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# welcome

It's taken a whole village to raise a rainbow in our small rural town, and we couldn't have done it without the generosity, kindness, talent, and time from a whole host of good people. From sponsors and volunteers to local businesses, individuals, international acts, and strangers – yes strangers – everyone involved has taken a leap of faith in supporting this first of a kind event for our town – now in its second year – to make it fun, to make it safe, and to make it fabulous. Welcome to Sherborne, love lives here!



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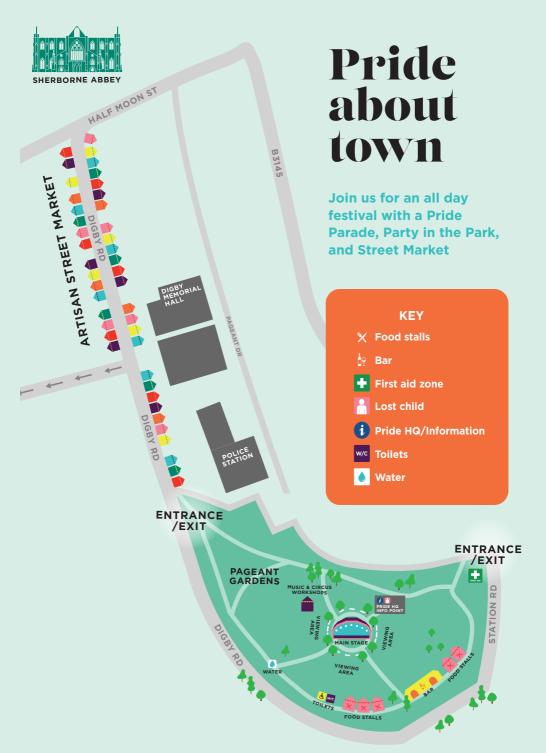
# Pride parade 12PM

### Street market 10AM-3PM

Head to Digby Road to browse

### Pride party in the park 1PM-9PM

A phenomenal line-up of acts all day







## what's on at on at othereserve

10AM-3PM

Pride Street Market Digby Road

#### **POP-UP PERFORMANCES - FROM THE HEART OF THE MARKET**

10.30AM & 1.30PM	Debbie B
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#### 11AM-11.30AMSherborne BounceLive demo to dance tunes

1PM-4PMPageant Gardens 'Creation Station'Workshops

#### OPEN TO ALL, LIMITED SPACES, JOIN THE FUN!

1PM	Music Workshop - Gary, YouDoMusic Music workshops for all ages and abilities
2PM-4PM	<b>Circus Workshop - Lucy, Fusion Dance Circus</b> Master circus skills

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#### 12:15PM-1PM

**Sherborne Pride Parade** Cheap Street, Half Moon Street, Digby Road leading into Pageant Gardens

#### **PARTY IN THE PARK - PAGEANT GARDENS**

A programme of live entertainment throughout the day

1PM	<b>D'Ska Assassins</b> Live ska band
2PM	<b>Celebrating Local Drag</b> Shorti Drag, Sasha Silk, Rayyyven with Miss Daubs
2:30PM	<b>Nelle Curtis</b> Disney Singalong with local vocalist legend
ЗРМ	Sherborne Rock Choir Harmonious vocals, uplifting energy and all the community feels
3:30PM	<b>Jaz Miller</b> A local powerhouse bringing festival vibes



A message from Sherborne Pride
Cabaret Show

With Margo Marshall, Cleopantha, The Sugar & Spice Show and The Buff Boys

#### 6.30PM

4:15PM

4:30 PM

Music Pre-Headline

#### 7.30PM

Drag Headline



**Reigns** Rising star and acclaimed singer songwriter hitting the airwaves across the UK right now.

#### **Ru Paul Drag Queen Extravaganza** L.I.L.L (Living In Lavish Luxury), Banksie, Rileasa, Baga Chipz

**Republica: Saffron Sprackling** Britpop legend, mental health advocate and all-round superstar.



The Half Moon Inn, Sherborne Sunday 6th July from 8PM - 11PM WITH DJ MARK

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An incredible day full of love and the coming together of our beautiful community – in full colour! If you've enjoyed yourself and are able to contribute towards the cost of making it a free event to all, then we'd love a donation. Thanks so much – here's to next year!

