

PRESS RELEASE ON BEHALF OF THE CARNIVAL TOWNS/COMMITTEES.

On 13th September 2010 correspondence was received from Avon & Somerset Police drawing attention to the licensing of drivers. It was suggested Insurance Policies should be checked along with the correct driving categories on the driver's license for the vehicles being driven.

Since this correspondence checks have been made and it is recommended that drivers check their licenses to ensure they have the correct classification. For towing vehicles in excess of 7500Kg a class C license is required. If this vehicle is being used to tow a trailer and the combined weight exceeds 12,000Kg then a C+E certification is required. This affects many of the clubs who use tractors when moving their entries and taking part in the parades.

Chairman of the Somerset County Guy Fawkes Carnival Association (which represents the seven Carnival Towns and the clubs), Don Clifford said " we are currently working with the Avon and Somerset Police to try and obtain an exemption for our drivers, a submission has been made by the Police on our behalf to the Parliamentary Under Secretary of State for Roads and Highways and we are awaiting his decision, we are all aware that timing is crucial and we hope for a speedy decision".