



PRIDE

IN BELPER



2024 GUIDE

We are delighted to welcome you to Pride in Belper, a celebration of love, diversity, and community in our vibrant town.



Welcome TO

This Pride Guide aims to help you navigate the festivities, ensuring you have a wonderful day and an inclusive experience.



Sarah Barley McMullen
Chair, Pride in Belper



Why Pride in Belper is Unique

Pride in Belper is unique because it celebrates the visibility of the LGBTQ+ community as an integral part of the whole community. We amplify visibility for all LGBTQ+ underrepresented groups, celebrating people of all sexual orientations, gender identities, skin colours, ethnicities, and disabilities – both visible and invisible. By embracing and showcasing the beautiful diversity within our town, Pride in Belper creates an environment of inclusivity and belonging. This celebration ensures that everyone is seen and valued, reinforcing the idea that our diversity makes us stronger. Pride in Belper isn't just an event; it's a testament to our commitment to uplifting every voice within the LGBTQ+ spectrum, creating a space where everyone can express their true selves.

Visibility Matters

Visibility is crucial for everyone, especially those in the LGBTQ+ community. While straight people can live and love openly and are visible every day in events around the world, LGBTQ+ people often face erasure and invisibility due to stigma and fear. Pride events are powerful affirmations of LGBTQ+ identities and their right to live openly and authentically. By coming together in Belper, we highlight the diversity within our whole community, making it clear that everyone has the right to be seen, heard, and respected. Visibility at Pride normalises LGBTQ+ identities and creates a more inclusive and safe community.

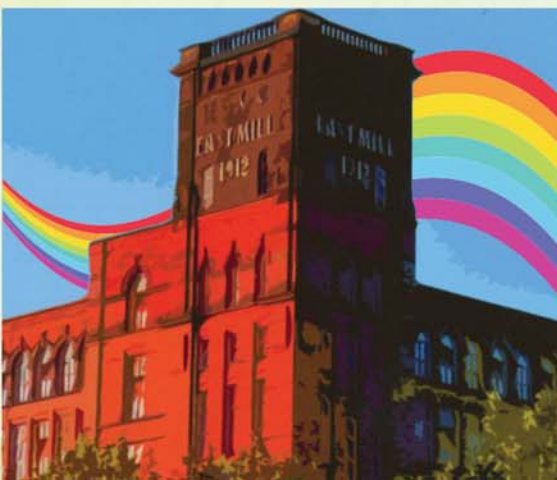


Accessibility

We believe that Pride in Belper should be accessible to everyone. This event has been carefully planned with accessibility in mind, ensuring that all members of our community can participate fully. From an accessible Strutt Parade route to five BSL signers, a quiet space for neurodivergent folk, and a Revolootion accessible washroom facility, we aim to create a welcoming environment. We know there is more to do, so please email us with your feedback. We are committed to making everyone feel welcome and included in Belper.

The Need for Pride in Small Towns

Pride events in small towns like Belper are essential. They offer a unique opportunity to create understanding, respect, and solidarity within communities. These celebrations help to break down barriers, challenge prejudices, and promote a culture of inclusivity and support. In smaller towns, where LGBTQ+ people might feel isolated, Pride serves as a beacon of hope and a reminder that they are not alone.



Pride Must Always Be a Protest

Pride Must Always Be a Protest While Pride is a celebration, it is also a protest.

It is a reminder of the ongoing fight and hatred faced by the LGBTQ+ community, particularly the Trans community, and a call to action against injustice and inequality that still exists.

Pride honours the history of those who have fought for our rights and recognises the work still needed to achieve holistic equality.

By maintaining the spirit of protest, we ensure that the fight for LGBTQ+ rights remain at the forefront of our event, advocating for those whose voices might still be silenced and those too intimidated to speak.

As you explore this guide, you'll find information on the various events, activities, and resources available throughout Pride in Belper.

We hope this weekend brings joy, connection, and inspiration to everyone who joins us.

Together, we are stronger, and together, we celebrate our Pride in Belper.

WHAT TO EXPECT AT PRIDE IN BELPER 2024

This year's Pride in Belper promises an exciting and inclusive celebration with vibrant activities and performances. Here's what to look forward to:

The Pride 'Strutt' Parade

Starting at **12 noon**, the parade will be led by the Blend Youth Project, accompanied by the marvellous Belper Boom samba band. Expect to see societies, clubs, friends, and families, culminating at the end of the parade with the fantastic Award-Winning LGBTQ+ and allies from Belper School, celebrating inclusivity and each other!



