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GLASTON-BURY FRONT ROOM FESTIVAL SURPASSES DONATION EXPECTATIONS!

Glaston-BURY's first virtual, COVID Secure festival featured 16 bands from Red Wall Studios and raised nearly £5000 for Bury Hospice

Every year, since 2008 we have been raising money for Bury Hospice and this year we were worried that we would not be able to as our 2020 plans were thrown into chaos by COVID19! We always have a Plan B and we are proud to say that with the help of the people of Bury and even some supporters from as far away as Canada, Czech Republic and New Zealand, we managed to raise over **£4000** which will be donated to Bury Hospice.

This year we partnered with Red Wall Studios in Bury and with less than two weeks' notice, brought "**Glaston-BURY Front Room Festival**" to YouTube and Social Media so that Glaston-BURY supporters could have a festival experience from within the safety of their household bubble. The festival raised over **£3000**. Red Wall's involvement enabled us to provide a professionally filmed and streamed full festival experience in a fully COVID Secure way. We proudly dedicated a truly successful day to the memories of Bury residents **Suliman Khan, Lorraine Beckett-Murray and Dr. Saad Al-Dubbaisi**.

In addition to the Front Room Festival, we received an additional donation from the efforts of our friend **Rik** who bravely agreed to shave off his amazing Gandalf-esque locks to raise funds for Bury Hospice. Rik held his head-shaving event at **The Wellington** pub in Bury and raised around **£1500**.

Organiser **Chris Buckley** said:

“A triumph over adversity... that’s how I can sum it up. We were looking at no Glaston-BURY this year but through hard work and dedication we pulled off a fantastic day. At a time when money is tight, people’s generosity shone through and the donations came in from all over the world. The team at Red Wall did an amazing job and I can’t thank them or the acts who performed for us enough. Thanks also go to our volunteers who managed social distancing and thoroughly sanitized the rooms after each band left the studio. The Front Room Festival along with Rik’s charity head shave has raised nearly £5000 for the Hospice which is a great feat at this uncertain time.”

Glaston-BURY 2020 took place on **Monday 31st August**. Performers played live from **12.45pm** until **9pm** and the event was professionally filmed and streamed behind closed doors from Red Wall Studios. No fees were charged to watch the event as we wanted everyone to benefit from the happiness which “live” music can bring. We were completely reliant on donations and once again, the people of Bury (and beyond!) have proved to us that our town is amazing. All proceeds will be donated to **Bury Hospice**.

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References:

Main Website: www.glaston-bury.com

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Just Giving: <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/glaston-bury2020>

Red Wall Studios: www.redwallstudios.net