



2019 ST PATRICK'S DAY PARADE

21/01/19

CALLING ALL ORGANISATIONS IN KILKENNY CITY & COUNTY;

Clubs, Community Groups, Charities, Sports Groups, Tourist Organisations, Schools & Businesses.

A Chairde,

On behalf of the St Patrick's Day committee, I am writing to urge all organisations across the city and county to get involved in our annual St. Patricks Day parade, taking place in Kilkenny on **Sunday 17th March at 1.30pm**, in what is always a fantastic family orientated community event to celebrate our Irishness.

The theme for the 2019 parade is **'BRING THE BEES BACK'** and while we welcome you to incorporate this theme into your float, it is optional.

Bees are so important. If you look at the food in your fridge or on your table, bees have played their part either pollinating the many vegetables and fruits we eat directly, or pollinating the food for the animals that we then consume. And the bees are dying. Irish bee populations recorded in 2018 were at the lowest since monitoring began six years ago according to the Irish Times. This year we want to celebrate the humble bee as well as examine ways that might help local bee populations.

This year your entry could take a closer look at the many ways that pollinating bees contribute to our environment. You could reflect on the reasons for the decline of the bee such as insecticides, climate change or loss of habitat. Or you could explore why Kilkenny County Council has adopted the bee as their emblem! Either way we want to celebrate the humble bee! We would love you to inject as much colour, animation and fun to your Parade entry as you can.

This year all floats that incorporate the bee theme will be given native wildflower seeds to plant in your community that are bee friendly.

Please note the new St. Patrick's Day Parade Route; **Market Yard, Parliament Street, High Street, The Parade, Castle Road.**

There are four categories for prize winners which will be announced on the festival stage, followed by a special award ceremony with the Mayor of Kilkenny, in the Town Hall later in the month.

(1) Most Creative & Entertaining (2) Best Young People (3) Best Rural (4) Best School and (5) Best Interpretation of the Theme

This year, the Heritage Office of Kilkenny County Council is offering a special prize to the best school and community group entries. They will fund an ecologist to spend a day in the winning school giving them advice to make their school or community areas pollinator friendly and to develop their own Pollinator Plan. This prize is worth €600.

LET YOUR IMAGINATION GO WILD, AND ADD SOMETHING SPECIAL TO THE 2019 PARADE BY TAKING PART!

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Joe Malone, Chairperson St Patrick's Day Committee 2019



Festival Office, Burrell's Hall, St. Kieran's College, Kilkenny.
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Event Co-ordinator: Marian Flannery (083) 8722444.
Applications to admin@stpatricksfestivalkilkenny.com





ST PATRICK'S DAY PARADE KILKENNY 2019 – FLOAT ENTRY FORM

All groups/individuals wishing to enter the St Patricks Day Community parade must complete and return this form **IN FULL** (signed hard copy) to: Festival Office, Burrell's Hall, St. Kieran's Collage, Kilkenny. For further information contact admin@stpatricksfestivalkilkenny.com

GROUP NAME:

CONTACT PERSON :

EMAIL:

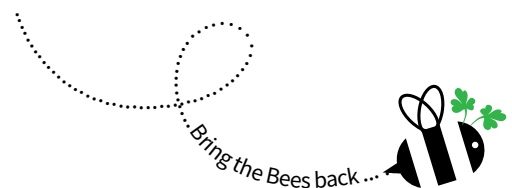
CONTACT ADDRESS:

CONTACT MOBILE NUMBER:

COMMERCIAL OR COMMUNITY ENTRY :

FLOAT DESCRIPTION FOR MC:

(Include the approx. number participating in your group, a description of what you're about as an entry/company etc, what your theme is and any interesting/useful information we can share with the crowds)



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CONDITIONS OF ST PATRICK'S DAY PARADE FLOAT ENTRIES:

These conditions are compiled & implemented to ensure a safe & enjoyable event for everyone.

- The Parade follows the route – Market Yard, Parliament Street, High Street, The Parade, Castle Road.
- Please note that the child collection point will be the Castle Road.
- There is no float entry fee for Community Groups/Clubs etc.
- Fee for Commercial Entries €100, to be paid by cheque made payable to: **KILKENNY COUNTY COUNCIL**
- Groups who do not complete & sign the formal application form cannot be allowed to participate in the parade.
- Floats must assemble at the starting line (Market Yard) at 12:30pm – the Parade commences at **1:30PM SHARP**
- All accepted float entries will be provided with their 'float number'.
- This number will be communicated by text to the contact mobile number provided on this application, (once all applications are received and processed).
- There will be a traffic cone with your float number on it – please ensure that all members of your group are aware of this number.
- An inspection of all floats will take place before the parade commences.
- Floats must be in keeping with the description provided on their application.
- Floats can perform while moving through the streets – the duration for a static performance in front of the Review Stage (on The Parade) is strictly **2 MINS** maximum.
- For safety reasons, large vehicles (tractors, lorries or artics) are not permitted in the Parade.
- Max trailer length is 14ft trailers pulled by 4 wheel drive or jeep (2 or 3 axil).
- Participants may not stand on moving trailers without correct handrails and restraint systems.
- There must be a supervisor at each wheel of the vehicle.
- All vehicles/floats must be fully insured.
- Floats are not permitted to give the audience any handouts/sweets etc.
- Generators must be diesel-where generators/motors are used, you must carry fit for purpose extinguishers e.g : foam/CO2 extinguishers. Fire extinguishers must be in date.
- The organizing committee will not be held responsible for any accident or incident before during or after the Parade events.
- The organising committee retains the right to refuse entry to the Parade.

PLEASE SIGN BELOW

We confirm that we have read and agree to adhere to the conditions of entry.

SIGNATURE:
NAME (BLOCK CAPS) & MOBILE NO:
POSITION IN GROUP:
GROUP NAME:

