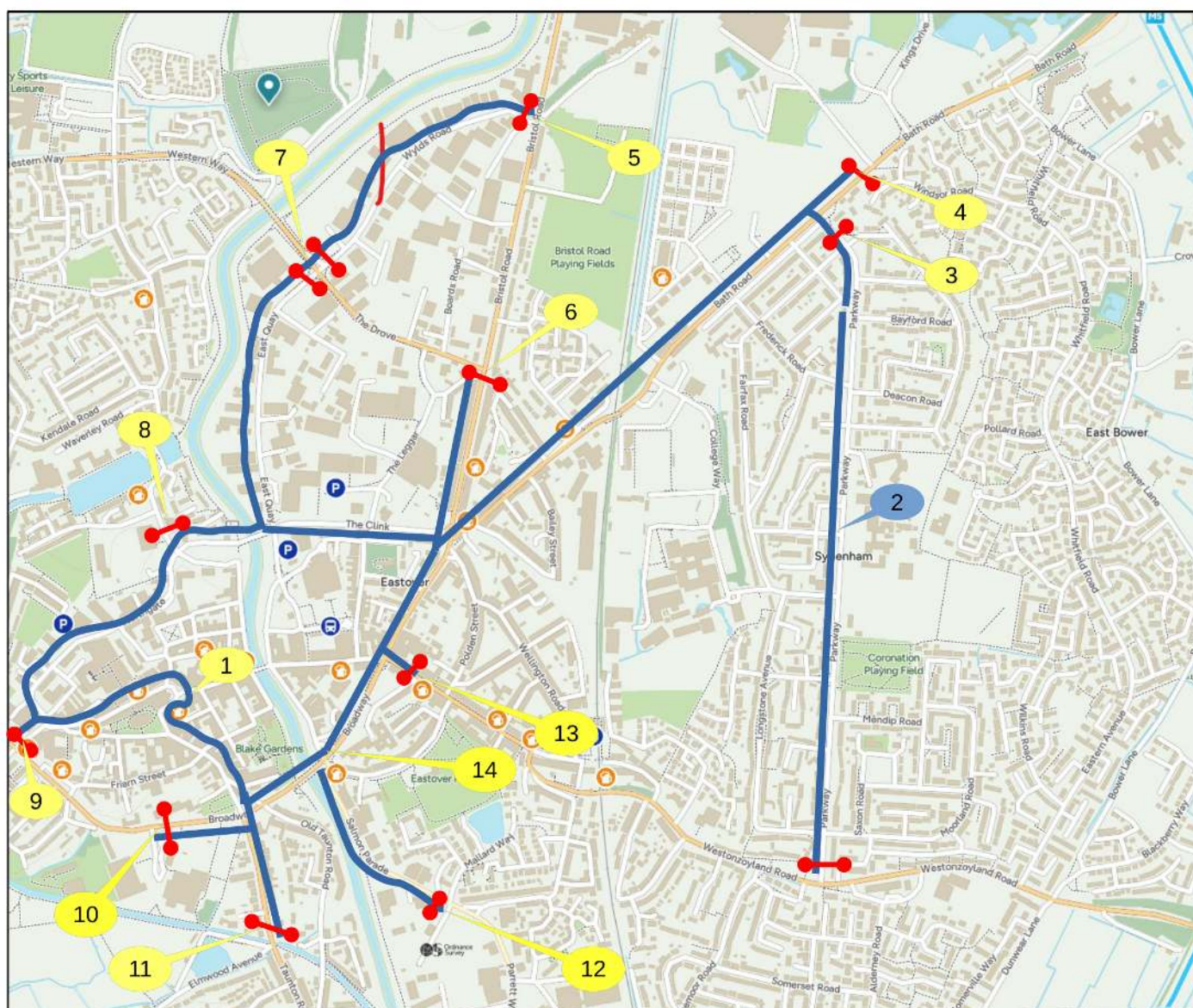
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ROAD CLOSURES & ACCESS

SATURDAY 7 NOVEMBER 2026 | PLAN YOUR JOURNEY

PLAN AHEAD

Road closures operate at different times. See the timetable on page 8.



Numbered points on the map correspond to the closure timetable on page 8.

IMPORTANT: CHECK FOR LIVE UPDATES

Restrictions may change without notice. Check official Carnival social media.

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ROAD CLOSURE TIMES

OFFICIAL MAIN ROAD CLOSURE POINTS | SATURDAY 7 NOVEMBER

POINT	LOCATION	CLOSES
1	Cornhill & High Street	08:00
2	Parkway	08:00
14	Broadway (Grandstands)	11:00
3	Parkway/Sydenham Road	16:00
4	Bath Rd/Kingsdown	16:00
5	Wylds Rd/Bristol Rd	16:00
6	Bristol Rd/The Drove	16:00
7	Wylds Rd/A39	16:00
8	Northgate/The Clink	16:00
9	Penel Orlieu/Broadway	16:00
10	Broadway/Morrisons	16:00
11	A38 Taunton Rd Canal Bridge	16:00
12	Salmon Parade/Mallard Way	16:00
13	St John St/Barclay St	16:00

TOW-AWAY OPERATION: 06:30-23:59

Vehicles parked in restricted zones may be removed.

CHECK OFFICIAL SOCIAL MEDIA

Road closures may change without prior notice. Check for updates on the day.

OFFICIAL CAR PARKS

SATURDAY 7 NOVEMBER 2026 | PLAN YOUR ARRIVAL

OFFICIAL CHARITY CAR PARKS

£10 per car | £20 per minibus



ASDA

Open from 2.00pm

East Quay, TA6 5AZ

Charity: SNAP



B & M

Open from 2.00pm

Broadway, TA6 3LN

Charity: Bridgwater Rotary Club



BLAKE

Open from 10.00am

Northgate, TA6 3EU

Group: Bridgwater Sea Cadets



WEST QUAY

Open from 10.00am

Northgate, TA6 3EU

Group: Bridgwater Sea Cadets



WICKES

Open from 2.00pm

Wylds Road, TA6 4DH

Group: Weston Operatic



ST. MATTHEWS FIELD

Open from 10.30am

West Street, TA6 7HD

Charity: Westfield Church



MORRISONS

Open from 2.00pm

Broadway, TA6 3LN

Charity: Bridgwater Rotary Club



UCS COLLEGE

Open from 10.30am

Bath Road, TA6 4PZ

Group: Wilstock Hub

All vehicles must be removed by midnight (may vary if procession is delayed).

No overnight parking. Standard charges and regulations apply at other car parks.

Organisers accept no responsibility for loss or damage to vehicles or property.

IMPORTANT PARKING ACCESS

SATURDAY 7 NOVEMBER 2026 | PLEASE PLAN AHEAD

ACCESS TO MOST CAR PARKS STOPS AT 4PM
Please arrive early to avoid disappointment.

EVENING ACCESS VIA M5 JUNCTION 23

The following parking locations remain accessible throughout the evening via Junction 23 (J23) of the M5:

ST MATTHEW'S FIELD

BRIDGWATER RETAIL PARK

MORRISONS

B&M

IMPORTANT: Road closures and traffic arrangements may change without prior notice. Follow official signs and stewards, and check Carnival social media throughout the day for live updates.

PARK & RIDE

OFFICIAL CARNIVAL TRANSPORT & IMPORTANT PARKING RESTRICTIONS

PARK & RIDE

£17 per car | £30 per minibus

Includes fares for all passengers

Operates 2.00pm to 11.30pm

M5 JUNCTION 23

HPC Park & Ride, Bristol Road, Dunball, TA6 4TB

Charity: Bridgwater Operatic Society

M5 JUNCTION 25

Taunton Gateway Park and Ride, Ilminster Rd, Taunton, TA3 5LU

Charity: Cancer Research UK

IMPORTANT: Junction 24 Park & Ride is NOT operating in 2026.

Junction 25 does not accept minibuses.

TOW-AWAY OPERATION | 06:30–23:59

Vehicles parked in restricted zones may be removed.

Observe all road closures, temporary restrictions and signage.

THE GRAND SQUIBBING PARADE

HIGH STREET | AFTER THE CARNIVAL PROCESSION



We aim to start the Grand Squibbing Parade on the High Street approximately 15 minutes after the procession finishes.
This is an estimated start time and may change on the night.

IMPORTANT SAFETY INFORMATION

Squibbing is viewed entirely at your own risk.

Young children and pushchairs are NOT permitted in the squibbing area.

Once the procession has passed the High Street, ALL chairs must be packed away to allow sufficient space for the squibbers to assemble.

Please follow all instructions from stewards and officials.
Timings and arrangements may change without prior notice.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT

FROM EVERYONE INVOLVED IN BRIDGWATER GUY FAWKES CARNIVAL

**From all of us involved in Bridgwater Guy Fawkes Carnival,
we wish you the most enjoyable day!**

If you are able to, we encourage you to donate generously.

Your support helps our charities, carnival clubs and community,
and helps keep this wonderful tradition alive.

THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING OUR CARNIVAL!

DONATE: gofund.me/6d4c4c362

Latest updates: [@bridgwateryfawkes](https://twitter.com/bridgwateryfawkes)

SCAN TO DONATE

