

Decorated Floats and Vehicles 2026 Details of Entry



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Name

Signature.....

Representing.....

Group of friends, school, pre-school or organisation

Contact Tel:

Mobile:

Email:

Address where entry is being prepared.....

Title of Entry.....

(Optional theme – Seasons)

Total length of entry including vehicle and trailer (ft).....

NB: All tractors / trailers / vehicles must be fully insured and a copy of the insurance provided, with a completed risk assessment for our records

Please return this form with the copy of insurance and risk assessment by email or to Goosnargh Chippy by Friday 22nd May.

Decorated Floats and Vehicles Check List

All tractors / trailers / vehicles must be fully insured for use on public roads and to carry passengers in the Festival Procession.

A road closure order will be in force between 1.00pm and 4.45pm on Festival Day

The enclosed pro forma risk assessment (or your own risk assessment) must be completed and carried with the float

The draw for the Float line up takes place on the Thursday evening before Festival Day.

We will use the contact details given on your entry form to let you know your position in the line-up and the time of your arrival slot. If your vehicle arrives early it will have to wait outside the square on Cumeragh Lane until the preceding float is in position. If it is late you may lose your place and have to be further back in the procession.

Your vehicle must be in position by 1.00pm

When reversing into position a “banksman” to check the rear must be used.

Adults & children need to be in place on the float by 12.45pm, ready to be judged at 1.00pm.

The Procession sets off at 1.30pm.

Please ensure that a member of your team is designated to walk with the float as Marshal whilst it is in motion.

Provisional Timings:

1:00pm Judging of Floats /Dancing at The Square, Cumeragh Village

1:30pm Procession sets off

1:50pm Dancing outside the Stags/Post Office

2.10 Arrive at the arena (All vehicles will turn into Goosnargh Lane, passengers are dropped off to walk across the Green to the arena, vehicles leave via Goosnargh Lane)

2.30pm Crowning Events & Float Competition Results

3.30pm Celebration Tea in Goosnargh Village Hall (Free for participants, extra teas are available for a fee)

We look forward to welcoming you to the Whitsuntide Festival 2026

Please complete and return the “Details of Entry” form when you have all the information requested.

To enter & claim expenses please post form at Goosnargh Chippy,
The Tap & t’ales, or e-mail whitfestival@gmail.com.



Goosnargh & Whittingham Whitsuntide Festival Risk assessment for Float

Vehicle Registration:

Driver:

Vehicle Insurance for use on public roads, and for carriage of passengers in place:

What are the Hazards?	Who might be harmed?	Measures already taken	What further action is necessary?	Action by whom?	Action by when?	Done

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Movement of vehicle in crowded environment causing injury to pedestrians	Float participants and spectators	Float to be in place by 1.00pm passengers advised to arrive after 1.00pm and not to start boarding until the float is correctly positioned. Float stays stationary until advised by festival marshal that they should move. A marshal/banksman in attendance whilst float is moving, (particularly when reversing) to ensure the way is clear. Walking not allowed alongside vehicles	Driver to be reminded of safety measures			

<p>Falling from the vehicle</p>	<p>Passengers, particularly children</p>	<p>Passengers to remain in position whilst the float is moving. Only to move about if the float is stationary. Marshal to check passengers are ready and give the all-clear before the float moves off.</p>	<p>Ensure passengers (particularly children and any vulnerable adults) are seated. Position passengers away from the edge of the trailer. Consider erecting a fence or barrier around the edge of the trailer.</p>			
<p>Illness or injury</p>	<p>Participants on float</p>	<p>A responsible person ***** appointed to deal with any incidents. Ensure any relevant medical history is known to the responsible person</p>	<p>Find out where the first-aiders will be.</p>			

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