#### Find a donation bucket on the day

# maller

It's hard to fully describe just how important Pride events are, not just for the LGBTQIA+ community, but their families, allies, and all of us. It's about creating a loving and accepting world that we all want to live in.

Pride runs deeper than waving a rainbow flag in a colourful parade. It's about reclaiming a right to exist unapologetically, being free to express yourself authentically and feel accepted,

and celebrating a community coming together in love, against hate. For some, these events are a safe haven in a world that often tells them they're wrong for simply being themselves – for existing. Pride is a reminder that we're not alone; it's a beacon of hope, showing us that progress is possible and that our voices matter.

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It's about representation and providing role models for marginalised communities. Seeing ourselves in others empowers us to dream and believe in a world where love triumphs over hate. show host Just Does May

# meet our maestro

#### Meet Just Does May, the ultimate entertainer and UK's favourite drag Geri Halliwell impersonator!

...scream if you wanna go faster! We've only gone and bagged ourselves a drag race UK BBC super Queen as Sherborne Pride's fabulous host for 2025! SpiceUpYourPride



1PM D'Ska Assassins music act

# one step beyond

**D'Ska Assassins are bringing their rocksteady beat to Sherborne Pride.** The Southwest's uptempo, sixpiece Ska Band, who've supported The Specials' Neville Staple and are lined up for The Beat, will be performing a mix of classic covers and originals — Sherborne will certainly not be a 'ghost town' for Pride – these guys sell out to ska fans all across the Southwest!





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2PM Shorti, Rayyven, Sasha Silk with Miss Daubs





### celebrating local drag

Sherborne Pride 2025 is bringing the drama with a fierce local drag show you won't forget. Local legend Shorti returns with bold makeup, chaotic energy, and big fun in a tiny package. Making her debut, Sasha Silk serves towering glamour and silky-smooth charisma. And Rayyven is back with high kicks, hot takes, and unstoppable attitude. Three queens, one stage — let the battle begin. With special host Miss Daubs.



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2.30PM Nelle Disney singalong

# Laving brought musical thea

Having brought musical theatre bangers to the bandstand last year, local vocalist Nelle is back and this time 'doing Disney'. Inviting the crowd to sing-a-long we can't wait for this feel good set!



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3PM Sherborne Rock Choir

time of the song

Sherborne Rock Choir is back for 2025 — bringing feelgood vibes! A crowd favourite last year, this uplifting group joins the parade and main stage with harmonies and energy. Earlier this month, Hannah, Sadie, and Hannahlou dropped in on a rehearsal and caught a moving sneak peek of Club Tropicana. Get ready to sing your heart out — Sherborne's Rock Choir is bringing the joy!



# electric

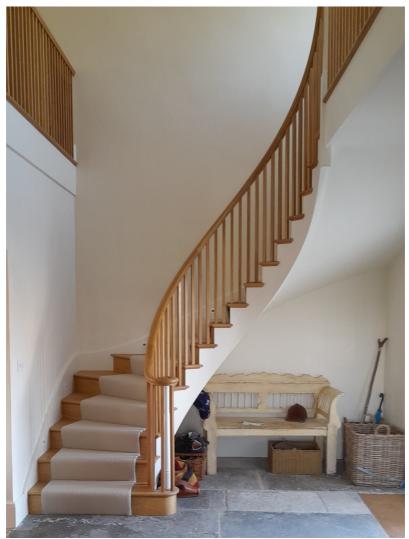
Back by popular demand after rocking last year's Pride, Jaz is returning to the Sherborne stage — and we couldn't be more excited.

A local powerhouse with a voice that fills fields and festival tents across the Southwest — including this summer's Home Farm Fest — Jaz has been storming the gig circuit both as a soloist and with various bands. This year, she's bringing her signature mix of soulful covers and original tracks to our Pride Unplugged acoustic hour.

Get ready to sing your heart out — because when Jaz takes the mic, it's impossible not to join in.



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0800 652 8373 www.battens.co.uk 4.30PM Cleopantha Burlesque

# what a tease

Cleopantha has stormed the world of burlesque, ranked No. 3 globally and crowned the UK's No. 1 performer three times. With five consecutive years in the Burlesque Top 50, she's not just part of the scene she's defining it.

