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# Welcome to Abergavenny Pride 2026!

Hi there!

Thanks for taking a look at our programme for 2026, we've got some new faces and returning acts to keep you entertained this year.

We're glad to say we are back in the Castle, it was such a great atmosphere last year we had to make sure to have it here again. We hope this will be our new home and we all can create some wonderful memories over the years.

We'd like to take this opportunity to thank our sponsors this year as without them we would not be able to put this on; Abergavenny Town Council, who have once again shown their support, GPC for their generous support, The Green Man Trust who have kindly donated to our event. We'd also like to thank our main stage sponsors; Kings Arms Hotel, SRP Cleaning Ltd and Michele's Happy Day Pet Services.

Please also be sure to check out the business adverts in this programme who have also given their support in funding this event.

We hope you have a wonderful day. If you do wish to donate to us for 2027 and our social events you can by visiting the merch stand or finding us on Go Fund Me, Rainbow Lottery and Easyfundraising.



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# THIS YEAR...



## Quiz Night:

Our first fundraising event, our ever popular Quiz!

Held at Portico Lounge, Abergavenny in March. Ruby Ravelle and Frankie Wesson were our hosts with questions ranging from "mythical legends" to "what came first?"

Such great company and outstanding turnout - we raised £160 towards the annual event!

## Queer Craft Night:

We put on our first craft night with Hollie at Pawb Arts. This was a free event and aimed at bringing the LGBTQ+ community together for a social.

We did mark making, collaging and book binding. Had wonderful feedback, would you like to do it again?



We'd love to offer more social opportunities for our community. If you have anything in mind please let us know by emailing us at [abergavennypride@hotmail.com](mailto:abergavennypride@hotmail.com)



**START**  
11am meet at Gabb Square

**JOIN US!**

We're taking to the streets for the **FOURTH** year!

Bring the noise, colour, banners and be proud of who you are.

We will aim to start at 11.15am and wind our way through the streets as we head to the Castle to open the event

**END**  
12.00 at The Castle



# PARADE

The sound of drums, the sight of flags, signs and all the colours coming down the street - it's back!

The parade is in its 4th year and doesn't seem to be slowing down. We're looking at doing the same route as last year but just starting 15mins earlier so we can take our time and show our PRIDE.

Local samba band Aberga Samba will be bringing the beats at the front, we just need you to bring the rest. Make your own signs, wave your flags, make your voice heard. They'll lead us to the Castle and then play a small set to get us ready for the day ahead.

The drums are loud so if you want to be near the front be prepared for noise, if you want it a little quieter join nearer the back.



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## 12pm - ABERGA SAMBA

Follow the samba band to the Castle and join in the rhythms to get you ready for the day! This is a great community band who practice every 2 weeks in Abergavenny, go check them out!



## 12.10pm - VICKI BLIGHT

Vicki is back, our host for the day! Vicki is one of Wales' most versatile and accomplished broadcasters and one of Abergavenny's finest. Let her guide you through the line up - you're in safe hands!



## 12.15pm - KYLE FINN

Midlands based singer songwriter bringing the moves to get you up on your feet. Bringing a mix of classics and new music, you're sure to stamp your feet!



## 1pm - THRUSTED

This Drag King Trio have travelled here in their time machine, these pop punk Kings are here to tell you all about the queer liberated future we can look forward to by singing parody songs from the early noughties.



## 14.5pm - MANIA MONKEY

Singer songwriter with a pop punk sound, drawing on her experience as a neurodivergent trans-woman. Her message is of self-acceptance, connection, togetherness through original songs!



## 2.30pm - WAYNE KING

Known as the genderqueer king of Swansea. Enjoy this sassy and sultry king as they woo you with their performance and get you singing along, you never know they might just come down and see you!

# THINK.SPACE

## ST. JOHN AMBULANCE 12.30pm

Basic Skills & Choking Workshop: Gain practical skills that could make a real difference in an emergency. Meet the team and see how you can be prepared, as it can happen to any of us.

*Suitable for all ages*



## THEA FAYE 1.15pm

"The Art of Being Weird"

A workshop on why fitting in is overrated, with practical exercises to help people reconnect with their own voice and way of being.



