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We visit The Hive Craft Beer & Coffee Shop in Crowthorne.

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MARCH 18th 2024



# Wet, Wet, Wet

Following on from 'Dry' January, February turned out to be the wettest since records began - at least here in the southeast of the country. March has started much the same and days of sitting out in the sunshine enjoying a delicious and fruity cold craft ale are still a while away.

Be not downhearted my friends, as the best way to offset the damp and gloom the British weather is currently dishing out, is to stock up with some of the wonderful variety of character and flavours, the latest beer releases have to offer.

Be sure to check out this week's Webshop Directory to find a tipple or two of your choice and also check our latest Craft Beer Festival Directory for a wonderful day out.

It's important to keep wet on the inside!

Cheers.



# Brewer's Corner

The latest news and views articles collated from the world of beer.



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## Beer Inflation

Let's start this week with some wise-words from Jeff Alworth on the subject of beer inflation, and why we all need to calm-down a bit on the subject!

[READ THE ARTICLE](#)

## Barth Hass Hops

This might be the most useful resource we have ever linked to! This is a wonderful full-colour sensory guide to the range of hops on offer from Barth Haas. You can thank us later.

[READ THE ARTICLE](#)



## Two-For-One

Who doesn't love a two-for-one deal? This week the new issue of Ferment magazine has lovely articles about two great friends of TWICB, Rivington and Pastore. We couldn't possibly choose one over the other.

[RIVINGTON](#)

[PASTORE](#)

## Underage Drinkers Shortage?

Finally, the brilliant Boak and Bailey posed the question, when did you last see an underaged drinker? Whilst we are not for a moment advocating that anyone breaks the law, the industry does need a steady influx of new blood, else we are all in big trouble.

[READ THE ARTICLE](#)



# Beer of the Week

## A Delight In Small Evils

13% Bourbon Barrel Aged Imperial Caramel Stout  
by Wander Beyond Brewing



This cheeky little potion boasts an irresistible punchy aroma of caramel followed by subtle chocolate and burnt muscovado notes. A slightly thinner body is bolstered by a velvety, silky smooth mouthfeel as you enjoy flavours of both caramel and dark roasted malts accompanied by hints of honey and dried fig..

[Shop link](#)

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# Taproom Review



**ROB C**  
TWICB CO-FOUNDER

## The Hive Craft Beer & Coffee Shop

208-210 Dukes Ride, Crowthorne RG45 6DS

The Hive is located in a double shop-front in the High St of the lovely southeast Berkshire village of Crowthorne. If you approach from the West, you will get a sense that this is definitely the posh end of the county, as you will pass some of the largest private houses you could wish to see. You will also pass Crowthorne station 200 yards before you get to The Hive, which is on the Reading to Gatwick line.



During the day, The Hive's primary role is to serve as a vibrant coffee shop, with its three interconnected seating areas busy with locals. However, what really excites us about The Hive is its alter-ego as a Bottleshop and Taproom! (Don't worry, beers are available all-day!)

The Hive has six keg lines, which serve a well-curated mix of styles, and are often turned over to guest brewers for Tap-takeovers. When we visited last week, they had a residency from the wonderful Rivington, which is a rare sight in the southeast!

## Taproom Review

However, it is with their amazing range of canned beer that The Hive really elevates themselves into the Premier League of UK venues. They have six tall fridges absolutely packed full of a who's who of great UK Craft Beers, as well as a vast range of beers on ambient shelving.

Everything about The Hive is classy and well-presented, from the furniture, to the decor, even to the absolutely immaculate bathrooms.

If you are West of London and haven't visited yet, we suggest that you make it a priority action on your Craft Beer to-do list!



Opening hours:  
Monday/Tuesday: 9am-5pm  
Weds/Thurs/Fri/Sat: 9am-10pm  
Sunday: Closed

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# The Podcast with Neckstamper Brewing

You can listen to the Podcast by downloading through the normal channels, including Apple and Spotify from 4am Monday.



## EPISODE 193 - NECKSTAMPER BREWING

We are delighted to welcome to the Podcast, Adam and Jo from Neckstamper Brewing based in Leyton, Northeast London.

Adam founded Neckstamper in 2016, after a varied early career encompassing both Formula One and Banking, whilst Jo brewed at Sambrooks, Hackney and Beavertown prior to joining Neckstamper in 2021.