Her signature style? Electrifying. Her presence? Unforgettable. From sharing the stage with Cardi B and Fatman Scoop to founding The House of Pantha — a powerhouse platform for the UK's fiercest new cabaret stars — Cleopantha is more than a performer: she's a leader, mentor and trailblazer shaping the future of burlesque one rhinestone at a time. 4.30PM Margo Marshall queer icon

performer

# pop queen

#### Part pop princess, part Fosse showgirl, Margo Marshall is one of the UK's most celebrated dancing

drag performers and cabaret artists. A graduate of the prestigious Liverpool Institute for Performing Arts, she quickly made waves on London's alternative queer scene with her high-energy performances and magnetic stage presence. Her talent caught the eye of Melanie C, leading to a spot on her 2019 Pride Tour, including the historic 50 Years of World Pride Closing Ceremony. Since then, Margo has performed alongside Jessie Ware, Mabel, Jake Shears, and the Sugababes, and has choreographed for Charli XCX, Ava Max, and BRIT Award-winner Becky Hill. Margo is redefining drag for a bold new generation.



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#### **BURSTING WITH PRIDE**



4.30PM Sugar and Spice cabaret

# all things nice

Beamed in from a sparkly star on Planet Nice, Sugar and Spice crash-landed on Earth in a glitter-fueled rocket with one mission: to save the world with LOVE. Sugar, sweet and shimmering, enchants with cosmic vocals, while Spice brings bold brilliance and soulful sass. This cabaret duo delivers a retro-futurist fever dream of girl power and glitter, complete with towering bouffants filled with world peace and rhinestoned boots. Expect feel-good vibes, chaotic musical mashups, fabulously questionable dance routines, and a full-throttle girl power delusion that's as joyful as it is unmissable. Because the world needs love for everyone and Sugar and Spice are here to serve it.



4.30PM Buff Boys masc cabaret

# boylesque

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**Introducing... Dave the Bear. The Man. The Fur. The Legend. The Beast of Burlesque.** A multi-awardwinning Burlesque Performer, Singer and West End Show Producer Dave is also often spotted on TV shows including 8 out of 10 cats, The Xtra Factor and is a regular judge on BBC singing competition All Together Now.

He'll be screaming 'Love lives here!' at Sherborne Pride this year and taking to the stage for our Cabaret Show alongside Buff Boy buddy and handbalancing circus extraordinaire Aaron Marshall. 6.30PM Reigns music pre headliner

# monarch

#### **EPIC SPOTLIGHT – Reigns is performing at Sherborne Pride and she's a superstar ally!** In the midst of her

latest releases hitting the airwaves across the country, Reigns will be swinging by little ol' Sherborne to raise the roof (and the flag!)

Rising star and acclaimed singer-songwriter, having collaborated with major names like Carl Cox, Low Steppa, Benny Benassi, and Disco Fries.

We are OVER THE MOON! See you there, we'll be at the front row!

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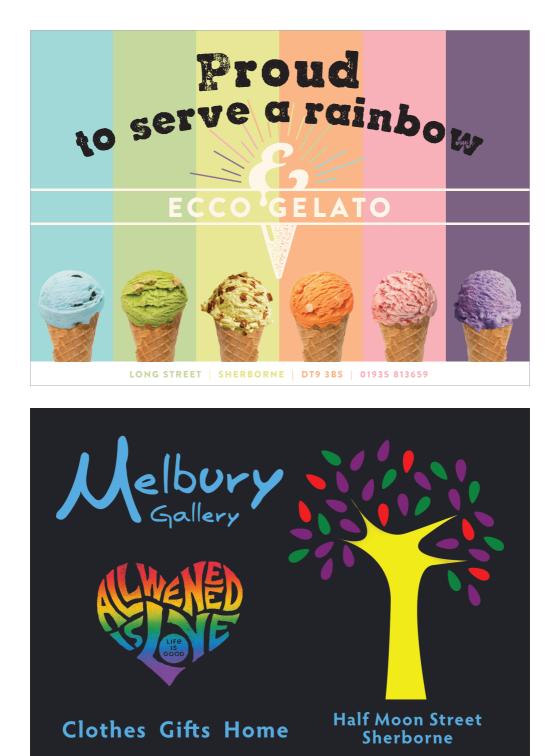
**7.30PM L.I.L.L** drag act

# lavish luxury

#### Polished. Powerful. Pure drag perfection.

LILL — short for Living in Lavish Luxury — is the fierce force who took the spotlight on RuPaul's Drag Race UK vs The World, and has been slaying stages ever since. Known for her razor-sharp wit, head-turning looks and commanding presence, she serves high-glamour fashion with a twist of intelligent humour at every turn.