## SAFE SPACE / QUIET ZONE 2pm

A dedicated quiet space will be available in the middle of the event, offering a calm environment to make your Pride experience comfortable.

*Suitable for all ages*



## Get involved for 2027!

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# THE VENUE





## STALLHOLDERS

1. Winking Rat
2. Kaleidoscope Creations
3. FFLAG
4. Bubble & Squeak
5. Busy Pins & Needles
6. Design Shed Wales
7. Queer Hikes S Wales
8. Ty Twt Studio
9. Aneurin Bevan NHS
10. Holly & Dough
11. Pawb Arts CIC
- 11a. Bran Bakes
12. Face Painter - Jody
13. Vanner Press Publishing
14. Ackerman Forge
15. Cwtch Angels / Water
16. Gwent Wildlife
17. Foster Wales
18. Women's Aid
19. GPCC
20. Mac & Cheese Engraving
21. Weird Wednesday & Flat Boy
22. Spaf Collective
23. Gay Outdoor Group
24. Sent with Pride
25. Syllables
26. Little Welsh Workshop

Circus Skills  
 Carli Ma Land Art  
 Rescue Medical One Team



# FOOD STALLS



## ORIGIN PIZZA - Wood Fired Pizza

Hay-on-Wye based small business providing a variety of hand stretched pizzas.  
*Vegan options available*



## SPUD INC - Comfort Food

If you're looking for something tasty, simple but very effective - you'll find your comfort food from this Newport based business  
*Vegan options available*



## THE MAPLE CREPE CO - Crepes

Back again serving delicious crepes with fresh ingredients, you can have lunch and dessert!  
*Vegan & Gluten Free options available*



## BRETT CATERING - Mexican Delights

Bringing the sizzling tastes of Mexico to the Castle, get yourself some spice!  
*Vegan options available*



## SHEPHERDS ICE CREAM - Ice Cream

Cool down with a delicious, locally sourced ice cream with classic and unique flavours. We can't get enough!  
*Vegan options available*

# DRINK STALLS



## THE RAINBOW BAR



What do you fancy? Beers, ciders, wines, bubbles, spirits, shots, non alcoholic drinks, soft drinks, cocktails and mocktails...you'll be sure to find them here. Just look for the rainbow horsebox!



## NORAH JASMINE'S COCKTAILS



Joining us for the first time, come and get your cocktail fix - lots of non alcoholic options available.

Bound to get you in the party mood!



## COFFI BAA



From the Valleys, Coffi Baa brings the coffee, teas, iced lattes and cold drinks. If you fancy a little cake, they have that too!

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## 3.15pm - ELINOR MORRIS

Local singer-songwriter with a love of mythical tales and storytelling. Listen to her slightly jazzy take on Welsh myths and legends creating a unique sound weaving the old and the new.



## 4.00pm - JOSH HICKS

Chepstow raised soul singer brings a powerful, emotive voice to the stage blending soul with R&B. Drawing comparisons to Amy Winehouse & Duffy. Winner of Open Mic UK 2021, let Josh soothe your soul.



## 4+5pm - KAYSHA LOUVAIN

She is once again gracing our stage, this Welsh influential figure will bring authenticity and soul. Listen to her bridge powerful storytelling with her blend of retro pop, rock and country.



## 5.30pm - LISSA C

A young multi award winning female vocalist from Wales who is making her mark on the scene. She has original music on all platforms



## 6.15pm - CARRIE SAUCE

The powerhouse Drag Queen is back! Recently won Y Llais Series 2 (Wales' The Voice) and is ready to show you why she is the only drag queen to ever win The Voice, globally. Get ready to be blown away by her vocals and presence as she ends Abergavenny Pride 26



# THINK.SPACE

## DELYTH OWEN-LEWIS 3pm

Dive into a realm of artistic expression where we explore acting, dance, singing, musical and technical theatre. We are dedicated to fostering creativity, confidence and imagination in a fully inclusive environment, because everyone deserves to be in the cast.



