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### WELCOME TO THE ILKLEY CARNIVAL



I want to start with a look back to last year. After an enforced two year break we had no idea how the 2022 event would be received. Organisers of parade entries and helper's groups may have moved on and some children had never seen an Ilkley Carnival. Would people turn up?

The answer was a resounding YES! We had a year that broke all known records with over 10,000 people on the Carnival showground and many thousands more lining the street for the biggest and best parade procession ever. We had hundreds of volunteers give up their time to ensure the event ran smoothly and safely. We also gave away a record £25,500 to local good causes, including £12,000 to the Friends of Ilkley Moor to assist the vital work they are undertaking to preserve our most valuable asset. This means the last six Carnival's have distributed over £95,000 to local charities and good causes. We know we live in a wonderful area with a fantastic community spirit, thank you for confirming that and continuing to support the largest annual single day event in the Ilkley calendar.

2023 has a lot to live up to but we have secured some great entertainment with the fantastic Steamhorse/Knights Of Albion our main headline act who put on a show not to be missed. Of course Ilkley Carnival is not just about the big names, it provides an opportunity to showcase local talent, particularly on the 'Ilkley Rocks' stage and in the 'Acoustic Marquee'. Please do check these out and see some of the amazing talent we have in our community.

We have a new addition this year with a sponsors' marquee to recognise the vital role sponsors play. Last year it cost almost £26,000 to hold the event and we receive no public funding. Therefore, the support of local businesses in effectively underwriting many of our costs is vital in safeguarding the future of the event. Thank you to all of you that have supported us.

Finally, I wanted to say thank you to a few individuals and organisations. Firstly, we are delighted to welcome Tom Harris to the committee. Tom has supported and assisted the carnival for a number of years but has now made it official and has single-handedly brought the average age of the committee down considerably. Last year 25 local groups assisted the Carnival in setting up the site and with staffing. Some of these such as Backstage Academy, School Of Rock & Media and the traffic management team from Baildon Gala bring levels of expertise that are priceless in enabling us to keep our considerable costs down and so ensure we are able to give more money to local good causes. Thank you to these and all of the groups that assist as without you there would be no Ilkley Carnival. The last thank you is to town councillor and mayor of Ilkley Mark Stidworthy who steps down from his role this year. Mark is a long-standing friend of Ilkley Carnival and we could not have had a bigger supporter. He has been an excellent mayor for the town and has always supported projects and events for our younger residents. Mark was very keen that the 2022 Ilkley Carnival happened, recognising the boost it would bring to the town and community. Thank you Mark, you will be missed.

All that is left is for me to say enjoy the day and thank you for continuing to support this event that is by the community, for the community.

Andrew Stacey
Chairman, Ilkley Carnival

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### WHAT'S ON

#### The Parade

Starts at 11.00am on The Grove

#### ON THE FIELD

#### **Discover Ilkley Arena**

11.45am - 12.30pm Parade and Presentations

> 12.45pm - 1.15pm Knights of Albion

1.25pm - 1.40pm Ilkley Gym Club

1.50pm - 2.20pm
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2.30pm - 2.45pm ND Dance

3.00pm - 3.30pm Knights of Albion

3.40pm - 4.10pm
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### Dog Show

1.00pm - 3.30pm

### **Ilkley Rocks Stage**

12.35pm - 5.00pm Live music

### Teepee Acoustic Stage

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Class 5 Best Rescue All ages

Class 6 Golden Oldie 8+ years

Class 7 Best Trick All ages

Class 8 Happiest Dog All ages

Class 9 Scruffiest dog All ages

Class 10 Best young handler All ages

Class 11 Best in Show

Each class winner is entitled to enter the line up to compete for best in show



Ears pricked and tails wagging? It's time to get ready for the fifth year of Ilkley Carnival's Fun Dog Show.

Whether pedigrees or mongrels, the show, sponsored by Aireborough Skip Hire, welcomes any willing owner and furry friend into the ring.

Event judges say they are looking for a good team partnership between dog and owner, making for a happy, healthy, well balanced family pet.

All class winners will compete in the final 'Best in Show' category for the ultimate status to round off this exciting event!

A range of prizes, rosettes and food are up for grabs which have been kindly donated by Tyler James Pet Supplies of Ilkley and thanks to Ashleigh Murphy from Tails on Trails for judging today.

To enter, simply visit the tent next to the dog show ring to register from 11am. Show starts at 1.00pm and all classes are £2.00 per entry.











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### CREATIVE COMPETITION





We received fabulous entries from local schools including Sacred Heart, Ashlands Primary, Moorfield School and Westville House for our Ilkley Carnival Creative Competition in the search to find the cover artwork for this very programme!