### ***MOST CHECKINS ON UNTAPPD***

<b>BEER NAME</b>	<b>CHECK-INS</b>	<b>STYLE</b>	<b>ABV</b>	<b>RATING</b>
Squencher IPA	943	Hazy IPA	5.4%	3.73
Little Mizzle	640	Hazy IPA	4.5%	3.77
Moon Curser APA	467	Hazy Pale Ale	5.2%	3.65

LISTEN HERE 

**Location:** Unit 3, Cromwell Industrial Estate, Staffa Road, London, E10 7QZ

**Website:** <https://neckstamper.com/>

# Beer Name of the Week

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Brewers are always coming up with great names for their latest brews, so we thought it's about time we noticed some of them.

## Mummy Issues

6% Chai Spiced Stout

Dark Revolution

What do you get when you cross 8 different malts with dark molasses and cold brew Chai Spiced tea? A deliciously complex yet super smooth stout with orange, cardamon and vanilla.





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Jazz Hundal

Phantom Brewing Co.

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Vaux Brewery

James Cox

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# UK Craft Beer Festivals

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**22-23 MARCH 2024**

## **INTERNATIONAL BREWING & CIDER FESTIVAL**

Depot Mayfield, 11 Baring St, Manchester M1 2PY

<https://ibcfest.com/>

**29-30 MARCH 2024**

## **SPRING LOADED**

Disruption Is Brewing 4 Lawrence Way, Camberley GU15 3DL

<https://shorturl.at/bBEGl>

**12-13 APRIL 2024**

## **MANCHESTER CRAFT BREW FESTIVAL**

Victoria Warehouse, Trafford Wharf Road, Manchester M17 1AB

<https://craftbrewfestival.co.uk/manchester>

**19-20 APRIL 2024**

## **BREW YORK BREWERY BASH 2024**

Brew York, Handley Park, Osbaldwick, YO19 5UP

<https://brewyork.co.uk/brewery-bash/>



**25-27 APRIL 2024**

**BREW//LDN**

Between The Bridges, The Queen's Walk, London SE1 7PB, UK

<https://shorturl.at/tzILQ>

**27 APRIL 2024**

**GENERATION CRAFT 24**

Ashford Pictrehouse, Elwick Rd, Ashford TN23 IAE

[FREE ENTRY](#)

**17-18 MAY 2024**

**HOP CITY**

The Old Flax Store, Marshalls Mill, Marshall St, Holbeck, Leeds LS11 9YJ

<https://rb.gy/z9ru6e>

**18 MAY 2024**

**CHESTER CRAFT BEER FESTIVAL**

The Carriage Shed, City Road, Chester CHI 3DR

<https://tinyurl.com/4kw34cub>

**24-25 MAY 2024**

**BEACH STREET BEER FESTIVAL**

Beach Street, Felixstowe

<https://www.wegotickets.com/f/I3368>

**31 MAY 2024**

**FYNEFEST 24**

Fyne Ales, Achadunan, Cairndow, Argyll, PA26 8BJ

<https://fynefest.com/tickets/>

**6-8 JUNE 2024**

**CRAFT BEER EXPO 2024**

Black Lodge Brewery, 3 Kings Dock Street Liverpool LI 8JU

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/craft-beer-expo-2024-tickets-791448552927>





7-8 JUNE 2024

**BRISTOL CRAFT BEER FESTIVAL**

Harbourside, Bristol

<https://bristolcraftbeerfestival.co.uk/tickets/>

14-15 JUNE 2024

**NOTTINGHAM CRAFT BEER FESTIVAL**

Sneinton Market, Nottingham NG1 1DS

<https://shorturl.at/uzNU5>

15-16 JUNE 2024

**THESE HILLS BEER FESTIVAL**

Party Field, Cockshut Road, Lewes, BN7 3PR

<https://beakbrewery.com/pages/these-hills>

22 JUNE 2024

**CHANGE IS BREWING 2024**

27 Curtis Industrial Estate, North Hinksey Lane Oxford OX2 0L

<https://www.wegotickets.com/event/610142>

5-6 JULY 2024

**LITTLE EARTH FEST**

Little Earth Project, Edwardstone, Sudbury, Suffolk

TBA

5-6 JULY 2024

**MANCHESTER CRAFT BEER FESTIVAL**

Depot Mayfield, 11 Baring St, Manchester M1 2PY

<https://manchestercraftbeerfestival.com/2024-presale/>

5-7 JULY 2024

**AMITYFEST 24**

Unit 15-16, Festoon Rooms, 83-85 Town St, Farsley, Pudsey LS28 5UJ

<https://shorturl.at/kquv2>

12-13 JULY 2024

**BIRMINGHAM CRAFT BREW FESTIVAL**

The Custard Factory, Floodgate St, Digbeth, Birmingham B5 5SU

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/birmingham-craft-brew-festival-2024-tickets-763083381937>



