

Celebrating 60 Years of
Notting Hill Carnival
Abir Sunday 30th August 2026
Ladbroke Grove, London will



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Masqueraders
Notting Hill Carnival
Guide 2026

A DUTTY MAS LIKE NO OTHER

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A MESSAGE FROM TEAM ABIR

Dear ABIR Family,

Welcome to ABIR Sunday 2026 – Celebration Time

On behalf of the entire Team ABIR, we want to thank you for your incredible love and support over the years. None of this would be possible without you.

This year is a special one, a milestone that has to be celebrated and respected. The Pioneers of Notting Hill Carnival, paved the way 60 years ago, so we could enjoy what it is today. It was not all fun and enjoyment, there were some traumatic events that were part of Notting Hill Carnival every year. So we celebrate the resilience, creativity, perseverance and determination, to PLAY AH MAS, despite the many challenges faced in the early years.

Every year we push ourselves to raise the bar and deliver the best experience possible. While times change and costs rise, our promise stays the same: **Quality. Value. Safety. Vibes.**

This Masqueraders Guide will walk you through everything you need to know for Dutty Mas. We hope you enjoy all the additional surprises that add even more value to this special Celebration. We will make every effort to ensure the energy, paint, powder, music and vibes are bigger than ever.

At ABIR, we're all about celebrating LIFE through colour, dance, soca music and spreading joy. We can't wait to share the road with you again this year. It's going to be an unforgettable day of pure fun, freedom and carnival spirit.

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UNCOLLECTED PACKAGES WILL BE SOLD ON
SUNDAY 30TH AUGUST BETWEEN 11:00AM-12:00 NOON

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Ladbroke Grove, London W11**

Where To Meet The Band?

**Corner of Ladbroke Grove & Kensington Park Gardens, London W11
Brunch Time: 10:0am - 11:30am**



**Nearest Tube Station
Holland Park And Notting Hill Gate**

Please note we will be capturing photographs and video before and during the event. By attending this event, you grant consent to ABIR to capture and use photographs or video footage containing your likeness for promotional and marketing purposes. This includes but is not limited to, event publications, websites, social media, and other related materials. If you do not wish to be photographed or filmed, please inform the videographer, photographer, or a member of the ABIR Team on the day.

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What To Bring?

Abir Rucksack

Please feel free to bring any other items which you think will make your experience on the road more enjoyable such as a pack of pocket tissues, a clean tee shirt or jumper to wear on your journey home. We suggest that you leave your debit and credit cards and your valuables such as expensive jewellery or mobiles at home.

Abir Wristband

You have been provided with **ONE ALL ACCESS/HOSPITALITY** wristband. You must wear your wristband at all times as this is one of the identifiers used to show that you are a bona-fide masquerader. It also entitles you to partake in the ABIR Hospitality service. You may be asked to leave the band if you are not wearing the ABIR wristband.

Hospitality Chits

Your Brunch and Lunch chits must be handed in to the food service personnel, when Brunch and Lunch are being served. You will not be served, unless you provide the respective Bruch or Lunch chit.

Travellers Mug

This mug **IS YOUR ONLY WAY** to get beverage refreshments. **PLEASE DO NOT LEAVE IT AT HOME** and remember to keep it safe throughout the day.

P.S. Feel free to write on your mug, your drink preference, as it makes it a little easier for our bar staff to serve you faster.

T-Shirt Pattern Cutting

With regards to cutting your t-shirt patterns, we encourage you to do this at home if possible, to limit any scissor cuts, due to rushing to cut t-shirts.

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Hospitality Service



Notting Hill Carnival Ltd. has informed us that we will be held at our meeting point and not allowed to enter the parade before 12:00 NOON. This is to facilitate the Kiddies Carnival morning parade. As soon as we get the okay to move, we move.

TWO HOSPITALITY SERVICE TRUCKS

It's been mentioned that some masqueraders weren't aware we had two hospitality service trucks. Yes we do, with bar access windows on both sides of each truck. Please NO climbing on the sides of the trucks, especially when they are in motion.

RUM COCKTAILS POWERED BY SATCHMO RUM COCKTAILS



LUNCH

Our lunch service will be served between 2:30PM - 3:30PM and prepared by our 2026 caterers Kavel's Catering and Super Caribbean Catering.

Please note that during this time, the bar will be closed and only water and non alcoholic beverages will be served.

**KAVEL'S
CATERING**
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We pride ourselves in delivering a high quality product and service. Once again, we do our best to ensure that our hospitality service is at it's highest quality. Fresh delicious jerk chicken & vegetarian meals, served with a smile.

WHEN YUH TOUCH D' ROAD

YOUR DJs



YOUR HOSTS



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**Notting Hill Carnival 2026 and Abir Mas,
Will Again Show our Respect
and Observe 72 Seconds of Silence
on Sunday at 3:00pm**

**ONE SECOND FOR EACH
LIFE LOST IN THE FIRE**

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Grenfell Tower can be seen from the NHC parade route. Our community was left devastated by the loss of life and trauma of witnessing the disaster. As organisers of NHC we felt it appropriate for the people enjoying Carnival on the streets of a community still reeling from the effects of the fire to remember those who lost their lives, the survivors and the bereaved.

