



# Astwood Bank Carnival Walk on the Wild Side

**Saturday 12th July 2025**



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# Letter from the Chairman



***Welcome to the 38th Astwood Bank Carnival. This year, we are taking a 'walk on the wild side' and cannot wait for you to join us!***

As we prepare for another unforgettable weekend of celebration, I'm thrilled to welcome you to the 38th Astwood Bank Carnival, brought to life this year by our bold and exciting theme: A Walk on the Wild Side! A huge thank you goes out to our exhibitors, trade stands, volunteers, and sponsors – your continued support is the reason this beloved tradition thrives year after year.

This year's festivities begin on Friday 11th July 2025 at 7:00pm, with the return of our Summer Sundowner on the Carnival Showground (Sandhills Farm, Astwood Bank, B96 6BG). After the success of last year's relaxed summer evening, we're bringing back live music, great food, and a fantastic atmosphere to kick off the weekend in style. It's a time to enjoy the sunset, reconnect with friends, and soak up the spirit of Carnival.

On Saturday 12th July, the excitement continues as our Carnival Royalty lead a vibrant parade of floats, performers, and musicians through the streets of Astwood Bank – transforming the village into a wild celebration of colour, creativity, and community.

Back at SE Davis & Sons, the showground will be buzzing with arena acts, entertainment, and interactive fun for all ages. From thrilling displays to family-friendly games, there is something for everyone. Treat your taste buds with a variety of delicious food stalls and enjoy a refreshing drink from one of our many Carnival Bars, including an amazing 'Quicky Bar', all staffed by our incredible army of volunteers.

Discover the Car Display, join in the fun with pony rides, face painting, and live music, and browse the packed shopping area full of crafts, gifts, and community trade stands.

So, grab your wildest costume, bring your friends and family, and join us for a weekend of memories, laughter, and wild celebration at the 38th Astwood Bank Carnival!

**Ashley Hewitt**  
**Chairman**

**Don't forget to decorate your home for Carnival weekend!**



# **Astwood Bank Community Group CIC**

## **38th ANNUAL CARNIVAL**

**Honorary President:** Colin Taylor

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Astwood Bank Community Group are most grateful to the Davis Family for their kind co-operation in permitting the use of the showground and car park.

All show information is available on-line at: [www.astwoodbankcg.co.uk](http://www.astwoodbankcg.co.uk)

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## **New for 2025**

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# Can we **Ask** a favour of all visitors to this years Carnival



There is parking on site, so please, please, please do not park on the roads around and leading up to the Carnival Showground or S.E.Davis Yard. Access to S.E.Davis Yard needs to be available at all times.

Roads and the Carnival site **NEED** to be kept clear for Emergency service vehicles and access at all times.

- 1** Do not block the main road.
- 2** Be considerate of residents driveways.

## **Mobility** On Carnival Day



If you have ever avoided or stayed away from Carnival Day due to access or mobility, we wanted to let you know that there is specific parking for disabled visitors. Please show your blue badge to any of the parking attendants and they will direct you to the nearest space. There are a limited number of spaces.

Thank you everyone for your cooperation and continued support.

# Astwood Bank Carnival 2025

## A Guide to the Showground!

### Astwood Bank Carnival 2025 - A Walk on the Wild Side!



This year's Astwood Bank Carnival promises to be a fantastic day for all the family! Once again, we are incredibly grateful to the Davis family for hosting us at their fields at SE Davis, Sandhills Farm, providing the perfect backdrop for our showground and celebrations.

Get ready for all the fun of the fair with thrilling rides for the adventurous, bouncy attractions for the little ones, and the ever-popular animal corner returning to delight younger visitors with some furry and feathery friends.

Our main arena will be roaring with action, featuring spectacular performances from the very talented and, back by popular demand, The Vander Wheel, alongside the incredible local talent of The Shaun Paul Smith Dance Academy, Lucy Jane School of Dance and Starlight School of Dance. We are so lucky to be able to show off our amazing local talent! Back by popular demand, our second arena welcomes the return of the Full Force wrestlers – sure to impress with their high-energy showmanship and athletic prowess.

Dog lovers won't want to miss our fun-filled Dog Show in the canine arena, where pooches of all shapes and sizes can strut their stuff in categories from waggiest tail to handsomest hound. Meanwhile, our classic car display will showcase a stunning range of polished vintage and modern vehicles.

