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## **Press Release**

# **Harborne Carnival Celebrates 21st Anniversary on 1st July 2018 – Wins Award from the National lottery**

The Harborne Carnival celebrates its 21st Anniversary this year on 1st July 2018 with a 'jungle theme'. The Carnival is now the second largest street carnival in the UK after Notting Hill and attracts over 70,000 people. This is a million miles from its humble beginnings as a small local fete back in 1998.

It was recognized in 2003 when it won the 'Queen's Golden Jubilee Award for Voluntary Service by groups in the Community'. It has gone from strength to strength and is now firmly embedded as an event into the local community timetable.

It is primarily an event designed to bring the community together not just for one day but for the full year. Local community groups and charities start planning stalls, activities and floats well ahead of the

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event. Local schools audition their best talent to appear at the event – musicians, singers, entertainers.

Each year the carnival raises the funds to stage such an important event. The costs rise each year as the emphasis on health and safety grows as well as the need to substantially increase security for such a large event.

The great news is that for 2018 the Carnival has won the support of the National Lottery under its ‘Awards for All’ programme.

Paul Burgess MBE – Chair – Harborne Carnival said,

‘It is great we can get the Carnival on again in 2018. We could not have done this without the support of the National Lottery and our other sponsors plus our many volunteers’.

The Carnival will have its usual mix of music, fairground attractions, craft stalls, parade and much more. A special feature will be an area dedicated to showcase local artists. The Carnival is also looking for a ‘Queen of the Jungle’ to oversee the day and to support the local charities.

For more information on the Carnival please contact:

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