Look out for Belper School's Pride Jellyfish!

Live Performances

Enjoy entertainment at multiple locations, including the Market Place, Strutt Street, the bridge on King Street, and the Main Stage at the Memorial Gardens, with local talent and visiting artists.

Local Shops and Cafes

Explore Belper's independent shops and cafes, many adorned with Pride-themed decorations. Local traders will also have stalls for the day, offering unique goods and services which complement our independent shops.

Proud Voices at No. 28

Young people will share their perspectives on LGBTQ+ inclusion. This is a chance to listen and learn; remember to approach differing opinions with respect.

Accessibility

Look out for BSL signers around the event to ensure full participation. There will also be a quiet space for neurodivergent folk, sponsored by Rodericks Dental Partners on Green Lane, and a fully accessible portable washroom (Revolution) by the entrance to the Coppice car park. Blue Badge parking is located on the map of the town.

Join us for a day of celebration, inclusion, and community at Pride in Belper!

FOR YOUR ENTERTAINMENT

ON THE RAINBOW STAGE IN THE MEMORIAL GARDENS

1.30PM KYLE FINN
2.10PM VICI LOWRENCE
3PM SOAPBOX PREACHER
3.45PM AMY LUNN
4.30PM VAGUELY SAVOURY
5.30PM LIPSYNC FOR YOUR PRIDE - STARRING MISS CARRIE ONLOVE AND PRISCILLA SHONA KRAKOW



ON THE MARKET PLACE

2PM BELPER BOOM
3PM LEDGER DANCE STUDIO



SOUNDS ON STRUTT STREET

1.30PM ROBERT JONES
2PM JUDE FORSEY
2.30PM TATUM HARRIS
3PM ALLI
3.30PM ELISE PEPPER
4PM CAITLIN STARKEY



POP-UP PERFORMANCES ON KING STREET

2PM POMFIT BELPER
3PM KARRIE'S POLE & AERIAL
4PM JEZEBEL DELIGHT
BURLESQUE CHAIR DANCE



FREE
ENTRY



MEMORIAL GARDENS
12 NOON TO 4PM*

*OR AT THE SET TIMES BELOW

CHILDREN'S ACTIVITIES

12.30pm Author **Troy Jenkinson** reads his new book and provides related activities.

1.30pm Author/ Artist **Alice Harman** is here with her book and activities that bring to life the artwork of the Louvre in a fun and imaginative way.

2.15pm Our gorgeous Drag Queen **Diana** will be reading the brand new book '1 More Day Until Pride' by Author Gareth Peters.

3pm **Fliss Goldsmith** will host our brilliant Quiz LGBTQs - with prizes!



I cannot believe Pride in Belper is in it's 6th Year and yet I struggle to remember our town's life BPB (before Pride in Belper!) It continues to be a life's privilege to be Co-ordinator for the Children and Young People's provision and I am so excited to tell you what we have on offer!



Fliss Goldsmith

Amy Stevenson from Primrose Arts offers crafts for Tots, Primary and Teens all with a radiant rainbow theme.

Our fabulous **Children's Champions** will be challenging you to throw, skip and guess your way to one of three grand prizes (the jar of sweets being one of them!)

Derbyshire Toy Library are providing toys and free play for the younger children - just turn up and enjoy!

Help **Georgina Greaves** create a colourful banner with a Derwent Valley rainbow map.

You'll be surrounded by glorious creations and artwork from **Alton Manor Day Nursery**, **Long Row School** and **Openwoodgate Pre-School**.



PRIDE #LOVEWINS! FOR YOUNG PEOPLE

3pm in Number 28



'Proud Voices' is a new initiative in conjunction with Belper School which gives young people a platform to express their thoughts on the LGBTQ+ issues that matter to them.

Young voices are given the opportunity to be amplified, acknowledged and respected because they matter!

