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## HOW TO FIND US

**By Car** - leave the M5 at junction 23 or 24 and follow the signs to Bridgwater. Both A38 & A39 pass through the town.  
**By Rail** - the station is a 10 minute walk to the parade.

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*Bridgwater Carnival*  
*in the Heart of Somerset*



## BRIDGWATER GUY FAWKES CARNIVAL

**SATURDAY**  
**4 NOVEMBER**  
**PARADE at 6pm**



**FIREWORKS – SQUIBBING – LIVE ENTERTAINMENT**



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# BRIDGWATER GUY FAWKES CARNIVAL

Europe's largest illuminated carnival parade, and the oldest UK carnival, returns to the streets of Bridgwater on

**Saturday 4 November 2023.**

A sight to behold – *Seeing is Believing!*

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## CARNIVAL PARADE

Some 50 carnival carts, up to 30m long, 5.5m high, 3.5m wide, create an amazing spectacle of light, sound and mind-blowing movement as the parade winds its way along a two mile route in the centre of our historic town. Groups and individual masqueraders, marching bands and so much more complete the line-up which takes over two hours to pass you by. The parade starts at 6pm – but you need to arrive much earlier to sample the full Bridgwater Carnival Experience, which culminates with the unique -

## SIMULTANEOUS SQUIBBING DISPLAY

The tradition of squibbing goes back centuries and can only be seen in Bridgwater. The display takes place in the High Street 30 minutes after the parade ends. When it comes to fireworks, nothing matches this incredible display on the streets of Bridgwater.

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## CARNIVAL DAY

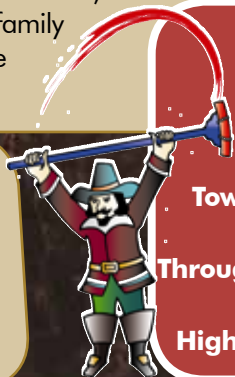
The fun starts early on Bridgwater Carnival Day. From 10am the streets echo with the sounds of live music, street theatre, marching bands and fun for the whole family. Come early and join in the Carnival Party!

## FIREWORKS & FAIRGROUND

A Grand Firework Display, sponsored by Bridgwater Town Council, provides the perfect opening event for Bridgwater Carnival. Held in St Matthew's Field, courtesy of Sedgemoor District Council, this is one of the largest displays in the South West, with the added attraction of family fairground rides for everyone to enjoy.

## 2 to 14 October CARNIVAL CONCERTS

Town Hall, Bridgwater  
Evenings (times vary)



## Saturday 4 November BRIDGWATER CARNIVAL

Town Centre Entertainment - from 10am

**GRAND PARADE**

Through the streets of Bridgwater - from 6pm

**SQUIBBING DISPLAY**

High Street - 30 mins after Parade finishes

## Friday 3 November FIREWORKS & FAIRGROUND

St Matthew's Field, Bridgwater  
Fairground 3pm to 9.30pm  
Fireworks @ 7.30pm  
Car parking on site - £7 per car

## 2023 INFORMATION

### GRANDSTANDS

Our all-seater, covered grandstands give you the very best view of the whole parade so you won't miss a thing! **Reserved seats - £28**

Tel: 01278 428220 or order online –  
[www.bridgwatcarnival.org.uk](http://www.bridgwatcarnival.org.uk)

### HOSPITALITY

The full Bridgwater Carnival Experience. This pre-carnival reception includes a hot two-course meal, a drink, parking, souvenir programme and a reserved grandstand seat. **Tickets - £70**

Email: [mark@bridgwatcarnival.org.uk](mailto:mark@bridgwatcarnival.org.uk)

### PARK 'n' RIDE

Hassle free parking on the outskirts of Bridgwater with regular buses taking you to where all the action takes place. Simply follow the signs from junctions 23 or 24 M5. **Parking - £16 per car.** Includes return bus journeys.

### COACH PARKING

Ample parking for coaches in three central locations. Advanced booking advisable. Pre-booked coaches from **£40 to £55** (Minibuses £30 to £40) Tel: 01278 428220

### ROAD CLOSURES

Roads in the town centre and around the parade route close from 4pm. So please arrive early to avoid disappointment!

### REMEMBER, REMEMBER - CARNIVAL 2023

DVDs of the full Parade and Squibbing, and Calendars with full colour pictures of many of the entries, will be available shortly after Bridgwater Carnival. Order your copies today!

### Further information and bookings

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