## MIND IN GWENT 4pm

You Don't Have To Carry It Alone  
Chat with the team about what is available to you to allow you to be yourself

Messages To Your Younger Self  
Come write down one thing that that supports you mental health. Showing all the different ways we can thrive



## CARLI MA : CHOOSE LOVE 5.15pm

Qoya inspired movement is a guided practice where you'll be invited into a journey through music, reflection and embodied exploration.

This is an opportunity to step away from the noise of everyday life, reconnect with yourself.

*No experience needed, suitable for 16+*



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# KIDS ACTIVITIES

## Citrus Arts

Citrus Arts are Welsh pioneers of Outdoor Arts and Circus.

We teach all generations hands-on skills, platform their voices as artists, and provide the tools and the under-loved spaces for people to celebrate their communities, their land and themselves.

Citrus has a base at Hopkinstown Hall where we run circus classes for children and adults, host performances, screening and events and run paid training. We stage outdoor spectacles that explore the issues most pressing to our communities.

Come join in the fun and try out some circus skills!



# Carli Ma

Carli Ma is a Qoya inspired movement teacher, nature connection facilitator and community artist based in Abergavenny. Through her movement, creativity and connection with the natural world, she creates a welcoming space for those wishing express who they are.

Join her for a collaborative land art workshop, creating a beautiful piece of community art using flowers, leaves, grasses, seed heads and other natural materials.

The artwork will grow throughout the day as each person adds their own contribution.

Suitable for all ages, no experience is needed, simply drop in and be part of something created together.

She will also be hosting a Qoya session at 5.15pm over at Think.Space so this session will run from 12-3pm.



# OUT OF THE CLOSET



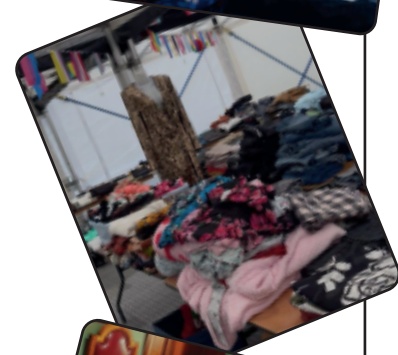
This feature is very close to our hearts here at Abergavenny Pride. The feedback since 2023, when we launched it, has been overwhelming. It's now a permanent and sought after feature.

The idea was borne from a conversation with some of the children at King Henry VIII school who felt that they didn't feel comfortable trying on clothes that didn't fit their perceived gender in clothing shops.

Tucked away in a private area, as best we can, you are able to enter a safe space where you can be you. Have a look through a variety of clothing that has been kindly donated by residents of Abergavenny and the surrounding areas. All the clothes here have been donated, dropped off, collected by people who want to help those who are struggling with their gender identity and what it means to them.

We will be giving people the chance to try on different clothes, that they may not normally have the option to and talk to other people who may be on a similar journey. If someone has found something that resonates with them they can take it free of charge knowing that they are seen and supported and hopefully feel more themselves.

Any clothes not taken on the day will be donated to Cwtch Angels to continue to support the community.



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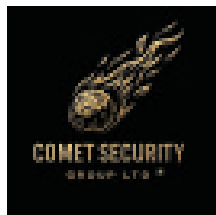
Instant Marquee Events for the putting up and taking down of a lot of marquee tents!

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# Thank you!

Yes, you.

The ones who show up, our Allies, our community, our supporters. The acts who perform, the Think.Space guest speakers, the stallholders, the food and drink vendors, the medical team, the volunteers, the local businesses, sponsors, all of you.

There wouldn't be Abergavenny Pride if we didn't have the support from you. As the political landscape changes, the hatred and vile comments that seep out, the fear mongering - we still stand strong. Call it out, stand up for those who struggle to. We, as the LGBTQIA+ community are here, we have always been and we always will be here.

Abergavenny Pride remains firm that all are welcome, we see you, you are who you are meant to be. They may try to spread hurtful rhetoric and question our many colours but you will always shine bright!  
Don't let anyone else tell you who YOU are.

On that note, we hope to see you in 2027!