This year's trade area is bigger and better than ever, brimming with a fabulous mix of craft, artisan and gift stalls, alongside well-loved charities and local traders. Whether you're browsing for handmade treasures, locally sourced treats or unique gifts, there's something for everyone.

Bring your appetite too – the food offering is packed with flavour! Enjoy everything from pizza and salt beef to Indian, Jamaican, burgers, ice cream and much more!

Stay refreshed throughout the day with a wide range of beverage options. Our army of amazing volunteers will be running the new for 2025 'Quicky Bar' and multiple others across the site, complemented by mobile bars, barista coffee stands, and even a Pimm's station. All this while enjoying fabulous live music and a great community vibe that keeps everyone coming back year after year.

With a wild array of things to see, do and experience, we can't wait to welcome you to this year's Carnival – it's going to be a walk on the wild side!

**There is still time to apply for a stall or be part of the Carnival showground or procession via the weblink: [www.astwoodbankcg.co.uk](http://www.astwoodbankcg.co.uk) or email: [getinvolved@astwoodbankcg.co.uk](mailto:getinvolved@astwoodbankcg.co.uk)**



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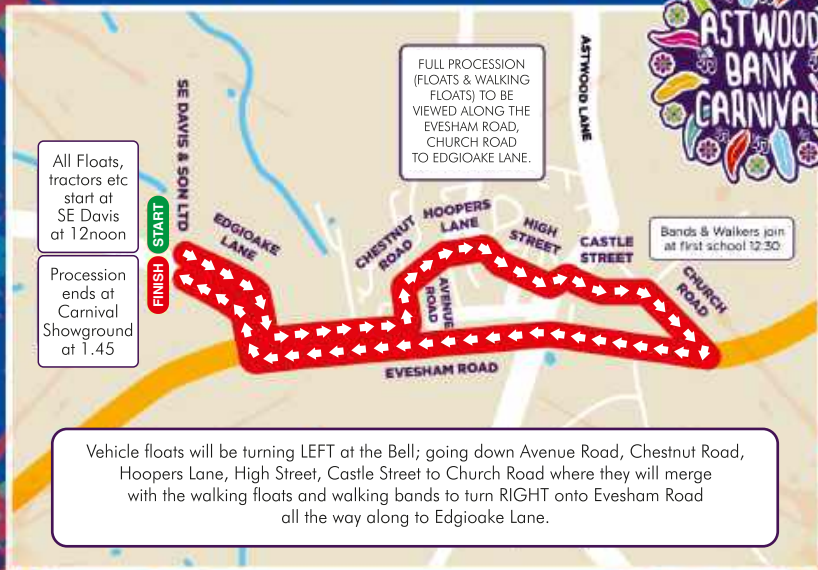


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# PARADE ROUTE 2025



## ROAD CLOSURES

**12noon - 2pm, Saturday 12th July 2025**

For anyone who is new to Astwood Bank, there is a routine Road Closure through Astwood Bank on Carnival Day, between 12noon and 2pm.

This is to allow the safe manoeuvring of the procession through the streets for the whole community to see. As part of this road closure, we do ask that all cars be moved off the roads completely. This is to ensure access for Emergency Services at all times, as well as the safety of all those participating in the procession and the manoeuvrability of the Allelys Lorries, and some of those turns are tight!!

## ROADS AFFECTED

**Edgioake Lane, Evesham Road, Avenue Road, Chestnut Road, Hoopers Lane, High Street, Feckenham Road, Castle Street, Church Road.**

More reminders, as well as a full procession route map will be shared nearer to the day, but we wanted to thank you in advance for your support.

# Sustainability



We try to run Carnival and all our events as conscientiously as we possibly can, thinking of the impact on our village and the wider environment.

The people clearing up from this event are volunteers, friends and neighbours, but we have all got a role to play in this. Therefore, we kindly ask you to use the bins provided to dispose of any waste that you generate. Your help in keeping the showground and the carnival route as free from waste as possible is massively appreciated.

For 2025 we are introducing the '**Quicky Bar**' ran by the Directors and Friends of the Community group - the idea behind this was to have a 'Can Bar' to help with recycling and reduce single use plastic cups! Please come and support us!