Always evolving and never predictable, LILL is one of the most exciting voices in modern drag — redefining what it means to live (and perform) in lavish luxury. Expect power, polish and pure main character energy.



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# island queen

#### Brace yourselves, Sherborne – Rileasa is coming, and she's bringing main character energy!

Serving sunshine and spice, RuPaul's Drag Race UK finalist Rileasa (a London-based, St Lucia-born contemporary dancer) brings island flair to Sherborne Pride! Dubbed the "Rihanna" of drag, she's toured with Becky Hill and slayed on Drag Race, all while honouring her Caribbean roots with charisma and heart.

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# a true original

#### She's fierce. She's fearless. She's Banksie.

Known for her striking, high-fashion looks and boundary-pushing performances, Banksie made waves on RuPaul's Drag Race UK — and now she's bringing her unapologetic artistry to our main stage.

Blending bold design, performance power, and pure creative flair, Banksie is a true original. A rising star with something to say and the lewks to match, she's here to shake things up and serve you drag as art, drag as expression, drag at its finest.

Trust us – you don't want to miss this.



7.30pm Baga Chipz drag act



**We've BAGGED Baga Chipz!** British Drag Queen Royalty, Drag Race UK BBC legend, and all round sassy b\*#ch is coming to Sherborne Pride 2025!

Get your vinegar ready, it's gonna be salty!





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8.30PM Saffron Sprackling headliner

# ready to go

#### Get ready, Sherborne — the legendary Saffron Sprackling, frontwoman of iconic '90s band Republica, is headlining Sherborne Pride 2025!

Republica stormed the charts worldwide with their unique blend of techno-pop, punk rock, and electronica — defining an era alongside Garbage, No Doubt, and Elastica. Saffron's fierce vocals powered hits like 'Ready To Go' and 'Drop Dead Gorgeous,' anthems that have appeared in over 300 films, TV shows, and adverts worldwide, including Captain Marvel, Ted Lasso, and Scream. With multi-platinum sales, top festival slots at Glastonbury, Reading, Roskilde, and headline performances at Pride events across Europe, Saffron has become a beacon of fierce artistry and LGBTQIA+ pride. She's collaborated with legends like The Prodigy, The Cure, and Junkie XL — and continues to captivate audiences with her electrifying live shows.

## "i stand by you, with you, and in front of you"

Beyond the stage, Saffron is a passionate mental health advocate and was a frontline keyworker during the pandemic, sharing her story in the acclaimed documentary Music To Mental Health.

Fresh off a new record deal and upcoming album Damaged Gods, Sherborne Pride is honoured to welcome Saffron Sprackling — a true icon whose energy and spirit embody our message: Love Lives Here!

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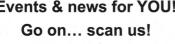
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#### LGBT+ HELPLINES & SUPPORT GROUPS



#### Sometimes we need them, or may know a friend who may need them....

#### so please remember this is the place to find lots of them!

It's OK to reach out ....the focus is on local Dorset support, but many regional & national organisations are listed. Areas covered include ....

#### \* General help & LGBT+ support

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# the history of Pride

#### On 1 July 1972 the UK's first Pride march was held

**in London.** This date was chosen as the nearest Saturday to the anniversary of the riots, or uprising, at the Stonewall Inn in 1969, where LGBT+ patrons had been targeted by the New York Police Department. Liberation organisations were inspired to action, and Pride marches have since become annual events throughout the UK and around the world.

#### Pride around the UK

Whilst London was the first UK city to hold a Pride event, this timeline shows a selection of milestone pride events in the UK:

- 1973: The Sussex Gay Liberation Front marched through Brighton, followed by a "Gay Dance" at the Royal Albion Hotel.
- 1979: Liverpool held its first Gay Pride Week.
- 1983: Birmingham hosted 'five days of fun' at various venues with 'It's a Knockout'-style competitions.
- 1985: Manchester Pride began as the Gay Pub and Club Olympics with boat races down the river and drag queens judging egg and spoon races.
- 1991: In Belfast about 100 people with helium balloons attended a Pride parade, having to keep their route a secret to avoid protestors.
- 1992: London hosted 'Europride', attended by 100,000 people and described by the local news as 'the lesbian and gay event of the decade'.
- 1995: Following a number of smaller events in the 1980s, including 'Lark in the Park' to protest section 28 laws, Scotland's first large-scale Pride event was held. The march through Edinburgh ended with a festival in the Meadows.
- 1997: Birmingham Pride was officially launched.
- 1999: Cardiff Mardi Gras—now known as Pride Cymru's Big Weekend—was held on 4 September in conjunction with a national police conference. The police aimed to work with the community following a rise in hate crimes against LGBT+ people in south Wales.
- 2010: Liverpool was the largest UK city to not have an 'official' annual Pride until its council-affiliated Pride march was established in 2010, held on the closest weekend to the anniversary of the murder of 18-yearold gay man Michael Causer in 2008.
- 2025: Sherborne got its own Pride!!

Source: https://lordslibrary.parliament.uk/pride-in-the-uk-50-years/

## one big thank you

Taff, Lynda & David Martin Steve Shields & Sherborne Town Council Team Sherborne Pride All our fabulous acts All our fantastic stalls All our wonderful volunteers Team Lolly Team Vineyards The many kind individuals - there are too many to list on this page, but will forever have a place in our hearts The very generous sponsors Abbie Collins Amanda & Pete Hunt Andrew Jones Apex Brewing Co. Battens Solicitors BBC Dorset Beth Oxford Beth Poole Blackshed Flowers Bounce Sherborne Bristol Road Garage Cafe D'Urberville Cheap St. Methodist Church Debbie Bouch Dorset Council Events Crew Faith, Blackshed Flowers Fred Whittick Glen & The Sherborne Times GSL Events

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# meet team pride



#### **Sadie Wilkins**

Meet Sadie Wilkins: brand storyteller at Apex Brewing Co, coowner and wine guru at Vineyards of Sherborne, ex English teacher with 13 years' experience in the education sector, and wearer of sequins – for any given occasion. Sadie is the Founder of Sherborne Pride, proudly taking a lead on sponsorship for our grassroots organisation, rallying the community effort, and hustling fantastic acts and traders for the big day. When she's not writing words and swirling wine, you'll find her leading local community initiatives or sat in a theatre.



#### Hannah Fell

Introducing Hannah Fell, our Creative Director. From dazzling international stages as a cabaret performer and dancer to being the Creative Manager at Drama Park Lane, Mayfair's exclusive members only cocktail club. Hannah is now the mastermind behind our Pride festivities! Get into the groove and celebrate under her fabulous guidance!



#### Hannah Wilkins

Our resident awardwinning wino, local businesswoman extraordinaire, and drinks industry expert - meet Hannah Wilkins, owner of the UK's Best Indie Wine Shop: Vineyards of Sherborne. Taking a lead on Sherborne Pride's fabulous Parade and overseeing food and beverages, Hannah brings 25 years of hospitality experience to the team and has kindly shared her little black book of local contacts to help make Sherborne's first Pride a success. An Exec member of Sherborne Chamber of Trade and a Founder of Sherborne Indies, Hannah is a champion of all things local.

## about our sponsors



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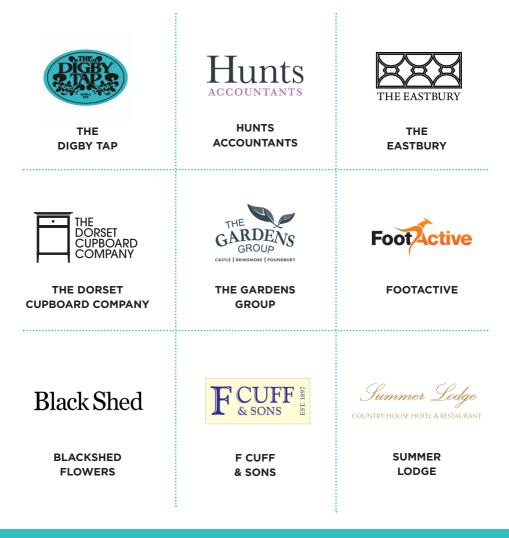
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