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Derby Caribbean Carnival 2026 Returns to Osmaston Park | Sunday 19 July 2026

The Derby West Indian Community Association (DWICA) is pleased to announce that the Derby Caribbean Carnival 2026 will take place on Sunday 19 July 2026, returning to its traditional home at Osmaston Park.

Adapting to Financial Challenges

The decision to return to Osmaston Park follows careful consideration of the significant financial pressures currently facing community events across the country. Rising infrastructure and operational costs, particularly those associated with health and safety requirements, alongside limited public funding and reduced private-sector investment, have created considerable challenges for the delivery of large-scale events.

To ensure the long-term sustainability of Derby Caribbean Carnival, DWICA has taken the strategic decision to deliver a scaled-down event in 2026. This approach enables the organisation to continue celebrating Caribbean culture while operating within available resources and safeguarding the future of the carnival for years to come.

A Focused Celebration of Caribbean Culture

This year's theme is **Strength, Unity, Resilience and Empowerment** (S.U.R.E.). While the 2026 event will be delivered on a more focused scale, visitors can be S.U.R.E. to experience a vibrant and unforgettable celebration of Caribbean culture, featuring:

- Spectacular carnival troupe performances and competitions
- A lively programme of music, dance, and cultural entertainment
- Caribbean food, crafts, and community stalls
- Family-friendly activities and cultural experiences
- A vibrant sound system experience bringing Caribbean rhythms to Osmaston Park throughout the day

The revised format has been carefully designed to retain the spirit, colour, and energy that have made Derby Caribbean Carnival one of the city's most cherished cultural events.

Looking Ahead

DWICA remains committed to preserving and developing Derby Caribbean Carnival as an important part of the city's cultural calendar. While budget pressures have necessitated a more modest event in 2026, the association views this as a responsible and sustainable approach that will help protect the carnival's future and ensure it continues to bring communities together through culture, creativity, and celebration.

We look forward to welcoming residents, supporters, and visitors from across the region to join us at Osmaston Park for a day of Caribbean culture, community, and carnival spirit.

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