19-20 JULY 2024

**CRAFTY DOGG'S BEER FESTIVAL**

Ilkley Rugby Club, Denton Road , Ilkley, LS29 0AA

<https://www.ticketebo.co.uk/craftydogg/2024>

26-27 JULY 2024

**SUNDERLAND CRAFT BEER FESTIVAL**

The Fire Station, Sunderland SRI 3HA

<https://www.sunderlandcraftbeer.co.uk/>

27 JULY 2024

**LITTLE SUMMER BEER BASH**

DEYA Brewery Taproom, Unit 27, Lansdown Industrial Estate, Gloucester Rd,  
Cheltenham GL51 8PL

<https://lefthandedgiant.com/pages/little-summer-beer-bash>

9-10 AUGUST 2024

**LONDON CRAFT BEER FESTIVAL**

Tobacco Dock, Tobacco Quay, Wapping Lane, London E1W 2SF

<https://londoncraftbeerfestival.co.uk/>

29-31 AUGUST 2024

**FARM TRIP 2024**

Home Farm, Horrobin Lane, Rivington PR6 9HE

<https://www.rivingtonbrewing.co.uk/farmtrip2024>

20-21 SEPTEMBER 2024

**DERBYSHIRE CRAFT BEER FESTIVAL**

The Grand Pavilion, South Parade, Matlock Bath, DE4 3NR

<https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/thegrandpavilion/e-mdqmqk>

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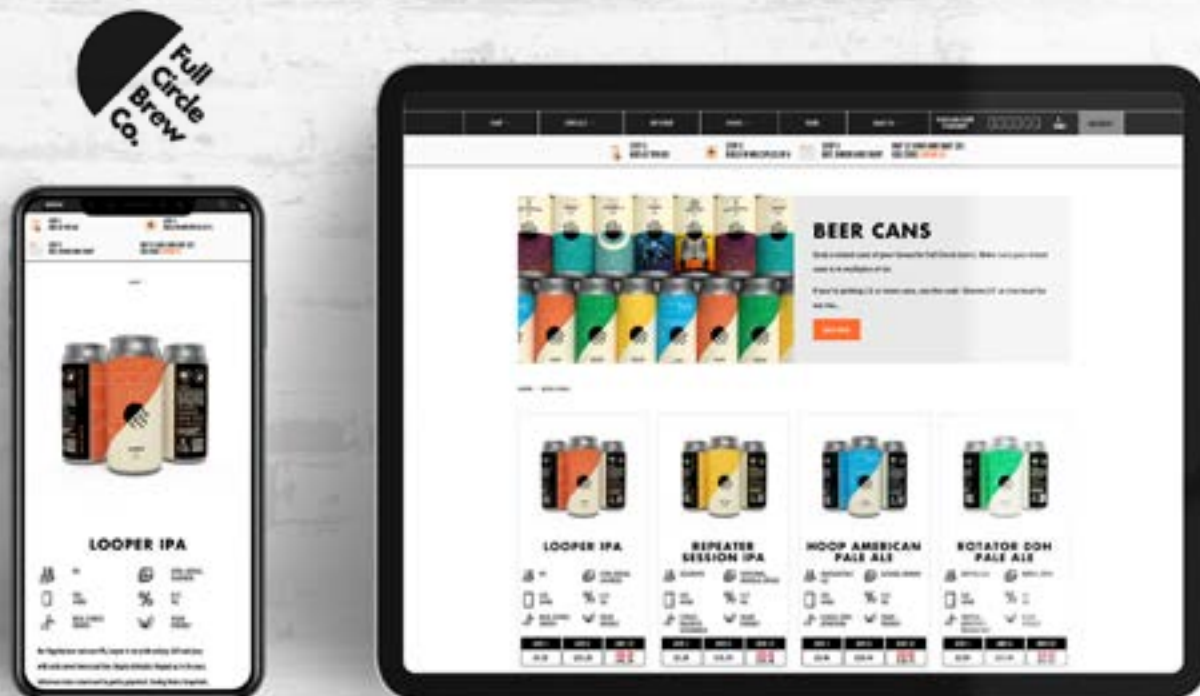
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Craft Brewery & Taproom

