



# OFFICIAL PRIDE GUIDE 2022



# WELCOME TO PRIDE IN BELPER



This year is the 50th anniversary of the first ever Gay Pride event, organised in London by the Gay Liberation Front. It was a human rights protest for the LGBT+ Community and was called Pride, because so many people from the LGBT+ community had to live invisibly and secretly with feelings of shame and inadequacy.

Since 1972, many human rights have been won for the LGBT+ community through protests such as Pride and organisations like Stonewall and Mermaids. Yet despite the distance travelled there is still so much that needs to change.

Many LGBT+ people still do not feel comfortable being open with friends and colleagues. Many find accessing healthcare a hostile experience, some find booking a table in a café or restaurant awkward and many find booking a hotel room uncomfortable.

For Transgender people the pace of change has gone into reverse. Gender realignment healthcare in the UK has waiting lists of 3 to 5 years. The mental health of young Trans people is at rock bottom with increasing suicide rates. The Gender Recognition Act reform to enable people to self-identify their gender has been quashed by the government. And then of course there is the issue of which toilet you're allowed to pee in if you're a Trans woman... as gender politics takes centre stage.

What has this got to do with the people of Belper? Everything!

Sexuality and gender identity are part of everyone's life. The visibility given to cis gendered heterosexuals in every community; through the media, the high street, social media, adverts, fashion and even church bells announcing heterosexual marriages, is the default position in every town. Yet cis gendered heterosexuals are not the only people who live in every town!

Pride in Belper exists to normalise visibility, encourage inclusion, and celebrate the diversity of everyone within our community. We do this through the four pillars on which Pride in Belper was first developed: Sustainability, Accessibility, Inclusivity and Diversity. We hope that you will see these pillars reflected in the events of the day.

So, what can you do to make our community more inclusive and let our diversity shine through? We are asking everyone to become an ally for someone else by continuing to make pride a protest for human dignity and rights, as well as to create much more visibility of LGBT+ people. All you need to do is talk openly about gender identity and sexuality in the workplace and in schools, wear a badge at work or school to show you're an ally, challenge hate speech, or put a sticker on your shop window, bag or car.

Be visible and be an advocate. If we stand up for each other, we will be a much more inclusive place that openly values and respects the richness of our difference and diversity, and it will be easier for us all to feel as though we are welcome in Belper and we belong.

Pride in Belper is inclusive to celebrate diversity, it is also a protest to remind everyone that real inclusion is everyone's responsibility.



There's a lot to love in Belper – including quirky, one-of-a-kind independent shops and eateries.

In the evening, the town offers a relaxed atmosphere with restaurants, cocktail bars, micropubs, and an award-winning independent cinema.

Take your time and enjoy your day. Belper welcomes you all.



[www.lovebelper.co.uk](http://www.lovebelper.co.uk)



[www.prideinbelper.co.uk](http://www.prideinbelper.co.uk)

# WHY PRIDE MUST ALWAYS BE A PROTEST



Legal and political decisions have a personal impact. Protesting until unfair laws are changed has a direct positive impact on peoples' lives.

'Today's politicians should remember the prejudice and bigotry they pronounce today will be rewound in a decade's time as examples of ignorance and narrow-mindedness. Future generations will be agog at the lack of compassion and sheer prejudice at the highest levels of our society and our media.'

(M, trans woman)

## Political decision:

Conversion Therapy has been banned for lesbians, gay men and bisexual people. It is NOT banned for trans people.

## Personal impact:

'The government flip flopping over protecting trans and non binary people from harmful 'conversion' therapy sends out a dangerous message that trans lives are less valuable and less in need of protection than others.'

(M, trans woman)

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'This sends a message to me that the government does not see me as a person. The message is that religious and political extremism is not acceptable, unless it is directed at the trans community.'

(T, transfem non binary person)

## Political decision:

Same sex couples can marry in a place of worship.

## Personal impact:

as a Christian same sex couple, it was important that we made our wedding vows in a church, to affirm our commitment to each other, our community, and our families in the presence of God. The act that this law changed within our lifetime brought my wife and I more joy than you can ever imagine.

(S, lesbian)

92% of young trans people have considered taking their own life

Source: [Mermaids 2021](#)



'As a gay man growing up in the 80s in Belper I was denied access to information and knowledge through Section 28. I didn't have the information and support to know who I was and to be my true self. This crushed my happiness and sense of self identity.'

(N, gay man)

## Political decision:

The UK government announces that all new public buildings will have separate male and female toilets.

## Personal impact:

'I have spent my whole adult life being asked if I am in the wrong toilet. I am not always asked kindly.

I would just like to pee without having a random stranger demanding I prove my gender to decide if I qualify. Gender neutral toilets hurt no one.'

(L, lesbian)

In 2015, the UK was ranked 1st place as the most LGBTQIA+ friendly nation in Europe. By 2022, the UK had slipped to 14th place.

