

CARMEN CART MARKING

Transport through the ages.



Entrance is free. This is the second largest free event in the city of London after The Lord Mayor's Show.

You will see a selection of some of the most interesting and finest vehicles throughout the ages.

The ceremony dates back over 500 years with vehicles ranging from handcarts, horse and carts, steam engines, steam powered vehicles, Military vehicles, multicycles, historic and vintage vehicles, specialist vehicles new and old, and even the latest electric and fusion powered vehicles.

As the vehicles pass through the guildhall arch commentators tell the history of each vehicle then once the vehicle is in position at the far end of the yard the Lord Mayor of London assisted by the Master of the Worshipful Company of Carmen brand the vehicle with a hot branding iron, which is known as "Cart Marking".

Each vehicle is marked with a letter or symbol which depicts that it is fit to ply for trade or hire for the forthcoming year.

The Lord Mayor and the Master Carman with the Court of Assistants are dressed in their robes for the ceremony.

Just as it was in 1835 the fee for having your vehicle marked is "five shillings".

The event usually lasts for almost two hours and programmes showing all entries may be purchased on the day.

Further information on the history of cart marking can be found here:

[CART MARKING HISTORY.](#)

To see a video of 2017 cart marking click here:

[500th ANNIVERSARY VIDEO.](#)

For information on how to become a member and get your vehicle marked click here:

[MEMBERSHIP.](#)

This year Cart Marking will take place on Wednesday 17th July 2019 commencing at 10.30am to 12.30pm in Guildhall Yard, City of London.