



## Castle Cary & Ansford Carnival Society

Somerset's Family Carnival • established since 1977

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### Outline

**Donations flow from Cary's Carnival Committee.** Castle Cary's Carnival Committee held its annual Presentations Evening at Cary's Constitutional Club last Friday (5 February). Over 60 people attended; £3000 was given out as charitable donations to local deserving causes.

### Story

Castle Cary's Carnival Committee once again proved the value of Carnival to the community by donating a total of £3000 to 14 local deserving causes and emergency services.

Over 60 people attended the event, last Friday evening at Cary's Constitutional Club.

The recipients were: Ansford School Drama Group, Caryford Hall, Cemetery Chapel Friends Group, Castle Cary Out Of School Club, St Maragarets Hospice, Somerset & Wessex Eating Disorders Association, Toybox Preschool, Somerset & Dorset Air Ambulance, Avalon Round Table, Britannia Carnival Club, Cary Comedians Carnival Club, South Western Ambulance Services, Devon & Somerset Fire & Rescue Services, Avon & Somerset Police.

The cheques were given out by Wessex Queen Emma Vine and Cary's own Carnival Princess, Maisey Cryer.

Committee President Gordon Stockman said: "As ever, it's great to be able to support local groups in this way. All the more so, because our 2009 carnival collections were made in the middle of the credit crunch - and yet our supporters were as generous as ever."

### Background

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 around £5000 to present Cary's carnivals each year. They are produced entirely by volunteers of the Castle Cary & Ansford Carnival Committee and receives no public or charitable funding. Local carnival clubs include Cary Comedians ([www.carycomedians.co.uk](http://www.carycomedians.co.uk)) and the Britannia Carnival Club ([www.freewebs.com/britcc05](http://www.freewebs.com/britcc05)).

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