



**LEEDS PRIDE
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LEEDS PRIDE PARADE

Guidance Notes and Terms & Conditions

Join the Leeds Pride parade and showcase your group's spirit! We invite entries from individuals, walking groups of up to 40 people and vehicles. Whether you're a motorbike club, a trucking enthusiast, or a wagon team, we welcome all applications and encourage you to get creative with your entry.

Your entry may include:

Walking

- Individuals in fancy dress (make sure you are able to see in your costume and can walk the whole distance)
- Walking groups (coordinated costumes, established themes, use of banners & props)
- Dancing /Marching groups (choreographed routines must be able to change pace on request)

Vehicle

- Trucks
- Open Top Buses
- Cars (Branded, Classic and Convertibles)
- Motorbikes / Cycles



PARADE ENTRY FEES

Walking Floats - (Maximum 40 walkers)

- Voluntary sector - £50 donation
- Private sector (including staff networks of organisations) - £570 (+ VAT)

Vehicle Floats - Volunteer Groups/Charities (Also includes a maximum of 40 walkers)

- Small Vehicles (small cars/motorbikes) - £700 (+ VAT)
- Medium Vehicles (flatbed trucks/vans) - £800 (+ VAT)
- Large Vehicles (artics) - £900 (+ VAT)

Vehicle Floats - Private Sector (Also includes a maximum of 40 walkers)

- Small Vehicles (small cars/motorbikes) - £1400 (+ VAT)
- Medium Vehicles (flatbed trucks/vans) - £1600 (+ VAT)
- Large Vehicles (artics) - £1900 (+ VAT)

Event day key timings

Please note the parade start time for Leeds Pride 2026 is 12.30pm

All walkers in each organisation must be in place for 11.45am. Further details on timings will be sent out by our parade partner Grace & Tailor, prior to the event.

The parade will be overseen by a number of stewards, but we ask for your assistance in making sure that everything goes smoothly. **Please make your groups aware that there should be no more than 5m distance left between each group to avoid large gaps in the parade. This is a requirement to ensure the safety of all participants and the public watching the parade.**

At the end of the parade there will be an opportunity for parade entrants to leave the city centre easily without entering the event space on Lower Briggate. This information will be made available via Leeds Pride social media platforms and VMS smart signs will be in place on the day to remind participants of the options available.

Application Process

All application forms must be submitted by **Tuesday 30th June 2026** for approval by the Parade Safety Manager.

Please note, all entries must comply with the guidelines set out in this document. Further information about on the day briefings, checks and driver guidelines (where applicable), will be sent to you once your application has been accepted.

Special information for vehicle entries. Information you need to submit to with your application-

- Design plans for floats
- Public liability insurance (to the value of at least £5 million)
- Float drivers license (copy with application, original on day)

You will need to identify the Float Manager at this point and commit to securing a driver and 4 wheel stewards for your entry. The Float manager should be a responsible, contactable individual for your group, who will need to be identified and present at all times during the event.

A risk assessment and copies of relevant insurance documents must also be sent to safety@graceandtailor.co.uk one month prior to the event for health and safety compliance purposes.



Leeds Pride Parade Code of Conduct

Please ensure you are familiar with the Leeds Pride Parade Code of Conduct.

- Leeds Pride is an event centred around LGBTQ+ Equality, and participants are requested to honour this theme.

Emphasis is on maintaining focus on LGBTQ+ issues.

- Once the Parade begins, entries should not stop spontaneously but only halt if directed by Leeds Pride officials, emergency services, obstacles in the path, or for safety reasons.
- Items like fireworks, flammable goods, welding, flares, smoke flares, glitter guns, sparklers, and similar items are prohibited due to potential crowd safety concerns, including panic and crushes. Clear communication of these restrictions is crucial to all group members on the day and beforehand.
- Adherence to Leeds City Council's guidelines on Litter and Cleansing is mandatory. Unapproved distribution of printed material during the Parade may result in individuals or groups being asked to leave.
- As a public event for all ages, the Parade prohibits nudity, simulated sex or acts, or any clothing causing distress. Offensive material, including discriminatory content, is not allowed. Groups denying the rights of others will not be permitted.
- Religious material must be respectful, positive and considerate of others' beliefs.
- In case of injuries, the Float manager must promptly inform a Leeds Pride Official within 30 minutes after the Parade's end.
- The Parade Manager reserves the right to reject any application for participation, and additional rules or restrictions may be imposed.