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# Useful Information

## OPENING TIMES

The Astwood Bank Carnival is held on the 12th July 2025 and is open from 11:00 – 17:30. This event is free to attend, but donations for entry are welcome. Last entry to the event is at 17.00pm.

## GETTING HERE USING A SAT NAV

The postcode most appropriate for Sat Nav is **B96 6BG**. This will take you to the public car park. As there will be road closures in place, a gentle reminder that cars will need to queue for entry if arriving between 12-2pm via specific roads.

## CAR PARKING

Parking is available at the showground.

## DISABLED VISITORS

We have specific parking for our disabled visitors. Please show your Blue Parking badge to any of the parking attendants and they will direct you to the nearest space. Please be aware that disabled parking is limited.

## STEWARDS

Our volunteer stewards are there to help you and will be happy to answer your questions. They are identifiable by wearing Hi-Vis waistcoats and/or badges.

## DOGS

Visitors are welcome to bring their dogs to the event as long as they are kept on a short lead and remain under control. Owners are also responsible for cleaning up after their dogs. Dogs are strictly not to be left in cars.

## LOST & FOUND CHILDREN

If you lose a child on the showground please report immediately to a steward. Similarly, if you find a lost child please report to a steward as soon as possible. Lost children will be taken to the information point located on the showground. If a child (or other vulnerable person) is found, or reported lost, immediate contact should be made with any event steward, or the police. Once reported people should wait until an event official arrives.

## TOILETS

Toilets are situated at various locations around the Showground. Facilities for disabled visitors are available. Baby change and private nursing facilities are also available.

## HAND WASHING & HYGIENE

It is strongly recommended that anyone coming into direct contact with animals should wash their hands immediately afterwards and in particular before eating. There will be hand washing stations located around any livestock area.

## EMERGENCY

Should an emergency occur at the event please contact the nearest steward who will be able to assist you.

## SMOKING

Smoking is prohibited in any enclosed or partially enclosed public area. All cigarette ends should be disposed of once cooled in the bins provided.



### FIRST AID

The first aid post is situated on the Showground. If you need their assistance at the event, please speak to the nearest steward who will be able to help you.

### VETS

We do not have any show appointed vets.

### CATERING & BARS

Numerous mobile catering units are available on the showground. Seating is available. Licenced bars will also be open during the day. Please drink responsibly. Please put all litter in bins provided or take it home with you - thank you!

### CASH FACILITIES

To make our traders lives easier, please try and bring cash with you where possible. Some traders will have access to mobile broadband for card payment transactions but others may not. There will not be a cash machine onsite at the showground.

### INFORMATION POINT

Information can be obtained from the entrance gate.

### LOST PROPERTY

Any lost/found property should be taken to Gate A.

### TICKETS

The procession and showground is free to attend with no prior booking required.

### BINS

Are located throughout the showground for your convenience, please dispose of your litter responsibly.

### HEALTH & SAFETY

The organisers of the event have taken reasonable precautions to ensure the health and safety of everyone present. For these measures to be effective, everyone must take all reasonable precautions to avoid and prevent accident's occurring and must obey the instructions of the organisers, officials and stewards.

The landowners, organisers, sponsors or officials of the Astwood Bank Carnival will not hold themselves responsible for any loss, damage, accidents or injury to owners, handlers, spectators, livestock or any property or vehicle, however caused.



The 2026 Astwood Bank Carnival  
will be held on

**Saturday 11th July**

Keep up to date with how  
it is developing by following us on  
Facebook & Twitter

[www.astwoodbankcgv.co.uk](http://www.astwoodbankcgv.co.uk)

# Arena Timetable

## Saturday 12th July

The three Showground arenas are located in the centre of the showground.  
(Event timings are approximate):

2.00pm - 2.20pm	-	The Vander Wheel
2.20pm - 2.40pm	-	Shaun Paul Smith Dance Academy
<b>2.40pm</b>	-	<b>Crowning Carnival Royalty</b>
2.45pm - 3.05pm	-	Full Force Wrestling
3.05pm - 3.25pm	-	Studio 24
3.25pm - 3.45pm	-	Lucy Jane's School of Dancing
3.45pm - 4.05pm	-	The Vander Wheel
4.05pm - 4.25pm	-	Shaun Paul Smith Dance Academy
4.25pm - 4.35pm	-	Studio 24
4.35pm - 4.55pm	-	The Vander Wheel
4.55pm - 5.10pm	-	Starlight School of Dance
5.10pm	-	Full Force Wrestling
<b>5.30pm</b>	-	<b>CLOSE</b>

2025 will see a stage at both Sundowner and Carnival day ....