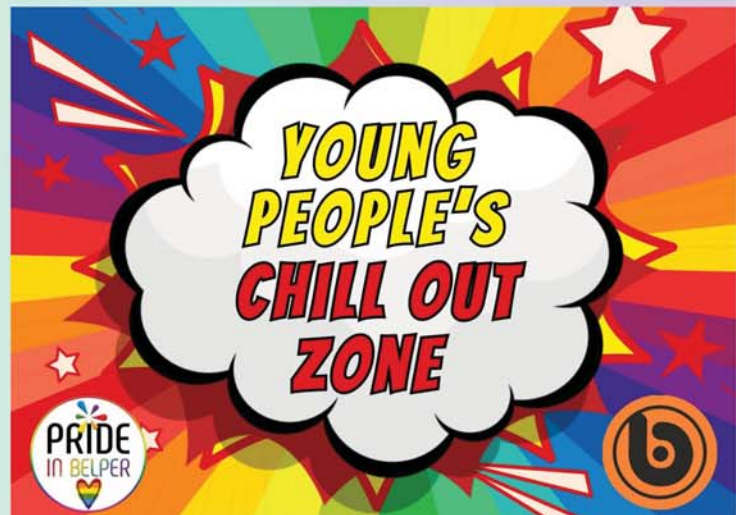
To get involved, contact Karen Adams at kja@belperschool.co.uk

Mindfulness activities and exercises at the...



relaxation station

For those that require time and space to escape the vibrancy, we will provide mindfulness sessions led by **Liz and Fred Cooper** of **Fred's Flowers (12.30pm to 1.30pm)** and **Bonnie** from **Woodland Connections (sessions at 2pm, 2.30pm, 3pm and 3.30pm)** and dedicated to emotional and mental wellbeing. This will be a short walk from the hustle and bustle, next to the Dentist on Green Lane (you'll see the signs from the Memorial Gardens main entrance). **Thank you to the Green Lane Dental Practice for letting us use their car park.**



In the Memorial Gardens, 12 noon to 4pm we have our brand-new Young People's Chill Out Zone where relaxing is maxing! Facilitated by Blend Youth Project, you'll find it at the raised area next to the Sacrifice Memorial.

2024 merchandise



Pride in Belper merchandise is available from stalls in the Memorial Gardens and Market Place, and is as sustainable as we can possibly make it. All proceeds go towards restocking for next year.

Our **rainbow cotton tote bag** sold out last year so we have restocked. We've also produced a Pride in Belper Dog Show rainbow cotton tote bag for all dog lovers. Bags cost £9 each.



Our paper flag was a hit last year, even in the rain. **Paper flag** is £1.50.

In 2021 when Pride in Belper was online, we produced a rainbow banner composed of photographs of objects which had meaning for the community. The banner was turned into postcards (last few left). **Postcards** £1.



In 2022 we stocked up on she/her and he/him pronoun badges. These were a hit but you wanted more options so last year we introduced they/them and this year we have she/they and he/they. Also new this year are Ally badges and You Are Safe With Me badges. All **badges** cost £1 each.

Every year we design a new **wristband**. The original 2019 band is almost out of stock, the 2022 rainbow and 2023 trans bands are still available and for 2024 we have a pansexual band. £1 each.



Lanyard & whistle – new this year. Make yourself heard on the Pride in Belper Strutt. A metal whistle on a Pride in Belper lanyard. Cost £3



**Full size
rainbow
& progress
flags £8**

THE PARADE

There will be road closures in place for the parade - allow extra time for your journey

Gather at **The Market Place** from **11am**. There will be a **Cafe** in **No 28** with music and stalls outside

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

- 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**.

- 1 Quiet Area
- 2 The Ritz Cinema
- 3 Rainbow Stage
- 4 Cafe/music hub
- 5 Accessible toilet
- 6 Belper Library



2024: THE FIGHT GOES ON



2023: Rainbow Europe is an annual benchmarking tool used to measure the legal and policy progress of each European Government in respect of LGBTQI people. The United Kingdom slipped from 10th to 14th position, largely due to the Government's failure to deliver the long promised reform of Gender Recognition, failure to ban conversion therapy and widespread anti-trans messaging from politicians and the media.

2022/2023: The Gender Recognition Reform (Scotland) Bill was passed by the Scottish Parliament in December 2022. Rishi Sunak invoked Section 35 of the Scotland Act. This prevented the Bill from being passed into UK law.

In 2020, there were 4 countries in the world that banned conversion therapy. By 2023, 28 countries are in various legal stages of banning conversion therapy. The United Kingdom is not one of them.

By the end of 2023, five more countries decriminalised consensual same sex relations. Antigua and Barbuda, Barbados and St Kitts and Nevis, Singapore and Mauritius all ended the criminalisation of LGBT relationships.

In the same year, Uganda passed a law imposing the death penalty for same sex relations, bringing the total number of countries where you can be executed for being LGBTQ to 7.

2024: Sunak's Government changed building regulations to require all non-domestic and public buildings to have single sex toilet facilities, putting an end to gender neutral toilets.