Only Leeds Pride is authorised to collect donations.



Vehicle/Float information

Please see the below important safety rules which all drivers must adhere to.

- Once the parade sets off, please leave a gap between your float and the group in front of you of approx. 5m at all times.
- If large gaps open up between each group in the parade, this can allow the public to enter into the path of vehicles and can cause a safety hazard.
- Do not exceed more than 5mph.
- Do not divert from the route unless instructed to do so by a parade manager or steward.
- You should NOT operate a parade vehicle under the influence of alcohol / illegal drugs / prescription drugs – anyone found to be under the influence of any illegal substances, will removed from site.

In an emergency

- If you have an emergency on board, stop the vehicle in a safe place, if possible, and as soon as you can raise the signal to the nearest steward / parade manager.
- If the emergency is life-threatening call 999 as soon as possible – don't assume someone else has already done so.
- Evacuate your vehicle and inform passengers to move away – if it is possible for passengers to keep walking with the parade, instruct them to do so
- Follow all instructions given by the parade managers / stewards

Float construction

Approval of float design must be sought from the Parade Safety Manager in advance of float build taking place. All float designs will be inspected by the Parade Safety Manager in advance of the event. Responsibility for constructing your float and getting approval from the Parade Safety Manager is yours. Failure to get approval could result in your float being withdrawn from the parade.

Maximum dimensions & weight loading

Weight loadings and dimensions of each vehicle entry must be compliant with the vehicle manufacturers specification. Anything added to the vehicle must be within its 'frame' and not add to its overall height, width or length.

- All items placed on the float must be properly secured. Please note that when the float leaves its place of construction, it will be subject to wind, inclines and the motion of moving along roads.
- Canopies must be built as part of your main structure and not regarded as additional dressing. Structures shall not be higher than 3m above the trailer bases. Structural calculations will need to be provided for floats with canopies or structures added to the existing trailer structure.



- Rigid skirts should be considered on all floats to reduce the gap under the trailer. Skirts should have a ground clearance of at least 60cm.
- No obstacles should stick out from the sides of the floats.
- All fabrics and materials should be fire retardant and have the relevant fire certification, which must be made available prior to the build period.
- Any generators should be checked and installed by a competent contractor with a 30mA residual circuit breaker. No petrol generators will be permitted. Generators and distribution must be secured away from the public but not covered with any props or materials as this is a significant fire hazard. All electrical systems should be suitable for outdoor use. Refuelling of generators on the parade is forbidden.
- A suitably size dry powder extinguisher should accompany every float. Floats including generators should also include a CO2 extinguisher.
- No Pyro / Confetti Cannons are permitted on floats.
- No naked flames
- No alcohol to be consumed aboard floats or within parade.
- Individuals who are walking with vehicle entries are not permitted to board vehicle entries at any point during the parade and Visa Versa.

Leeds Pride reserves the right to refuse applications from any group, organisation, company, business or individual. Failure to comply with the guidance supplied may result in your parade entry being withdrawn from the parade at any point.

Need help with your float?

Grace and Tailor offer both dry hire and packages that include carriage, installation and technical support.

Working with you, they can create the event that you want, using the best, most appropriate equipment for the job. Guided by expertise, rather than the priciest, flashiest kit.

Get in touch with them on 0113 243 8700 or at info@graceandtailor.co.uk if there's anything you think they can help you with. From one mic to a 36m2 LED screen, they are here to help you.

If you have any difficulty completing your parade application, please contact-

info@leedspride.com



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