

MALDON Carnival 2026 Official Programme



Maldon, Carnival Saturday 3rd October 2026

Chairman's Message

A Warm Welcome from the Chairman

It gives me enormous pleasure, as Chairman of Maldon Carnival, to welcome you to another exciting year of carnival celebrations!

Maldon Carnival has a proud and much-loved history, dating all the way back to 1895, and it is wonderful to see that, more than 130 years later, the spirit of carnival is still going strong. What makes our carnival so special is the amazing support we receive from the people of Maldon, our local businesses, volunteers, sponsors, participants and, of course, everyone who comes along to enjoy the fun.

This year promises to be another fantastic celebration, filled with colour, music, laughter and entertainment. Whether you are taking part in the procession, supporting our Carnival Court, joining in with our events or simply lining the streets to cheer everyone on, you are an important part of Maldon Carnival.

I would also like to remind everyone that all money collected along the procession route is donated to local charities. This year, we are delighted that our chosen charity is FaNs (Families and Neighbours). Your generosity helps support the valuable work they do within our local community, so please give what you can when our collectors come along.

I would like to say a huge thank you to our hardworking committee and volunteers, whose dedication throughout the year makes everything possible. A special thank you also goes to our generous sponsors and supporters for helping us continue this wonderful tradition.

So, get your flags ready, bring your friends and family, put on your biggest smile and join us as we celebrate Maldon Carnival!

Let's make this year's carnival one to remember!

Have a fantastic carnival and enjoy every moment!

Keith Howes
Chairman
Maldon Carnival

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Carnival Queen

Our 2026 Carnival Queen leads the royal float in the grand procession, waving to the crowds and representing Maldon at events throughout the year

Carnival Prince & Princesses

Our younger royalty bring joy and smiles wherever they go. Selected from local schools, they are wonderful ambassadors for the carnival and the town.



A Royal message from our Queen Amy and her court Senior Princesses Hetty and Melanie



Why I Love Carnival ❤️👑

I love carnival because it brings everyone together and fills Maldon with so much fun, laughter and happiness! 🎉

Being part of the Carnival Court has given me so many amazing memories, wonderful friendships and experiences I will never forget. I love dressing up, taking part in the procession and representing Maldon wherever we go.

Carnival is about community, family and making special memories together – and I'm so proud to be your Queen! 👑❤️

Why I Love Carnival 👑🎉

I love carnival because it is full of fun, laughter and amazing memories! I love dressing up, taking part in the procession and meeting lots of lovely people along the way.

Being part of the Carnival Court is such a special experience. I love representing Maldon, being part of our wonderful community and helping to raise money for local charities. ❤️

I'm so proud to be Senior Princess 👑✨

Why I Love Carnival 👑🎉

I love being part of Maldon Carnival because it brings so much happiness, fun and excitement to our community. I enjoy dressing up, taking part in the procession and making lots of wonderful memories with the Carnival Court.

One of my favourite things is being able to help raise money for local charities and knowing that we are helping people in our community. ❤️

I'm very proud to represent Maldon as Senior Princess and I can't wait to make even more amazing carnival memories! 5 👑



The History of Maldon Carnival

A Celebration of Maldon Carnival – Since 1895

Maldon Carnival has been bringing fun, friendship and community spirit to our town for over 130 years!

Our wonderful carnival began way back in 1895, when it started life as a riverside carnival, bringing the people of Maldon together for a day of celebration, entertainment and community spirit.

From those early riverside celebrations, Maldon Carnival has grown into one of the much-loved traditions of our town. Although times have changed, the heart of the carnival remains exactly the same – bringing people together, creating memories and having fun!

Over the years, generations of families have taken part, watched the procession, entered floats, dressed up, supported our events and helped keep this fantastic tradition alive. Many of today's carnival families are continuing traditions started by their parents, grandparents and even great-grandparents.

Our carnival is only possible because of the incredible support of our volunteers, local businesses, sponsors, participants, supporters and the people of Maldon. Every person who takes part helps to keep this historic tradition alive for future generations.

So, as you enjoy this year's programme, take a moment to celebrate our amazing history – from a small riverside carnival in 1895 to the vibrant and colourful celebrations we enjoy today. Here's to Maldon Carnival – celebrating our past, enjoying our present and looking forward to an exciting future!



