



**Penrith Town Council**

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**Penrith Town Council support May Day 2024 with £5,000 grant**

Penrith Town Council has approved a grant of £5,000 to the Lions Club of Penrith to support the annual Penrith May Day Carnival.

The Council are pleased to support the Penrith Lions to deliver the May Day Carnival 2024, a free and inclusive street festival which includes a variety of activities such as street stalls, funfair, musical entertainment, cultural demonstrations, static displays and a celebration of the May Queen. The event will take place on Monday 6 May 2024.

**Mark Rudhall, Deputy Chair of Penrith Town Council & Deputy Mayor of Penrith said:**

*"I am delighted to see the Council support another of the town's key signature events – and with that one of the town's most giving organisations – the Lions Club of Penrith.*

*"The May Day Carnival provides a fantastic opportunity for local residents to come together and celebrate the beginning of Summer through a fabulous day of entertainment.*

*"Voluntary organisations like the Penrith Lions put so much time and effort into organising these events for the people of Penrith, and I for one can't wait to see what they have instore for us.*

*"I hope everyone who attends the event enjoys the day!"*

**John Rogerson, Penrith Lions Club President said:**

*"Thank you to Penrith Town Council for this £5,000 grant to support us to deliver the 2024 May Day Carnival.*

*"We are confident that it will support us to deliver a fantastic event for the community of Penrith.*

*"The May Day Carnival is just one of many activities we organise throughout the year to raise funds for local and international charities, none of which would be possible without the generosity of the people of Penrith and we thank you for your continued support during the year."*

Along with confirmed funding for this year, the principle of an annual £5,000 grant to the Lions Club of Penrith for the delivery of the May Day Carnival over the course of this Council term (subject to meeting the terms of a Service Level Agreement) has also been agreed, demonstrating the Council's commitment to the success of this event going forward.