



## HAILSHAM BONFIRE SOCIETY

Dear Society

After much hard work and negotiation between Hailsham Bonfire Society and Sussex Police the Police have decided that they will tolerate the discharge of fireworks on the ground in our procession by HBS members and members of visiting societies provided that the discharge is confined within the centre of the procession and does not cause risk of harm to the public or Police officers.

Apologies for the lateness but negotiations became somewhat protracted, if your society is intending to attend Hailsham Bonfire on Sat 17<sup>th</sup> Oct please disperse the attached information to your members so that we can preserve this concession for future events.

There is to be no discharge of Fireworks at the HQ, either prior to the 1<sup>st</sup> procession or during the turnaround

Please be respectful and do not discharge fireworks during the 1<sup>st</sup> procession as we make our way to the war memorial

Once the firecrackers have been ignited you may use “Boom boxes” only in the High Street

Once you leave the High Street the safe discharge of fireworks in the procession is allowed for the remainder of the 1<sup>st</sup> procession, a marshal near the HQ will tell you when to stop.

Remember please no fireworks at the turnaround

Once we have left the vicinity of the HQ and enter George Street (a marshal will again tell you when) you are allowed the safe discharge of fireworks in the procession for the entire 2<sup>nd</sup> procession (including the High Street) until we

approach the firesite, where you will be asked by a marshal to cease the discharge of fireworks, due to the fact that we have to pass through the crowd.

Once you are on the firesite the discharge of fireworks is allowed as usual, but please refrain from “fire jumping”.

During those parts of the procession where the discharge of fireworks is allowed please ensure you drop your fireworks towards the centre ranks, away from the crowd; please don't throw them as the Police will deem this to be “uncontrolled”

Please only use “bangers” in the processions, no projectile fireworks please.

Please don't use homemade pyrotechnics in the procession.

Please do not allow juveniles to discharge fireworks in the procession.

If a Police officer asks you to cease the discharge of fireworks, please do so, but inform myself or the C in C at the earliest opportunity.

My sincerest apologies for all these rules, but we have negotiated long and hard to get this concession and we don't want to lose it, we wish to continue the use of fireworks in the procession here at Hailsham Bonfire for many years to come, in order to do that we have had to put these conditions in place, please come along and enjoy our evening with us in the traditional way but please bear in mind that the actions of one idiot could lose us this privilege and would also severely hamper any chances other societies have of holding similar negotiations and gaining this concession.

If you have any questions at all please do not hesitate to drop me a line.

Best regards

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