

Hastings Old Town Carnival Saturday 9th August 2025



Theme: "HASTINGS GOES TO HOLLYWOOD"

Please return by noon on **Friday 8th August** by post to: HOTCA Secretary, C/O 54 Welton Rise, St Leonards on Sea, TN37 7RF. Email: hotcasec@gmail.com or deliver by hand to The Jenny Lind, High Street, Hastings or History House, 21 Courthouse Street, Hastings, TN34 3AU.

You can also apply online by visiting our website at: <https://www.hastingsoldtowncarnival.co.uk>

13:00 p.m. Registration opens at Stade Hall (Stade Open Space) registration for judging closes at 4:30 p.m.

4:00pm ASSEMBLY STARTS Rock-a-Nore carpark, Hastings TN34 3DW

5.00 p.m. PARADE STARTS

Judging takes place during the parade, where you will be judged not only on your costumes and/or float but on how you entertain and engage with the spectators and interpret the theme.

Arrivals after 4.30pm must register for collecting buckets though may not be judged but are **welcome** in the procession.

When you register you will receive class cards to show the judges as you pass.

Classes:

- A. Pedestrian**
- B. Prams and other non-motorised vehicles**
- C. Visiting Carnival Courts**
- D. Performance Groups** (public liability document required)
- E. Disabled vehicles**
- F. Motor Vehicles** (vehicle insurance required)

Please note the 7.5 Tonne vehicle weight limit due to the widened pavements in High Street and for public safety. Larger vehicles will be at the back of the procession for pedestrian safety.

Responsibilities:

- All vehicular entries must be accompanied by **2 walking marshals**. Please enter their names & addresses overleaf.
- If you have a motor vehicle, please provide a copy of your **current vehicle insurance** document.
- If you are a performance group, please include a copy of your public liability insurance.
- To collect for charity, remember to fill the edges of the road and let people give.

ENTRY FORM for **HOTCA's 57th Carnival**

I/we hereby agree that our entry will abide by the HOTCA conditions (overleaf)

SIGNED..... PLEASE PRINT.....

ON BEHALF OF (Group name)

Contact information:

Title of Entry.....	Brief description of entry.....
Person in Charge	Home phone number.....
Address.....	Mobile phone number.....
Postcode.....	Email address.....
Class Letter.....	Pedestrians approx. size of group.....

Conditions of entry

1. Vehicle maximum height from the ground – 13ft, maximum width – 8ft. No more than 7.5 tonnes.
2. It is the responsibility of all owners of participating motor vehicles to notify such use with their insurers and ensure that all vehicles are street legal.
3. Motor vehicle entrants to present a printed copy of their road insurance and are required to affect their own liability insurances in respect of any injury arising or damaged caused to third parties, person or property in relation to the event. *Vehicles that cause damage to pavements, roads, buildings etc. will be charged for the cost of repair either directly or through their insurance.* This may not cover participants so please check with your own insurers or obtain a waiver—a copy of this must be attached to the entry form.
4. Floats must not travel to or from the venue with people on the back.
5. Each vehicle entry must provide **two Walking Marshals** alongside the float at all times, wearing Hi-Viz Safety wear.
6. No commercial advertising – no leaflets or flyers.
7. A separate entry form must be used for each entry.
8. Fire extinguishers must be carried on all vehicles.
9. First Aid Boxes must be carried on all vehicles.
10. The Committee reserves the right to reclassify or refuse any entry.
11. All judging and trophy awarding will take place during the parade.
12. The Judges’ decisions are final on all awards.
13. No parking at Assembly Area unless otherwise previously agreed.
14. All participants to respect the property of local residents.
15. A representative from every entry must obtain collection vessels from Registration (Stade Hall).
16. Only Official HOTCA collection vessels to be used and only HOTCA representatives are permitted to open collecting vessels.
17. All monies collected are for Hastings Old Town Carnival Association only and are to be handed in at the Collection Point either in the Stade Hall or the Rock-a-Nore car park at the end of the procession. No private collections allowed.
18. The throwing of any articles or squirting of liquids from floats or by pedestrians is banned.
19. Due to Health & Safety ruling – at the end of the parade, vehicles **MUST NOT** turn right at the bottom of All Saints Street – they must all return to Rock-a-Nore Car Park.

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All hand written information in CAPITALS PLEASE

Mobile contact number for Carnival Day if different from number overleaf.....

Walking Marshal’s Details: DETAILS OF MARSHALS MUST BE GIVEN

Marshal 1 contact number/email

Marshal 2 contact number /email

Motorised / Towed vehicles approx. size (please see rules overleaf) length..... width.....

height.....Size (tonnes).....

Is your vehicle articulated **Y/N**

Will your entry have - amplified music? **Y/N** live music? **Y/N** no music? **Y/N**

Please enclose a stamped-addressed envelope if you require acknowledgement of your entry.

[Thank you for your participation, we look forward to seeing you in the Carnival.](#)