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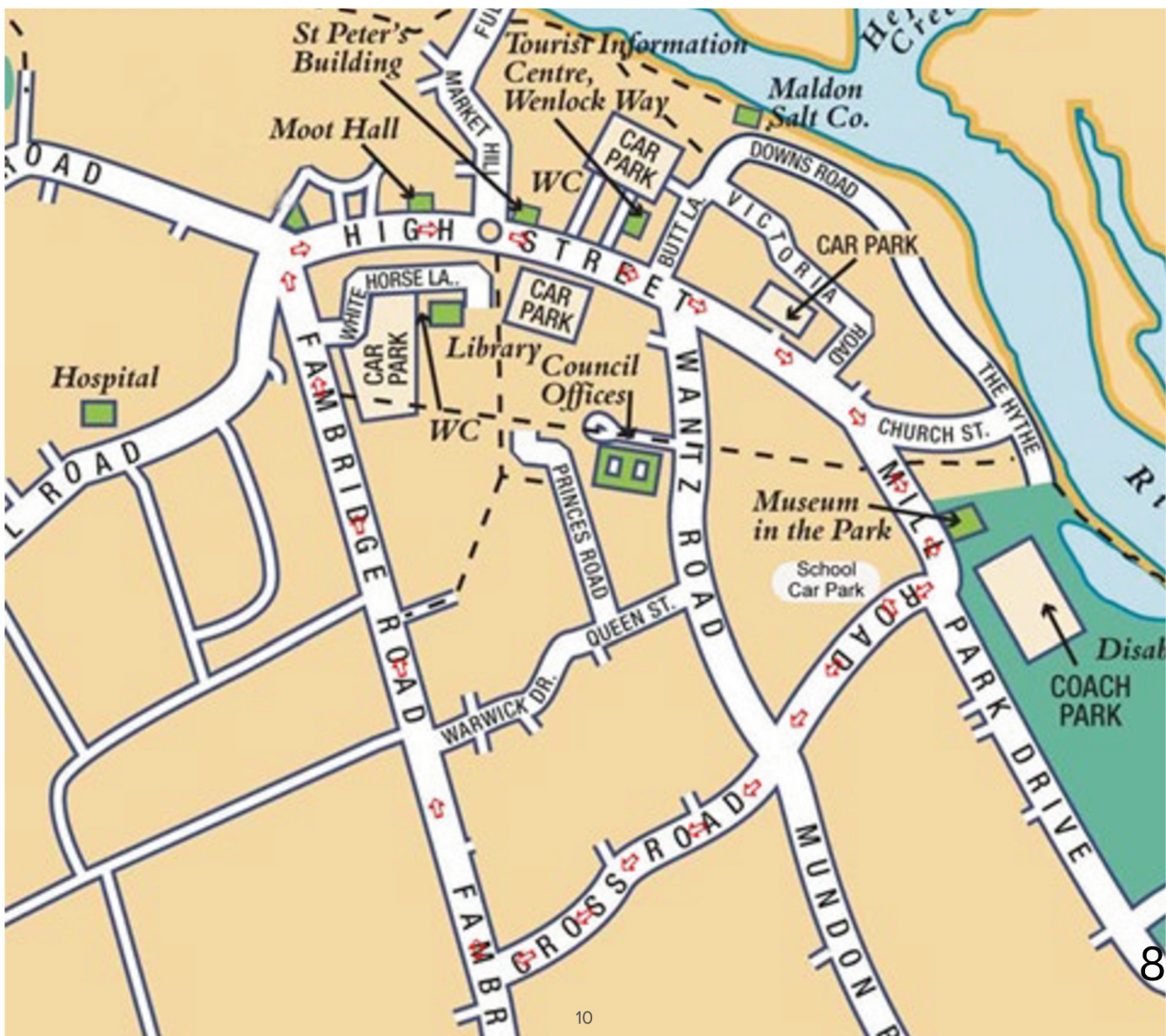
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Carnival Procession Route

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The illuminated procession leaves Cross Roads at 6:30pm, travelling along Fambridge Road, into Maldon High Street, then down Mill Road, before returning to Cross Roads. Please see the map below for the full procession route.



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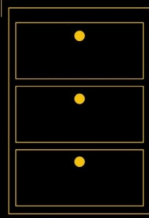
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Welcome to Maldon Carnival! We hope you have a fantastic time enjoying the procession, entertainment and all the fun the carnival has to offer.



Toilets

Toilets will be available for visitors at Promenade Park, High-Street with additional facilities provided around the carnival area.(Borough Arms)

Please ask a steward if you need help locating the nearest toilet.



Car Parking

There are several public car parks available around Maldon. Promenade Park car park is available for visitors, although spaces are expected to be limited and may fill quickly.

We strongly recommend arriving early and, where possible, car sharing or using public transport.

Please remember that roads along the procession route may be subject to road closures and parking restrictions. Do not park on the procession route or in areas where emergency access could be restricted.



Information & Assistance

Our stewards and volunteers will be around the carnival route to help visitors.

If you need assistance, please speak to a steward or go to the area outside Maldon co-op and speak to a member of our registration team



Have a Wonderful Carnival!

Please enjoy the day, look after one another and help us keep Maldon Carnival safe, friendly and enjoyable for everyone.

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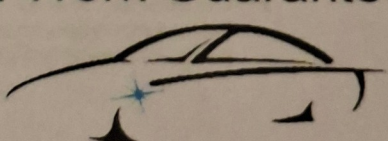


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Maldon Carnival would like to say a very big THANK YOU to all our amazing local high street shops and businesses for your continued support throughout the year.

Your support helps us bring free, fun family activities to the Maldon community, including:

 **Name the Reindeer**

 **Easter Trail**

 **Spot the Stranger**

These activities are enjoyed by so many local families and help bring a little extra fun and excitement to our town throughout the year.

They simply could not continue without the fantastic support of our local businesses.

We are incredibly grateful for the time, prizes, donations and encouragement you give us. Your support makes a real difference and helps Maldon Carnival continue to put on events for our community to enjoy.

 **THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING MALDON CARNIVAL** 

Supporting our local community, bringing families together and keeping the carnival spirit alive all year round! 🎉

 **A HUGE THANK YOU!** 

A very special thank you to The Little Shop of Sweets & Treats and the Maeldune Heritage Centre for all your help and support, especially with our family competitions and activities. We truly couldn't do it without you!

Thank you for supporting Maldon Carnival and helping us make it so special.

With grateful thanks,

Maldon Carnival

 **A BIG THANK YOU!** 

We would like to say a massive thank you to our wonderful Maldon Carnival Committee, our families and all our amazing friends who have worked so incredibly hard behind the scenes to make our Carnival such a fantastic family event. 🎉👑

From the planning and organising to the setting up, helping on the day and everything in between — we truly couldn't do it without you.

Your time, hard work, support and dedication mean so much to us. 

Maldon Carnival really is a family affair, and together we make the magic happen!



Thank you all from the bottom of our hearts! 

Maldon Carnival Committee 🎉👑



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