<https://www.fullcirclebrew.co.uk/collections/all-beer>


 Free national delivery over £50



### Duration Brewing Beer Shop

Beers That Belong - Brewed From Nature With Purpose

<https://shop.durationbeer.com/>


 Free delivery over £50



### Villages Brewery

Bringing People Together

<https://villagesbrewery.com/collections/buy-beer>

 Standard shipping £6.99




# Webshop Directory...



## Little Earth Project

Fresh & Funky From the Suffolk Countryside

<https://littleearthproject.myshopify.com/>

 Free shipping for orders over £80


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## Holy Goat Brewing

Specialising in the Production of Mixed Fermentation & Wood Aged Beers

<https://holygoat.beer/shop/>

 Free shipping for orders over £39


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## Vault City Brewing

Modern Sour Beer With a Focus on Fruit Forward Flavours

<https://vaultcity.co.uk/collections/all-beers>

 Free shipping for orders over £50


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## UnBarred Brewery

Made of Brighton

<https://www.unbarredbrewery.com/collections/unbarred-shop>

 Free delivery for orders over £50


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## ORA Brewing

Discover Our Passion

<https://ora-brewing.myshopify.com/>

 Free shipping on orders over £49


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## Pomona Island Brew Co.

Award Winning Brewery Based In Salford

<https://www.pomonaislandbrew.co.uk/shop>

 Standard shipping £6.00


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## Attic Brew Co.

Forward Thinking Beers

<https://atticbrewco.com/collections/beer>

 Free delivery for orders over £35

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# Webshop Directory...



## **Polly's Brew Co.**

Ultra Fresh, Hop-Forward, Modern Beers

<https://pollysbrew.co/shop/>

 Free shipping for orders over £60


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## **Amity Brew Co.**

Community, Friendship and Good beer!

<https://www.amitybrew.co/shop>

 Free shipping on orders over £45


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## **Wilderness Brewery**

Wild Little Beers From Mid Wales

<https://www.wildernessbrew.co.uk/shop>

 Standard shipping £8 or click and collect


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## **Moot Brew Co.**

Brewing Hop Forward Beers in the Heart of Kent

<https://mootbrew.co.uk/collections/all>

 Free shipping on orders over £60


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## **Exale Brewery**

We're Exale. Home of the Wild, Weird and Wonderful

<https://shop.exalebrew.co.uk/>

 Free shipping for orders over £30


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## **Crossover Blendery**

Modern, Flavour-Forward Beers Rooted In Tradition

<https://crossoverblendery.co.uk/collections/beers>

 Standard shipping £8.99


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## **Mondo Brewing Co.**

All Things Point South West

<https://shop.mondobeer.com/>

 Free shipping for orders over £75

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## **Anspach & Hobday**

A London Brewery Making Traditional Beers in a Modern Way

<https://www.anspachandhobday.com/shop>


 Free shipping for orders over £60



## **Bullhouse Brew Co.**

Independent Craft Brewery Based in Belfast

<https://bullhousebrewco.com/collections/beer>


 Free shipping for orders over £50



## **Neon Raptor Brewing Co.**

Midlands Based Microbrewery Producing Top Quality Beers

<https://neonraptorbrewingco.com/collections/beer>


 Free shipping on orders of 12 cans or more



## **Track Brewing Co.**

Beers Born From Adventure

<https://www.trackbrewing.co/collections/buybeer>


 Free shipping for orders over £60



## **71 Brewing Co.**

Engineers of Beers, Brewed in Scotland

<https://71brewing.com/collections/all>


 Standard shipping £5.99



## **Hammerton Brewery**

Proudly Brewing Great Beer in London N7

<https://hammertonbrewery.shop/>


 Free shipping for orders over £48



## **Vibrant Forest Brewery**

Our Passion is to Brew Modern Beers Packed With Flavour

<https://www.vibrantforest.co.uk/>

 Free shipping for orders over £60


# Webshop Directory...



## Sureshot Brewing

High Quality, Small Batch - From the Beating Belly of Manchester

<https://sureshotbrew.com/shop/>

 Free shipping for orders over £60


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## Carnival Brewing Co.

