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## GLASTON-BURY FESTIVAL JOINS FORCES WITH THE LEE RIGBY FOUNDATION

Bury's annual music festival is once again set to be bigger and better than before

2019 is a very special year for Bury's annual **Glaston-Bury** Festival. Initially established in 2007 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**. The event plays host to a raft of local talent and is now one of the highlights of Bury's entertainment calendar. In addition to respected Tribute and cover bands, the event is proud to boast a stage dedicated purely to supporting original music.

Although the primary beneficiary of the donations raised by Glaston-Bury Festival has always been Bury Hospice, event Founder and main organiser **Chris Buckley** is keen to show support for other worthy causes where he can and this year, alongside the monies donated to Bury Hospice, a percentage of the proceeds from the event will be donated to **The Lee Rigby Foundation** in support of the work done at **Lee Rigby Lodge**.

The lodge is a facility set up by **Lyn Rigby** (Lee Rigby's mother) to support members of the armed forces (past and present) who are experiencing Mental Ill-Health as a result of issues such as PTSD and unresolved bereavements. Speaking of his decision, Chris commented " ***We are extremely proud to be partnering with the Lee Rigby Foundation this year. The lodge is a much needed retreat which will be extremely positive for the families of active service men, women and veterans and those affected by trauma and bereavement . Although Glaston-Bury's part in this amazing***

***project is only small we are honoured to help Lyn, Ian and the team in any way we can. Here in Bury, 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."***

**Lyn Rigby** is excited to be involved and some representatives from Lee Rigby Lodge will definitely be joining in the fun on the day. Lynn commented ***"Thank you for giving the Lee Rigby Foundation the opportunity to be part of this outstanding event! We are keen to contribute in a positive way"***

Other notable causes which have benefitted from the support of Glaston-Bury Festival include: **Bleakholt Animal Sanctuary, Bury Blind Society and Greenmount Wild Bird Sanctuary**. A substantial donation was also made to **The Sophie Lancaster Foundation** in 2017 as a gesture of respect to mark the ten year anniversary of Sophie's murder.

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

***"After the first Glaston-Bury event, I wanted to raise £25,000 for the Hospice and the fact that we have exceeded that amount by over £100,000 is truly amazing. Whilst the main aim of the event 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"***

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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