Sisters Olivia and Erin Rix from Moorfield School were awarded top prizes for the 5-8 and the 9-11 categories, with Olivia's very personal Coronation theme taking the top prize.

Olivia's illustration was declared the overall winner for its depiction of Ilkley's iconic landmarks including the old bridge, Ilkley Lido, the bandstand, the Cow and Calf, Ilkley Moor and Christchurch – all encased within King Charles' crown.

Meanwhile, Erin (7) created a vibrant, painted entry featuring the Coronation crown within the Union Flag and a Red Arrows flypast, set against the backdrop of Ilkley's rural landscape.

Carnival chair Andrew Stacey said: "Once again we had an impressive array of entries and we'd like to thank all our local school children for their fabulous efforts and Bradford Grammar School for once again providing the prizes including a trip to the school's art department for Olivia's class.

"Special Commendation goes to art enthusiast Mehera Arunprabhu from Sheffield whose passion for drawing led her family to find the Carnival's competition online!"

All entries are on display in the foyer at Booths supermarket, Leeds Road, llkley.





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## ILKLEY CARNIVAL IN THE COMMUNITY



Sunday Funday at Ilkley Carnival

The day before Ilkley Carnival once again saw 100 children and families from the LS29 and AWARE support groups enjoy two hours of free rides courtesy of Marshalls Amusements/Ridezone, who operate the funfair at the event.

The special day started in 2012 when LS29 were chosen to be the main beneficiary of the Carnival. It was such a success that it has taken place at every Carnival since then. Local business Aireborough Skip Hire provided sponsorship so that the children also received some sweets as part of the occasion.

Penny Southgate from AWARE said: "This event is wonderful for the children and is so appreciated by our families. Some children would struggle with the crowds on the main Carnival day so this allows them to enjoy all the fun at their own pace. It also provides some quality time with their siblings and families. I have received so many comments from families asking me to thank Darran, Deana from Marshalls and all of the ride operators."

Ilkley Town Mayor Councillor Mark Stidworthy said: "I was delighted to join the group briefly at the start of their time on Sunday. I would like to thank the funfair owners and sponsor for their kindness in creating this special opportunity, each year, for these local young people to share in the fun and companionship of the wider Carnival."

Pictured are families from LS29 and AWARE support groups with Ilkley Carnival committee members and Mark Stidworthy, Ilkley Town Mayor Councillor; Deana Church of Marshalls Funfair and Robert Turner of Aireborough Skip Hire.



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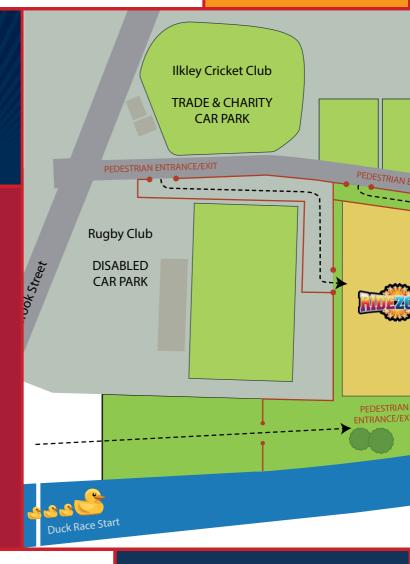
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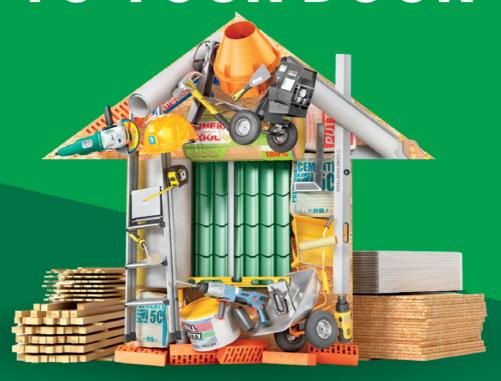








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### BENEFICIARIES













Welcome back to Ilkley Carnival! We're delighted to invite you to join us once again in our celebration of community! We hope you have a wonderful time with us and enjoy revelling in all our amazing town has to offer.

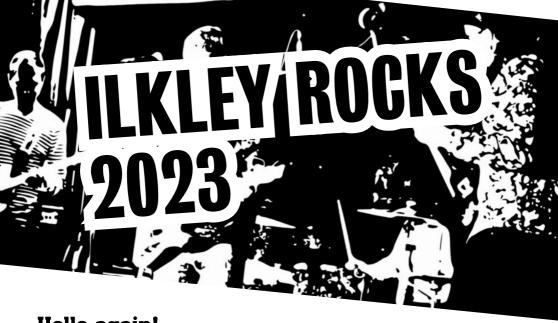
The Carnival Committee members dedicate their time and energy to providing a spectacular event for members of the local town, surrounding areas and visitors from further afield. This year's event is packed with activities and attractions for you to enjoy and help raise much needed funds for local projects which engage and enrich our community.

