



ST LAWRENCE BATTLE OF FLOWERS ASSOCIATION

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Dear Parishioners

Jersey's biggest summer event is back and this year we will be celebrating its 120th anniversary!

The **Jersey Battle of Flowers** is a carnival parade held over two days in August, with a day parade and a moonlight parade. Large and small floats travel up and down Victoria Avenue, interspersed with marching bands and other entertainment which add to the spectacular.

I am writing to you on behalf of the **St Lawrence Battle of Flowers Association** because it is now full steam ahead to build our floats! Our senior float design for 2022 is "Battle of Flowers" which has a Great British Bake-Off theme, and our junior float design is "Madhatter's Tea Party".

Work on our parish floats has started in earnest and it takes many, many hours over several months to produce the floats so that they are ready for the summer parades. Your parish floats need you! There are lots of different ways to get involved, so please get in touch. You will be very welcome.

Harestailing – these are the fluffy, dried flowers that create detail on the float. These pieces can be made in advance and even at home. There is something for everyone – skilled or unskilled – and full training will be provided! There will be a junior harestailing event for under 16s during May Half Term so please look out for further details on our Facebook page.

Building – the floats are built in the large marquee which is situated at St Lawrence Community Centre. Currently, the building team is there on Thursday evenings at 7-9pm, but this will become more frequent over the next few months. Skilled help would be gratefully received.

Fundraising – we used to hold several different fundraising events each year, but Covid brought them to an abrupt halt. It has been very difficult to raise funds for the past two years, and the costs of building materials and flowers have increased significantly. We would be most appreciative of any donations that you feel able to make - our bank details are above for online banking or just post us a cheque! We are also happy to discuss sponsorship opportunities if there are any local businesses who would like to support us.

Please do not hesitate to get in touch if you would like to start receiving our newsletters or to get involved with your parish floats. You can also find us on Facebook at **St Lawrence Battle of Flowers**.

Together, we hope to make 2022 a great success of which our Parish can be proud!

With best wishes

Susan Parker
Chairperson of St Lawrence Battle of Flowers Association