2024: Dr Hilary Cass released the report of her 4 year investigation into the care and treatment of young trans people. We recommend you read it, alongside the responses from trans-positive groups across the UK.

How to be an Inclusive Ally

Being an inclusive ally involves actively supporting marginalised and underrepresented people.

1. Educate Yourself: Learn about diversity, equity, and inclusion by reading books, credible articles, and attending training. Seek resources that provide insights into the challenges faced by marginalised communities.

2. Listen and Learn: Listen attentively to the experiences of marginalised individuals and groups without judgment. Be open to feedback, acknowledge your privilege, and understand its impact on your perspective.

3. Understand and Acknowledge Your Privilege: Privilege refers to unearned advantages based on identity or social status, such as race, gender, wealth, or ability. Acknowledging privilege involves recognising how these advantages contribute to systemic inequalities and using one's position to advocate for equity and amplify marginalised voices.

4. Speak Up and Speak Out: Use your privilege to amplify marginalised voices. Speak out against discrimination and microaggressions, using inclusive language and correcting harmful speech.



5. Actively Support: Take tangible actions to support marginalized communities, such as volunteering, donating to relevant organizations, attending events, and advocating for their causes.

6. Challenge Others and Yourself: Challenge biases and assumptions, both in others and within yourself. Embrace opportunities for growth, reflect on mistakes, and remain open to constructive criticism.

7. Respect Boundaries: Respect the boundaries of marginalized groups. Support them in ways they request and refrain from imposing your beliefs onto them.

8. Practice Self-Care: Recognise that being an ally can be emotionally draining. Practice self care by setting boundaries, taking breaks, and seeking support when needed.

9. Advocate for Change: Advocating for change is crucial to create a fairer and more inclusive society. By speaking up and taking action, we can make a meaningful difference in people's lives and society as a whole.

Being an inclusive ally is an ongoing journey of education, self-reflection, and action. By actively supporting marginalised individuals and communities, we can contribute to a more equitable, welcoming and inclusive society. Use these guidelines to begin your journey toward becoming an effective and inclusive ally.

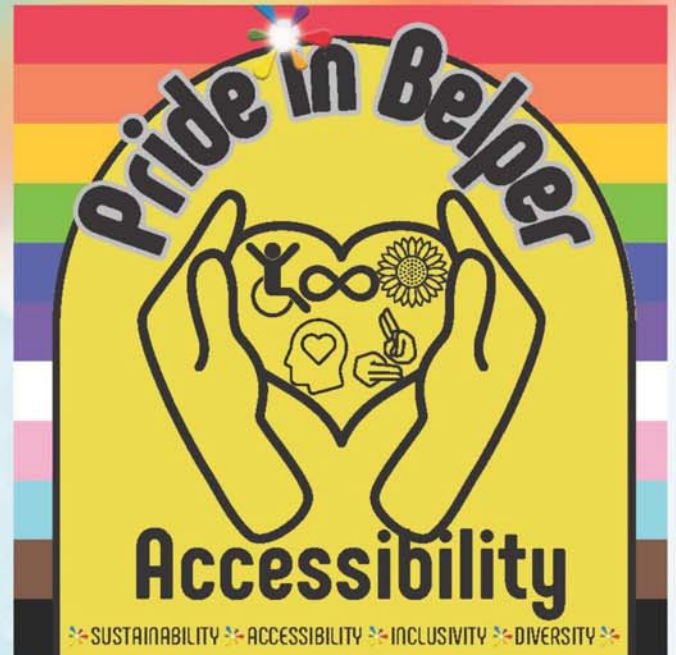


The Importance of Accessibility at Pride in Belper

At Pride in Belper, accessibility is a core value, alongside sustainability, inclusivity, and diversity.

But what exactly does accessibility entail, and why is it so crucial to get it right?

Accessibility ensures that everyone, regardless of their physical, neurodiverse, or psychological disabilities – hidden or visible – can fully participate in all aspects of life. .



Events like Pride in Belper, celebrating community diversity and inclusivity, must ensure everyone feels safe, welcomed, and can fully enjoy the experience.

From a personal perspective, accessibility means participating without encountering unnecessary barriers due to social or physical obstacles, fostering feelings of safety, inclusion, and value regardless of differences.

On a community level, accessibility creates an environment where everyone can engage and contribute.

By prioritising accessibility at Pride in Belper, we benefit the entire community, fostering a culture of safety, inclusivity, and empathy.

What can the community do towards accessibility?