Every year local groups and organisations apply to be beneficiaries of the money generated by Carnival Day and are put through a rigorous selection process resulting in 50% of the money raised being given to a main beneficiary ('Friends of Ilkley Moor' in 2022) and the other 50% is distributed among the fantastic groups that send volunteers who are prepared to help out over the bank holiday to put on such a special day as this very popular community event. Last year we were able to give away £25,000.

If you think you could offer your time, energy, ideas, skills and/or just enthusiasm towards making next year's Carnival the best yet, and help to raise funds for your own project or group, please contact me: Mari Hunt, Ilkley Carnival Secretary at carnisec@gmail.com or call Andrew Stacey, Chairman on 07951 890836. You will be welcomed with open arms and become part of a close team working towards providing profits to share between worthwhile causes and a great annual event for the community of Ilkley. It's hard work, but such a lot of fun and friends have been made for life!!

Here's to a successful day for us all and onwards and upwards to Ilkley Carnival 2024!

Mari Hunt Ilkley Carnival Secretary



### Hello again!

Welcome to another Ilkley Rocks which encompasses the main Ilklev Rocks stage and also the Acoustic Marquee. The first Ilkley Rocks took place in 2014 at the Hollygarth Social Club before moving to the main Carnival site the year after. It then expanded to encompass the two performance areas and this year we have a larger acoustic marguee. In recent years we have been very lucky to have had the support of Tony, John and their team from the School Of Rock & Media (SORM) who provide all of the equipment and ensure the sound quality is on a par with many smaller music festivals. The students from Backstage Academy have assisted in making our music offering very professional. Thank you to both SORM and **Backstage Academy for your** professionalism and support.

The idea of this little corner of Ilkley Carnival was to showcase some of the fantastic local talent and we have certainly done that over the years. In 2016 Leeds based indie band 'Apollo Junction' made their outside venue debut at Ilkley Carnival and as they say, the rest is history! At the time of writing Apollo Junction's third album is due for imminent release following their highly claimed albums 'Mystery' and 'All In'. The band have also played at many of the larger music festivals including Bingley Weekender. Kendal Calling and the Isle of Wight Festival. We like to think that first performance at 'Ilkley Rocks' set them on their way...

If there is another Apollo
Junction in the line up this
year then just maybe it will be
Ilkley's very own 'Finishers'.

It seems no local event is worth attending unless the Finishers are present! Finishers are an Ilkley-based covers band who have been playing together for a couple of vears. Finishers turned in a fabulous set at last year's Carnival before going on to perform at The Kings Hall for the inaugural likley Pride event and at the event village for the **Ilkley Half-Marathon amongst** other local performances. You can expect them to play a range of well-known songs from the 70's through to the 00's including alternative, new-wave, britpop, punk and rock/pop classics. Find out more at https://www.facebook. com/finishersband

Timings for individual performances will be displayed on the day.

### PARADE ENTRANTS

















For many, the spotlight of Carnival Day is the spectacular and colourful parade which passes through the streets of Ilkley before arriving at the Carnival showground. Last time we saw over 1,000 local schoolchildren and organisations recreating an imaginative 'Our Planet" themed display. This year we have a record entry in the parade for our 'Coronation' theme, celebrating the King's Coronation with Red Arrows, London Bus, the commonwealth and maybe even a Corgi. Be prepared for the biggest and best parade yet!

A big thank you to everyone who helps put on a spectacular show each year and a special mention goes to just some of this year's carnival legends which include, All Saints Primary School, Sacred Heart School, Ben Rhydding Pre-school, Ben Rhydding Primary School, Westville House School, Ashlands Primary School, Ilkley Playhouse, Ilkley Pre-School Playgroup, Outside the Box, Moorfield School, Moortime Charity, Airedale NHS foundation Trust, Ashlands Vets, Duck Race, Knights of Albion and the 1st Ben Rhydding Cubs.

The parade will be completed by our very own town crier, Leeds Pipe Band, Otley Brass Band, 1224 Wharfedale Squadron Air Cadets, Ilkley pride, Jamba Samba Band and main sponsor High Speed Training.



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### **HELPERS**





Ilkley Carnival 2022, what can we say. What an amazing year it was. Every year we think it's been a record and then we beat it, again!

