



Castle Cary & Ansford Carnival Society

Somerset's Family Carnival • established since 1977

PRESS RELEASE

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Outline

Local Carnival gives over £2400 back to the community. Castle Cary & Ansford's Carnival Committee gives £2410 to local deserving groups and emergency services. At an event held at the Constitutional Club, Castle Cary, on Thursday 4 February, they made substantial contributions to fourteen beneficiaries.

Story

A local Somerset Carnival has helped local groups and emergency services, through its annual donations to the community. Castle Cary & Ansford's Carnival Committee this week gave donations to local deserving groups and emergency services. At a joyful event, held at the Constitutional Club (Station Road, Castle Cary), the Carnival Committee provided much-needed support to local deserving groups. From its two October 2010 carnival processions, it raised over £2400. The cash was distributed to fourteen deserving causes - to meet specific requests for help and to provide ongoing funding for local volunteer and other groups in the Castle Cary & Ansford area.

Committee Chairman Gordon Stockman said, "This is what Carnival is all about: as well having great fun on the night and bringing the community together, Carnival exists to support the community that supports it." He added: "We are grateful to everyone who gave to our Children's and Illuminated Carnivals last year. At a time when funding is increasingly hard to find, it's more important than ever that Carnival can give to those who need help."

The Cary Carnival web site is at: www.castlecary-carnival.org.uk.

Background

This year's CCACS beneficiaries are:

Camelot Rounders

[Castle Cary's Millbrook Surgery](#)

Monday Club

Mulfulira High Exchange

Cary Scouts

[Toybox Preschool](#)

[Somerset & Dorset Air Ambulance](#)

Tiddlywinks Parent & Toddler Group

Britannia Carnival Club

[Cary Comedians Carnival Club](#)

St John's Ambulance

Dorset & Somerset Fire & Rescue Service

[Avon & Somerset Police](#)

Note to editors: CCACS does not, as policy, publicise the extent of its donations to individual beneficiaries.

The Castle Cary & Ansford Carnival has existed in its present form for over 30 years, but its history dates back to the 1920s. Popularly known as "Somerset's Family Carnival", it usually takes place annually on the evening of the second Saturday in October; the Children's Carnival usually takes place on the afternoon of the preceding Saturday.

The Carnival is sixth in the Wessex Grand Prix Circuit sequence of towns comprising Sturminster Newton, Trowbridge, Mere, Frome, Shaftesbury, Gillingham, Castle Cary & Ansford and Warminster.

It costs in excess of £5000 to present Cary's carnivals each year. They are produced entirely by volunteers of the Castle Cary & Ansford Carnival Committee and receive no public or charitable

funding. Local carnival clubs include Cary Comedians (www.carycomedians.co.uk) and the Britannia Carnival Club (www.freewebs.com/britcc05).

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