1. Raise Awareness: Publicise the importance of accessibility and advocate for inclusive practices at all events.

2. Support Accessible Initiatives: Attend events prioritising accessibility and endorse businesses accommodating everyone.

3. Provide Feedback: Offer constructive feedback to event organisers to enhance future events' inclusivity.

4. Be Inclusive: Establish environments where everyone feels safe, welcomed, and valued.


5. Volunteer: Support accessibility efforts at Pride in Belper—your participation can make a significant difference.

6. Educate Yourself and Others: Learn about disabilities and share knowledge within your community; remember not all disabilities are visible.

7. Encourage Inclusivity in Daily Life: Practice inclusivity in interactions and environments, creating welcoming spaces for all.



What are we at Pride in Belper doing?



1. Accessibility Planning: Integrate accessibility into event planning, ensuring clear signage and wheelchair access. Provide a 'safe quiet space' for diverse sensory needs and ample seating for those with hidden disabilities.

2. Provide Resources: Offer sign language interpreters, highlight accessible areas, and ensure fully accessible facilities and gender-neutral options.

3. Listen and Adapt: Gather community feedback to enhance accessibility measures continuously.

Accessibility transcends buzzwords; it's fundamental to creating inclusive events. By prioritising it at Pride in Belper, we dismantle physical and social barriers, nurturing belonging and acceptance for everyone.

Love Belper strives to make safe spaces



It seems such a simple phrase – “pride in Belper.” Yet simple can be deceptively complex.

What does it mean to have pride? Having pride can mean a connection to your history. It can mean belonging to your community.

It can mean opening up and being your authentic self in the face of a world that often tries to make you fit into an uncomfortable box.

It can also mean recognition of the sweat, blood, and tears that it's taken to build something bigger than yourself.

As independent businesses, we know what it means to embody all these aspects. And we know the importance of taking pride in all aspects of our journey and our identity.

Love Belper strives to work together to build up the community and create a safe space for everyone – some of us as allies and some as proud LGBTQIA+ members.

We all want a town and a community that is free to grow, develop, and fully reap the benefits of collaboration and authenticity. As business owners in Belper, we have the responsibility to be at the forefront of creating an inclusive community to uplift and support everyone.

It is through our unique backgrounds, our willingness to come together, and our collective experiences that we are able to make Belper what it is today.

We all choose to be here, to build up the community of Belper. We have Pride in Belper. And we're proud to be Belper.

Katrina Cohn
Love Belper

If you've enjoyed reading the 2024 Pride Guide, and you'd like to help towards the 2025 Pride in Belper weekend, why not consider donating something towards Pride in Belper. We're a registered charity, and you just need to use the QR code on the right - thank you!





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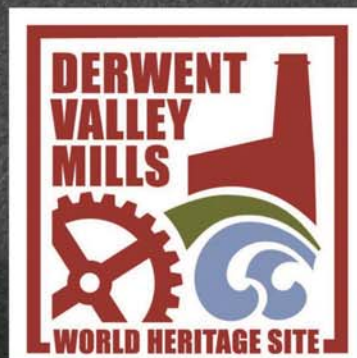
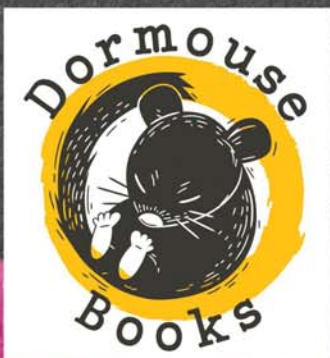
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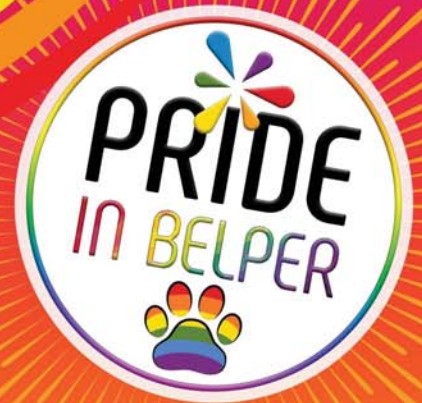
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ALL BREEDS WELCOME

Pride in Belper FUN dog show

IN THE MEMORIAL GARDENS
AT 2pm SUNDAY 4th AUGUST



Only £2 entry fee per class

Categories for 2024:

Best Puppy

Dog most like its owner

Best Veteran

Best Pride Collar/Lead/ Harness

Most Handsome Dog

Best Trick

Prettiest Bitch

Best in Show



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