Grab a drink at the 'Quicky Bar' where your team of volunteers are ready to serve you and enjoy the live music!

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**15:00-15:45**

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**16:00-17:00**

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# Atwood Bank Carnival 2025

## Dance Showcase

*The 2025 Atwood Bank Carnival is set to dazzle audiences with an outstanding showcase of local dance and athletic talent. This year's line-up features returning favourites and exciting new acts, celebrating the creativity and dedication of our young performers.*



Headlining once again is the **Shaun Paul Smith Academy**, known for its dynamic street dance training and commitment to building confidence and creativity in youth. We are so happy to have them back in the arena and procession wowing the crowds!

Also taking the stage is the long-established **Lucy Jane's School of Dance**, which has served the community for over 23 years with classes in ballet, tap, freestyle, acro and street dance. Classes are now taught from their custom-built studios in Redditch.



We are delighted to welcome back, **Starlight School of Dance** bringing performers aged 4 to 15, eager to entertain with a vibrant mix of routines. The group is also preparing for a busy season ahead, including a show at the Palace Theatre and their 40th anniversary pantomime, Snow White. The event promises a lively celebration of local talent and community spirit, with students thrilled to perform for the crowd.







# FUN DOG SHOW

11:00 REGISTRATION OPENS AT RINGSIDE  
14:00 CLASSES OPEN



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Please check in at the ringside at least 10 minutes before the class is due to start. If you have any questions, please contact the section steward at the registration desk, situated at the ringside.

**£2.00 entry per class | Rosettes to 3rd place.**

**ALL DOGS MUST BE ON LEADS. ANTISOCIAL DOGS WILL BE EVICTED!**

Class 1. Most Fabulous Fella	14:15
Class 2. Loveliest Lady - Best Female Dog	14:30
Class 3. Best Puppy	14:45
Class 4. Most Fantastic Family - 3 or more dogs	15:00
Class 5. Best Rescue Dog	15:15
Class 6. Golden Oldie - Best Dog over 8 Years	15:30
Class 7. Friendliest Dog	15:45
Class 8. Best Paw Shaker	16:00
Class 9. Dog with the Waggiest Tail	16:15
Class 10. Best Hair Do	16:30
Class 11. Judges Favourite	16:45
Class 12. Best Condition	17:00
Class 13. Best Junior Handler	17:15
Class 14. Show Champion	17:30

# The Vander Wheel of Death

The Vander Wheel of Death are a team of professional aerial performers performing on a 50ft high steel structure that revolves around a central axis with a open-sided steel cage on each end. They will be wowing us with jumps and flips as they spin in the open caged wheel. They will also be performing blind-folded acts as they spin through the air by juggling and skipping.

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# Presenting this year's Carnival Royalty 2025

**Katie as our Carnival Queen, Florence and Alice as our Carnival Princesses and Poppy, Teddy and Molly as our Carnival Rosebuds.**



**Katie** is 13 and moving up to high school in September. She loves horse riding, all animals - especially dogs - and has her own dog Tilly. She enjoys cooking (curry, spaghetti bolognese and cakes) and playing with her siblings. Katie is really happy to have been chosen as Queen and can't wait for carnival day.

**Florence** is 9 years old. She loves playing tennis, playing her ukulele with her grandad and most of all growing flowers

and veg from seed in her greenhouse. She absolutely loves carnival day in the village and is over the moon to be chosen as this year's Carnival Princess.

**Alice** is 8 years old. She enjoys science, playing her guitar and being out in nature. She also loves being with her friends and playing with her little sister. Alice is excited to be part of the carnival this year as a Princess.

**Poppy** is 6 years old and loves being outdoors especially when it involves animals. She is very happy, goes lucky and loves making new friends.

**Teddy** is 6 and loves gymnastics and street dance. He absolutely loves the carnival and is super excited about being part of the royalty this year.

**Molly** is 5 and her favourite things are going to gymnastics, playing with her brother & sister, getting her nails done and being pampered! She looks forward to carnival day every year and she cannot believe she gets to be part of it this year as Carnival Rosebud.