Celebrating Modern Beer

<https://carnivalbrewing.me/collections/cans-bottles>

 Free shipping for orders over £50


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## Electric Bear Brewing Co.

Craft Beer That Delivers on that 'glad-to-be-alive' Vibe

<https://electricbearbrewing.com/collections/beer>

 Free shipping for orders over £50


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## Round Corner Brewing

Uncommonly Good Beer

<https://roundcornerbrewing.com/pages/ranges>

 Free shipping for orders over £50


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## Tartarus Beers

Brewing Small Batch Craft Beer, With a Mythical Edge

<https://www.tartarusbeers.co.uk/collections/beer>

 Free shipping for orders over £50


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## Beak Brewery

Life-affirming Ales

<https://beakbrewery.com/>

 Free shipping for orders over £50

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## Lost Pier Brewing

Independent Nomadic Brewer Based in Sussex

<https://www.lostpier.com/online-store>

 Free shipping for orders over £50


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## Vaux Brewery

Independent Craft Brewery in Sunderland

<https://www.vaux.beer/collections/webshop>

 Free shipping for orders over £60


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## Hackney Brewery

A Small, Independent Craft Brewery in London

<https://www.hackneybrewery.com/shop>

 Free shipping for orders over £50


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## Bayonet Brewing

Modern, Exciting and Innovative Beers

<https://bayonet-brewing.square.site/s/shop>

 Standard shipping £6.50


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## Padstow Brewing Co.

Multi Award Winning Craft Brewery

<https://www.padstowbrewing.co.uk/shop/>

 Free shipping for orders over £50


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## Zapato Brewery

Add any 12 Zapato beers to your cart for an automatic 10% discount

<https://zapatobrewing.com/>

 Free shipping on orders over £60


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## Time & Tide Brewing

Independent Brewery, Producing Hop Forward, Progressive Beers

<https://www.timeandtidebrewing.co.uk/shop>

 Free shipping on orders over £50

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# Webshop Directory...

## Stannary Brewing Co.



Producers of Flavoured, Modern Beers in the Heart of West Devon

<https://stannarybrewing.shop/>

 Free shipping for orders over £30


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## Wild Horse Brewing Co.



Fresh, Forward Thinking, Beer

<https://wildhorsebrewing.co.uk/collections/beer-cans>

 Free shipping for orders over £60


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## Pastore Brewing & Blending



We Make Fresh Super-Fruited Sours & Barrel Aged Blended Wild Ales

<https://pastore-brewing.myshopify.com/collections/all>

 Standard shipping £5.99


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## Liquid Light Brewing Co.



Vegan Craft Beers Inspired By a Love For Music

<https://liquidlightbrewco.shop/>

 Free shipping for orders over £50


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## Merakai Brewing Co.



Crafted With Purpose

<https://www.merakaibrewing.com/shop>

 Free shipping for orders over £60


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## Drop Bear Beers



Alcohol Free Craft Beers

<https://www.dropbearbeers.com/shop/>

 Free shipping on all orders


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## Hammerton Brewery



Proudly Brewing Great Beer in London N7

<https://hammertonbrewery.shop/>

 Free shipping on orders over £48

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# Webshop Directory...



## Wylam Brewery

Micro Brewery - Tap Room - Events Space

<https://beerstore.wylambrewery.co.uk/>

 Standard shipping £6.99


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## Runaway Brewery

Handmade, Modern British Beer

<https://www.therunawaybrewery.com/>

 Standard shipping £6.50


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## Pillars Brewery

Home of Lager - Brewed in East London

<https://www.pillarsbrewery.com/collections/beer-boxes>

 Free shipping for orders over £80


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## Pipeline Brewing

Hazy, Hop-Forward Beers

<https://pipelinebrewing.co.uk/collections/all>

 Free shipping for orders over £60


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## State of Kind Brew Co.

Making the World Better One Beer at a Time

<https://www.stateofkindbrew.co/shop>

 Free shipping for orders over £45


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## Bottle & Jug Dept.

Craft Beer, Traditional Cider, Spirits, Natural and Organic Wine

<https://bottleandjugdept.co.uk/>

 Free shipping for orders over £95


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## Double-Barrelled Brewery - 10% Discount code: TWICB

A modern, independent brewery based in Reading, Berkshire

<https://doublebarrelled.co.uk/>

 Free shipping for orders over £50

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