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## GLASTON-BURY FESTIVAL IS SET FOR IT'S BIGGEST EVER EVENT!

Bury's annual music festival to feature over 150 bands and add two new stages

2019 is a very special year for Bury's annual **Glaston-Bury** Festival. Initially established in 2008 with the intention of raising **£25,000** in support of Bury Hospice, the event has grown in both size and popularity every single year and the donations raised now total over **£140,000**. This year the event has partnered with **Bury Pride, Music For Young People, The Fusilier's Museum** and **Andy's Man Charity**.

In addition to respected Tribute and cover bands, the event is proud to boast a stage dedicated purely to supporting original music. Over 150 bands will play this year and two new stages are being added. 2019 sees the arrival of the "**Respect and Reflect**" stage which is a quieter space featuring light entertainment based in **The Fusilier Museum**. As a mark of respect for the elderly of the community and for Bury's services veterans, organiser **Chris Buckley** has invited the residents of **Broughton House** and members of befriending group **Contact The Elderly** as his guests and wants to make sure that any elderly resident or service veteran who wants to visit the stage on the day can do so for free.

Following a successful launch in 2018, the event will once again feature a "**Marketplace**" area where local traders will be selling their wares in the vibrant area of The Wylde, right in the midst of the action. Perhaps the most significant addition to the 2019 event will be the "**Bury Together**" area which is a family-orientated entertainment space situated in the grounds of **Bury Transport Museum**. As the name suggests, the area is designed to

celebrate the variety of Bury's community with a programme of culturally diverse entertainment and food as well as Face Painters, Dancers and Children's Entertainers.

In association with main stage sponsor **Recycle 4 Greater Manchester (R4GM)**, Glaston-BURY is also embracing its environmental responsibilities and for the first time there will be recycling points at each outdoor area and a team of Eco Stewards who will be helping to keep litter to a minimum. Another first for Glaston-BURY is the newly established **Safe Space** which will be situated in the Street Pastor's base on The Wyld and is open to anyone who may feel vulnerable during the event.

Although the primary beneficiary of the donations raised by Glaston-BURY Festival has always been Bury Hospice, a separate percentage of the proceeds from 2019's event will be donated to **The Lee Rigby Foundation** in support of the work done at **Lee Rigby Lodge**.

Speaking of his decision, Chris commented “ ***We are extremely proud to be partnering with the Lee Rigby Foundation this year. We are very proud of our Fusiliers past and present so let's show our Fusiliers and The Lee Rigby Foundation some support at Glaston-Bury 2019.***”

When asked for his response to the way the event has grown over the years, Chris Buckley said:

***“Whilst the main aim will always be to raise funds for deserving causes, making the event bigger and better every year is a way of giving back to the people of Bury who have shown unfailing support to the event for so long. This year I want to make sure that we become more than just a Music Festival and that we reach out to the wider community to truly make this an amazing day for all the people in Bury, in particular, I want to include our elderly and our service veterans by welcoming them to the Respect and Reflect stage as guests of Glaston-BURY”***

Glaston-BURY 2019 takes place on **Monday 26<sup>th</sup> August** and wristbands will be available on the day from a dedicated ticket office. Children are welcome to attend. One wristband will gain entry to all participating venues. For more details, including the lineup, please visit [www.glaston-bury.com](http://www.glaston-bury.com) or keep an eye out on the festival's Facebook page at [www.facebook.com/BuryGlaston](https://www.facebook.com/BuryGlaston)

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