## Give them a wave on Carnival Day!

**Look out for social media posts from March 2026, on how to get involved in next year's Carnival Royalty.**

## Volunteers Wanted- Get Involved in Your Community!

Got a few hours to spare? Want to meet new people and make a difference? Join our Community Volunteer Group! From helping at events and putting up signs to admin tasks like laminating or collecting raffle prizes - there's something for everyone. No experience needed, just enthusiasm! Have an idea or want to support a local event? We'd love to hear from you.



Scan the QR code to join our WhatsApp group and stay up to date with volunteer opportunities and events throughout the year.



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# Astwood Bank in Bloom 2025



From a very humble start in 2015 with only 13 people, Astwood Bank in Bloom is 'growing' from strength to strength, with now well over 50 volunteer members of the community working hard to keep the village looking lovely all year round with planting, watering, weeding, litter picking and generally keeping the village looking good!

Part of the Astwood Bank in Bloom ethos is to be as environmentally friendly as possible and to this end, we use peat free compost in all of the troughs and planters, compost sacks are recycled by using them as liners as well as collecting the waste from our weeding and maintenance around the village, which is then collected and composted by the Council. Most of our 'summer' troughs are wooden, any plastic ones are made from recycled plastic, plant labels are made from recycled yoghurt pots, where we can. Although we do still use bedding plants in some areas, there are beds around the village and at the Church, that have been planted with perennial plants from the RHS 'plants for pollinators' list. All helps to improve the environment!

We recycle plant pots, re-using wherever we can or taking them to a recycling point. All of our plants are supplied by our local nursery, Botany Bay, with most of them grown there - minimum mileage! We use a lot of begonias as they are really robust in our ever changing weather conditions. At the end of the summer, volunteers overwinter the corms and grow them on for sale at our stalls.

As far as possible Astwood Bank in Bloom are self-funded, we hold various events and sales throughout the year to raise money for plants, compost etc to keep the village looking lovely. We do have one of our 'Bloomer' members who applies for funds for specific projects.

One such project is two 'Friendship Benches' in Overdale Park. A couple of our lovely members, Sarah and Mel suggested it and asked a local fine furniture maker, Ian, to source the beautiful Oak and construct the benches. The principle behind the 'Friendship Bench' is that people who are on their own or feeling isolated, or just want a chat can sit enjoying the views and chatting to people sharing the benches.

The benches and matching planter are a real work of art and well worth a look if you are in the centre of the village (B96 6DF)





Bloom at the Carnival - please come along and say hello to the team, last year the stall was awarded the Best Large Stall at the Carnival!! The Judge made some lovely comments about the decoration and products on the stall.

As with last year there is a garden related fun Tombola, with some fabulous prizes including small garden implements and planted up containers and tubs. Adjacent is the Children in Bloom Activity centre, it's just £1 per child

(note; please supervise your child), we cannot offer creche facilities. There are lots of things for the little ones to do, including a quiet area with books and a tepee.

Later on this year we will run a plant sale at the Flower and Produce Show, held at Astwood Bank Club in Dark Lane (B96 6AS) it will be on **Saturday 16th August.**

We have a really good selection of fabulous plants, so why not come along for our well-priced quality plants!

It is a really good show with lots of stalls, a gin bar, as well as the Flower and Produce show. One of the highlights is the auctioning off of the flowers and produce for local charities and worthy cause, this usually starts around 4pm.



It might seem a bit early to be talking about Christmas, but Astwood Bank in Bloom will be holding Christmas Wreath making workshops over the weekend of the **22nd and 23rd of November**. It will be held at Astwood Bank Club. Keep an eye on local social media for further details!

Finally as Chair, I would like to extend a great big thank you to all of our wonderful volunteers, Astwood Bank Community Group, Botany Bay Garden Centre and Nursery, and indeed those of you who support us with donations or spending money at our stalls – Thank you!

**If you would like to join Astwood Bank in Bloom, or find out details of our events, please email, [tessa.hawkes@astwoodbankcgc.co.uk](mailto:tessa.hawkes@astwoodbankcgc.co.uk)**

**SAVE THE DATE Astwood Bank Open Gardens 13th & 14th June 2026**

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# Fundraising



**Your Community Group is so much more  
than just Carnival - we are the heart of  
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From the events we organise throughout the year, to the beautiful flower planters that brighten our village, the festive Christmas lights that lift our spirits on dark winter evenings, and those unforgettable summer days when the roads close, the lorries roll in, and we throw pennies in buckets while making memories that last a lifetime – we are proud to be part of what makes this community so special.