We took our lead from local organisation Grenfell United, who expressed that the local community and all those affected by the Grenfell Tower fire would appreciate our support in creating “brief moments of reflection and respect in the midst of the two days of revelry”. On their request Notting Hill Carnival held a 72 second silence on both days at 3pm; one second for each life lost in the fire.

Grenfell United are a group of survivors and bereaved families of the Grenfell Tower fire, ‘working together for the community and campaigning for safe homes, justice and change’.

For more information on how you can get involved click on the link: grenfellunited.org

**THE FOLLOWING PAGES CONTAIN IMPORTANT INFORMATION
WITH REGARDS TO THE RULES THAT
ALL DUTTY MAS BANDS HAVE TO ADHERE TO.**

**PLEASE READ IN DETAIL
VERY IMPORTANT**



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PAINT & POWDER NHCL RULES FOR THE ROAD

These rules will apply to all Dutty Mas Bands and we have included them here for your perusal and understanding. These are the rules and to continue to enjoy **ABIR SUNDAY** in this way, we have to follow the **Rules of Participation**.

3. Paint Management

3.1. Paint can only be distributed once the band has moved off from their designated starting point.

3.2. **Paint is to be distributed from large, portable vessels such as buckets, carried by members of the band team.**

3.3. **Paint is to be put onto participating masqueraders by members of the band team only.**

3.4. Paint is NOT to be distributed at the following locations:

- (i) From the junction of Elkstone Road and Great Western Road to the junction of Westbourne Park Road and Chepstow Road (judging point).
- (ii) As the trucks are turning any corners.
- (iii) When the band is stationary at their starting point and waiting to set off.
- (iv) After 7pm.

3.5. The following substances are permitted for use:

- (i) Paint: water-based, ready-mixed, non-toxic.
- (ii) Powder: food grade corn flour, rice flour or vegetable starch based, non-toxic, dyed with food-grade colouring.
- (iii) Chocolate: Pure cocoa, mixed with water or chocolate spread, dairy and nut free.
- (iv) Mud: Potters clay.

3.6. The following substances are not permitted for use:

- (i) Oil, oil based nut based products
- (ii) Talcum powder

3.7. Water may only be used for drinking or for cleaning purposes. It must not be sprayed into the air.

4. Mutual Terms and Conditions for Masqueraders

4.1. Masqueraders taking part in Dutty Mas are required to adhere to the following rules:

- (i) You are not permitted to bring your own chocolate, mud, paint, powder or any other substance you intend to use for Dutty Mas into the band to use during the carnival.
- (ii) Chocolate, mud, paint or powder will be distributed by staff members of the band.
- (iii) Chocolate, mud, paint or powder will be distributed after the band has moved off from its designated starting point.

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4. Mutual Terms and Conditions for Masqueraders cont'd

4.1. Masqueraders taking part in Dutty Mas are required to adhere to the following rules:

(iv) Chocolate, mud, paint or powder must not be thrown or placed on any members of the public, judges, children, police or people who are not part of the band OR any property - public or private.

(v) No chocolate, mud, paint or powder shall be used between the junctions of Elkstone Road and Great Western Road to the junction of Westbourne Park Road and Chepstow Road (otherwise known as judging point) or whilst the vehicles are turning any corners.

(vi) Anyone found to be in breach of any of the above rules will have their wristbands removed and be required to leave the band. You will be held personally responsible for any damage you may have caused and if required by the police, your details will be passed on to facilitate any investigation.

SANCTIONS

Any Band that does not adhere to the above rules may be removed from the route and will not be allowed to take part in the following year's Carnival.

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- **NO TALCUM POWDER PLEASE YOU WILL BE EJECTED FROM THE BAND IMMEDIATELY**
- **DO NOT THROW POWDER ON ANYONE THAT IS NOT AN ABIR MASQUERADER**
- **DO NOT THROW POWDER ON ANY MEMBER OF THE METROPOLITAN POLICE SERVICE**
- **DO NOT VANDALISE PRIVATE OR PUBLIC PROPERTY**
- **AND LAST BUT NOT LEAST, DO NOT THROW POWDER AT THE JUDGES OR SPECTATORS IN THE JUDGING ZONE**

All our paint is water based, safe and non toxic. Our powder/gulal (coloured corn starch) is hypoallergenic and safe, however, if you are asthmatic, kindly walk with a face mask or bandana to cover your nose.

Yes we know how much joy throwing paint on each other is, we also enjoy that, but change is always inevitable. Now you know the rules, let's get back to the FUN...

It goes without saying that with these amendments to our road experience, the fine folks at **ABIR SUNDAY HQ** have been concocting an equally enjoyable and exciting **PAINT EXPERIENCE** just for you.

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