The UK's growing anti-trans movement was cited among the reasons for that decline

Source: [ILGA Europe 2022](#)

## Political decision:

'Being trans' has been declassified as a mental health condition.

## Personal impact:

'although this is a great step and an important one, it is also the bare minimum. If we keep celebrating what should be a given, it sends the message that they have done something progressive when there is so much more to do.'

(J, agender non binary person)

A trans person seeking support and medical intervention currently has to wait THREE TO FIVE years for an initial appointment on the NHS.



Here are some resources you can use to deepen your awareness and understanding:

<https://www.stonewall.org.uk/resources/lgbt-britain-trans-report-2018>

(Source: [Stonewall.org.uk 2018](#))

<https://mermaidsuk.org.uk> Helping gender diverse kids, young people and their families since 1995.

<http://www.derbyshirelgbt.org.uk> Providing information, support and advocacy for LGBT people across Derbyshire.

# PRONOUNS

Gender specific and gender neutral pronouns are the ways we refer to each other in the third person. Using them is a sign of respect and ensures we are getting someone's gender right, just like it is a sign of respect to spell and pronounce someone's name correctly.

Non Binary or Trans Women and Trans Men who are transitioning may well choose to change their pronouns.

SHE  
HER  
HERS

*You cannot tell someone's name or pronoun by just looking at them.*

If somebody takes the time to let you know their name and their pronoun, please use it, and respect it. It really isn't up to you to decide someone else's identity.

HE  
HIM  
HIS

The impact of using the wrong pronoun can be severe for people. They can question themselves, withdraw, lack confidence, give up or even become suicidal.

If you are having difficulty using someone's pronouns keep practicing it, and you will find the more you use those pronouns for that person the easier it will come to you.

THEY  
THEM  
THEIRS

If you find yourself unsure of someone's pronoun, listen to how others refer to the person. If you are still unclear or concerned that others may be using the incorrect pronoun, privately and politely ask that person what pronouns they would prefer you to use.

## What is an Ally?

Allies are an important part of everyone's life; they offer support, and understanding, they challenge negativity and discrimination, they are visible, and they can be lifesavers!

## Who are Allies?

Allies are the ordinary people who shine a light on discrimination and unfairness to increase visibility of the issues that underrepresented people face.

## What do Allies do?

Allies create visibility of underrepresented groups who are less seen in communities and society. They normalise conversations and they talk about the things that matter, with the people who need to know! Allies also advocate and celebrate underrepresented groups. They stand side by side people; they are difference makers.

## Respect

Being an ally doesn't mean that you have all the right answers, but it does mean that you are someone who recognises and demonstrates every day that the contribution of the person or group they are an ally for is valued and respected.



## Visibility

Allies use their voice to benefit other people, they stand up for others and make change happen. Allies may sometimes have privilege (by being straight, white and non-disabled) which makes it easier for them in some environments, to actively challenge exclusion and discrimination, because they often already have a platform from which to speak.

## HOW TO CHALLENGE DISCRIMINATION AS AN ALLY:

### BE KIND

It is important to use a questioning and less confrontational approach when challenging language or behaviour which is offensive, discriminating, or non-inclusive. Being confrontational can simply inflame the situation and make it worse.

### BE FIERCE

Stick to your message, ask the questions that challenge what someone else has said or done and don't back down easily. BUT... do walk away if the other person is not listening or becomes aggressive.

### BE FAIR

Not all discrimination comes from a place of hate or fear, sometimes it is learnt behaviour, ignorance or unconsciously said.

# THE PARADE



Gather at The Market Place from 11am. There will be a Cafe in No 28 run by Derbyshire LGBT+ and music outside



**FINISH**

**START**

**1 THE MARKET PLACE**

**The Pride Parade or 'Strutt' as we like to call it in Belper will leave The Market Place at 12 noon**

- 1** Number 28
- 2** The Ritz Cinema
- 3** Rainbow stage
- 4** Cafe/music hub
- 5** 1924 pride pop up
- 6** Belper Library
- 7** Vegan Revelation

- Starting at **The Market Place**
- Head down **King Street** past The Ritz
- Turn left onto **Strutt Street** to the end of the street
- Turn right onto **New Road** over the railway bridge
- Turn right onto **Campbell Street** past The 1924
- At the end of the street turn right back up **King Street**
- The Parade will end near **The Memorial Gardens**

**Accessible Route**  
If you feel you cannot complete the entire Strutt, our Accessibility Route starts on The Market Place and you can finish by heading off into The Memorial Gardens.

# Rainbow Stage

ON THE MEMORIAL GARDENS

BRINGING THE CAMP TO  
OUR RAINBOW STAGE IS  
'DRAG QUEEN  
EXTRAORDINAIRE DIXEY'



- 12.30 THE FERRETTES
- 1.30 TOUMARANKE
- 2.30 JIJI
- 3.30 SAM DRAISEY
- 4.30 MORGAN RICHTER
- 5.30 THE DARK HORSES



On the Market Place you can listen to 'Ed Hulse' playing acoustic throughout the day from 11am. At around 2pm Ed will pause and there will be a performance from the Street Beats Samba Band which features 6 Primary Schools - a project brought together by Fleet Arts and Chris Lewis-Jones. After a break Belper Boom will play a short set.