The funding applications received cover a wide range of local community needs, including ongoing horticultural therapy for adults with learning disabilities, equipment for inclusive school sports and tech-based learning, support for bereaved teenagers, and holiday hampers for struggling families. Youth engagement and safety are strong themes, with projects aiming to prevent knife crime, expand Scouting and Guiding activities, and offer enriching camps and outings. Local sport and wellbeing are also represented through funding for cricket nets, defibrillators, and school basketball facilities. Additional requests focus on supporting elderly residents, enhancing early childhood development, community gardening, and promoting inclusivity through shared experiences like beach trips and theatre visits. Collectively, these projects aim to improve physical and mental health, increase access to opportunities, and strengthen community cohesion across all age groups.

But we're not just about events – we're an organisation that gives back. The reasons we volunteer are deeply rooted in our desire to connect, contribute, and create lasting, positive change. Through our work with the Community Group, we not only enrich our own lives but also leave a meaningful legacy that benefits Astwood Bank for generations to come.

Volunteering isn't just a kind gesture – it's a powerful way to build stronger, healthier, and more resilient communities.

Everything we achieve is only possible thanks to the dedication of our brilliant volunteers – but we always need more help. If you have a few hours to spare or an event you'd love to be part of – whether it's the Carnival, the Christmas lights switch-on, or Astwood Bank in Bloom – we'd be thrilled to welcome you.

***Please get in touch at: [getinvolved@astwoodbankcgc.co.uk](mailto:getinvolved@astwoodbankcgc.co.uk)***

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# Information on Charity Funding 2024

Charity Name	Amount Donated
Where Next Association	- £300.00
Ridgeway Secondary School	- £1,000.00
Primrose Hospice & Family Support Centre	- £200.00
Redditch Kingfisher Rotary Club	- £150.00
Redditch Self Defence & Youth Engagement Partnership	- £300.00
Astwood Bank Cricket Club	- £500.00
Our Lady's School PTA	- £200.00
Gymphobics	- £200.00
St Matthias & St George Parish Church, Astwood Bank	- £500.00
Astwood Bank Allotments	- £500.00
Astwood Bank Welfare Association	- £500.00
Astwood Bank Playgroup	- £300.00
Astwood Bank Operatic Society	- £500.00
Girl Guiding Astwood Bank	- £600.00
Churchill Big Local	- £200.00
Studley High School	- £250.00
Scouts Astwood Bank (Squirrels, Beavers, Cubs & Scouts)	- £500.00
Redditch Explorers	- £500.00
Astwood Bank Primary School	- £1,000.00
Astwood Bank Christmas Lights	- £1,800.00

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# Diary of Events 2025

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## **SATURDAY 12th JULY - CARNIVAL DAY**

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## **Saturday 11th October - Children in Bloom**

### **Bulb Planting & Activities Event**

11.30am Overdale Park - **EVERYONE WELCOME** (More details to follow)

## **25th October - 2nd November - Halloween Scarecrow Trail**

Building on the SPOOKTASTIC trail in 2024 we are looking forward to bringing this event back for 2025!  
Look out on social media with how to apply in September!

## **Sunday 9th November - Remembrance Sunday Parade**

Evesham Road, Astwood Bank. (Road closures in place).

## **22nd & 23rd November - Wreath Making**

Astwood Bank Club, Dark Lane. Details on how to book this sell out event to follow later in the year.

## **Saturday 29th November - Christmas Market & Lights Switch On**

Evesham Road, Astwood Bank. (Road closures in place).

## **Saturday 20th December - Carols at the Club**

Astwood Bank Club, Dark Lane.

*We can't wait for a fantastic year of events! For all information please follow the Community Group on Social Media, check out our website: [astwoodbankcg.co.uk](http://astwoodbankcg.co.uk) or visit out our NEW village notice board located at the Ridgeway Doctors Surgery, Feckenham Road!*

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*Please drop by our stand and have a chat.*

*We look forward to seeing you soon - **Astwood Bank RBL***





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## 29TH NOVEMBER 2025

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