As ever the response from our local groups was INCREDIBLE - over the 2 days we had almost 300 helpers, giving over 900 person hours. The time gifted to us, is rewarded with a share of the profits made on the day. Our Primary Beneficiary receives 50% of the profit, the remaining money is distributed amongst all of our helpers groups, some of whom have achieved a substantial pot of money to utilise on fundraising they are working towards.

The groups who assisted us in 2022 were Ilkley Rugby Club, Ben Rhydding Sports Club, Ilkley Soroptomists, Aware, Bradford Olympians Trampoline Club, 1st Ben Rhydding Scouts, 3rd Ben Rhydding Scouts, Ilkley Stroke Club, Ilkley in Bloom, Friends of Martin House, Rotary Club of Ilkley and Wharfedale, Manorlands Volunteer group, Ilkley Gym Club, Ilkley Grammar School, Clarke Foley Centre, Backstage Academy, Air Cadets, Baildon Gala, Ilkley Round Table, St Georges Crypt, Scout Jamboree, Friends of Ashlands School, and Cookridge Camera Club team along with the many other helpers/friends and family, who come back year after year to help

We think 2022 will be a hard year to beat, both for positivity among our helpers and visitors alike, but we remain hopeful. So we to extend our heartfelt thanks to the (almost) 30 groups who came along and made it such a year to remember.

We look forward to seeing you all this year and beyond.

### Mary Moore Volunteer Co-ordinator



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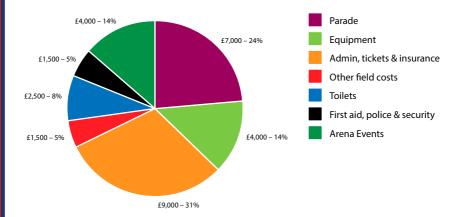
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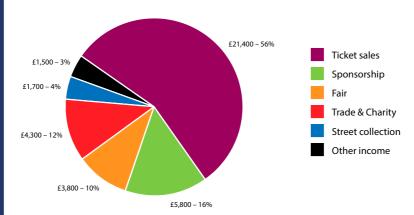
### **FINANCES**



Ilkley Carnival is run as a not-for-profit event, which means that any profit that we make is donated to local good causes. Last year, Ilkley Carnival cost £24,500 to put on. The biggest cost being the programmes and advertising banners followed by the parade medals, bands and other parade cost, the entertainment, main arena acts and children's entertainments. Other cost linked to the field and administration make up the remaining cost.



In 2022, the total income was £54,500, ticket sales was still the biggest contributor with 58% followed by sponsorship 324% and the fair 7%.



In 2022 llkley Carnival gave away £25,000 to Beneficiaries, over the last 6 Carnivals we have donated £100,000 to local good causes.



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### OUR MAIN BENEFICIARY





We are delighted that this year's primary beneficiary – the local organisation which receives the major share of profits raised on carnival day – is the Ilkley Amateur Operatics Society.

The theatre group, which for 100 years has nurtured and showcased the talents of generations of local children, teenagers and adults, needs funding to refurbish "Operatic House", its premises, based in the centre of Ilkley.

Operatic House is home to weekly rehearsals and is utilised for wider community use with around 250 people per week using the space and benefitting from activities housed within this historic Grade II listed building.

The volunteer-run Society was unanimously awarded primary beneficiary status with remaining funds raised from Ilkley Carnival being divided between Ben Rhydding Scouts and Guides to support its 75th anniversary of links with The Hague, alongside other local groups who actively support and help at our annual event.

Ted Killan of the Ilkley Amateur Operatic Society said: "Being the main beneficiary of Ilkley Carnival is a massive help to us and to our commitment to maintaining Operatic House in our centenary year. As well as being a rehearsal space for IAOS, Operatic House is a much-used and much-loved community hub, providing space for local businesses and a diverse range of local organisations.

"Sadly, we have discovered significant dry rot within the fabric of the building that negatively impacts on our use of it. Funding from Ilkley Carnival will be a huge help in enabling us to treat and repair the affected parts of the building so it is fit to serve the community of Ilkley for another 100 years!"

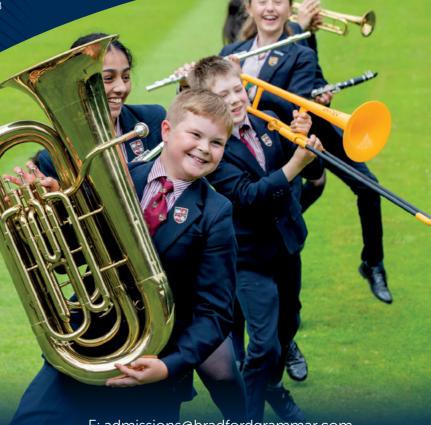


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