The three Strutt Street Cafes, Cocoa Cafe, The Perfect Cuppa and Reunion will be creating a hub with outside seating and music from 'Just Jake' (after the Strutt has passed through Strutt Street).

The Cafe at No28, supported by donations from Morrisons, will be run by Derbyshire LGBT+ with all profits going to them.

Many of our shops will be stocking special Pride related items.

The Willow stock LGBT cards, jewellery in rainbow and trans colours plus Pride Baby Yodas. The Perfect Cuppa will be baking yummy Pride related cupcakes, sweets and treats and at Groove Records you can hear Pride related music being played all day.

Frearson's will have Pride related jewellery, gifts and ceramics as will most of the shops throughout the town.

Vegan Revelation are having a Pride disco street food party.

There will also be a Rainbow Robots craft event and LGBT+ book display at Belper Library.

## Gender Neutral Toilets in the town

Not on the government agenda but definitely on ours! As a trans person, you will be warmly welcomed to use the toilet to suit your lived identity at the following places:

- Beaurepaire Patisserie
- Cocoa Cafe
- Costa
- Dot Teas Emporium
- Nordicana
- Nourish @No44
- Reunion
- The 1924 Building
- The Book Cafe
- The Filling Station
- The Perfect Cuppa
- The Railway Tearooms
- Vegan Revelation

Robin Williams  
Nathan Lane

Gene Hackman  
Dianne Wiest

# THE Birdcage

The Ritz Cinema  
King Street  
Saturday 6th August - 8pm



THE GREENHOUSE  
*Official*  
**PRIDE**  
*After Party*



WITH DRAG QUEEN  
'DJ DIXEY'



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The Memorial Gardens

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**PRIDE**  
IN BELPER

Judge: Bridget Singh  
(Borderbridge)

**FUN**

# DOG SHOW

SUNDAY 7TH AUGUST 2PM

THE MEMORIAL GARDENS, BELPER

- ★ BEST PUPPY
- ★ BEST VETERAN
- ★ MOST HANDSOME DOG
- ★ PRETTIEST BITCH
- ★ DOG MOST LIKE IT'S OWNER
- ★ BEST PRIDE COLLAR/LEAD/HARNESS
- ★ BEST TRICK
- ★ BEST IN SHOW



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# 1924 PRIDE POP-UP

At the 1924 building we have a dedicated Pride in Belper room.

Here you will be able to participate in two interactive activities to celebrate difference and diversity.

We encourage you to visit the display and write a rainbow tag with your message of difference, diversity and support for the LGBT+ community. Attach your tag to the rainbow flag and share your messages of hope and love for everyone.

You can also take part in the longer activity if you wish. This is writing a letter to your 10 year old self about the future.

Please display them in the room if you'd like to share your letter.



**WELCOME TO OUR PRIDE IN BELPER CHILDREN'S AREA SITUATED ON THE MEMORIAL GARDENS. HERE YOU WILL FIND SEVEN DIFFERENT AREAS TO KEEP YOUR CHILDREN ENTERTAINED.**

Please do not leave your child unattended, your child is your responsibility.



## Story Readings

**Bernard K Mensah**

1pm, 2pm and 3pm

**Debbie Kinghorn**

1.30pm, 2.30pm & 3.30pm

## Drama Session

**Tina Hampton** 4pm - 4.45pm

## EDUCATE AND DECORATE

### Kelly's Equine Adventures

**Educational Demo on Horse Riding** 12.45pm

**Cupcake decorating** 2.15pm

**Painting a Pride Rock** 3.45pm

### Flower Tub Display

**Displays by Alton Manor Day Nursery and Long Row School**

### Face Painting

## MAKEY, CAKEY, TAKEY

### Primrose Arts & Crafts

**Pride Superpower Mask**

12.45 - 2.00pm (Drop-in & make)

**Pride Wand Making**

2.00 - 3.15pm (Drop-in & make)

**Rainbow Wind Chime**

3.15 - 4.30pm  
(Drop-in & make)



**Make a Friendship Bracelet**

**Dinah Dawson** 1pm - 4pm

**'Erin & Roderick Discover**

**Families' Reading**

**Floss Goldsmith**

3pm *Plus* Decorating a Pride biscuit with Dot-Teas

## CHILDREN'S CHAMPIONS

**Erin & Rod Goldsmith**  
(with Brenda West)

**Pride Bookmarks & Coasters**

1pm - 2pm

**Colouring Activities** 3pm - 4pm

### Stay and Play Zone

Free Play with toys from Belper Early Years Fun





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