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# Festival Fever

As we look forward to the warmer months ahead, beer festival organisers across the country are making preparations. Our Craft Beer Festival Calendar is now jam-packed with dates for you to enjoy the best brews the UK has to offer.

From bustling city events to quaint countryside gatherings, there's something for every craft beer lover to enjoy. So, grab your friends, mark your calendars, and get ready to explore the wonderful world of craft beer at its finest.

See our the full calendar on page 12 and keep up to date on our website.

Stay tuned with us for updates, reviews, and insider tips to make the most out of your festival experience.

Cheers!



### THE PODCAST

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# Brewer's Corner

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



## Challenging Times

This week The Guardian set off a round of debate with a somewhat rambling article describing the challenges being faced by the UK Craft Beer Industry.

[READ THE ARTICLE](#)

## Boom or Bust?

The Pub Curmudgeon did an excellent job of pointing out some of the flaws in the logic of the Guardian piece, as well as providing a decent summary, which is that trading conditions will likely continue to be tough.

[READ THE ARTICLE](#)



## Underneath The Arches

Ferment magazine has a lengthy article looking at the brilliant south-of-the-river double of Borough Market Bermondsey Beer Mile, as they stand in 2024.

[READ THE ARTICLE](#)



## Who Needs 30 Taps?

Finally at Beervana, Jeff Alworth points out that most Bars and Taprooms really don't need 30 taps these days, as tastes consolidate.

[READ THE ARTICLE](#)



# Beer of the Week

## Scylla

8.2% BA Mixed Culture Beer with Gooseberries

by Holy Goat Brewing



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A collaboration with Balance Brewing and Blending. They brewed a batch of strong golden wort directly into neutral wine barrels along with both house cultures and allowed this to ferment and mature for 16 months. The two barrels were then transferred onto 100kg of whole Scottish gooseberries which had undergone carbonic maceration. This traditional winemaking process helps break down the fruit and allows the creation of additional flavour compounds. The result is fresh and floral with intense gooseberry aromatics. Bottle conditioned, 386 bottles only.

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# Taproom Review



**STEVE P**  
TWICB CO-FOUNDER

## Other Monkey Brewing Taproom

5-6 St Nicholas St, Colchester CO1 1LB

Conveniently located near the historic Colchester Castle, this establishment boasts a diverse range of brews, including their own Other Monkey Brewing creations as well as carefully curated guest beers.



The atmosphere inside is one of relaxation and comfort. Sink into leather and soft fabric-covered chairs while enjoying the rustic charm of wooden tables and old beams. The brewery equipment is on display, adding an intriguing element to your visit as you catch glimpses of the brewing process in action.

Upstairs, the Taproom offers a delightful dining experience overlooking the brewery. From mouthwatering burgers to flavourful baos, there's a dish to satisfy every craving, perfectly complementing the assortment of beers available.



# Taproom Review

What sets Other Monkey Brewery and Taproom apart is its commitment to providing entertainment beyond just great beer. The taproom hosts an array of events, from classic movie nights to lively quizzes and tap takeovers. These events foster a sense of community among patrons, making every visit a memorable one and there's bound to be something to pique your interest on any given weekend.

Adjacent to the taproom is Three Wise Monkeys craft beer bar, offering a seamless transition between venues and expanding your beer exploration even further.



With its doors open seven days a week, Other Monkey Brewery and Taproom invites you to unwind and indulge in quality brews in a welcoming and vibrant setting. Whether you're a beer enthusiast or simply seeking a cozy spot to relax, this establishment promises a memorable experience.

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# The Podcast with The Hive Craft Beer & Coffee Shop

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



## EPISODE 197 - THE HIVE CRAFT BEER & COFFEE SHOP

We are delighted to welcome to the Podcast, Alex from The Hive Craft Beer & Bottle Shop based in Crowthorne, Berkshire.

Alex and Emma opened The Hive in 2020, and it quickly established a reputation as arguably the best-stocked and all-around nicest Bottleshop and Taproom in the Thames Valley.

They have six changing small batch craft beers on tap, available to sample and drink in, or for growler fills.

LISTEN HERE 

**Location:** 208-210 Duke's Ride, Crowthorne RG45 6DS

**Website:** <https://thehivecraft.co.uk/>

# 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.

## Yellow Matter Custard

6% Vanilla Custard Pale  
By Turning Point Brew Co.

Sweet, chewy, and loads of fun. This dessert pale ale is loaded with vanilla, wheat, and lactose. As close as you can get to custard without getting your eyes wet.

"I am the walrus  
Goo goo g'joob"







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Jazz Hundal

Phantom Brewing Co.

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Vaux Brewery

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# UK Craft Beer Festivals

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**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

<https://www.facebook.com/generationcraftfestival/>

**10-11 MAY 2024**

## **AWAKENING 24**

Saint John's Church, 133-141 Forton Road, Gosport PO12 4QT

<https://shorturl.at/pBGPW>





**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 CH1 3DR

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

**24-25 MAY 2024**

**BEACH STREET BEER FESTIVAL**

Beach Street, Felixstowe

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

**25-26 MAY 2024**

**DOCKS BEERS BEER FEST**

Docks Acedemy, The Church, King Edward St, Grimsby DN31 3JD

<https://docksacademy.com/>

**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://shorturl.at/xyGR9>

**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 IDS

<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>

21-22 JUNE 2024

**LIVERPOOL CRAFT BREW FESTIVAL**

Invisible Wind Factory, 3 Regent Road, Liverpool L3 7DS

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

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

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

5-6 JULY 2024

**MANCHESTER CRAFT BEER FESTIVAL**

Depot Mayfield, 11 Baring St, Manchester M1 2PY

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

5-6 JULY 2024

**SHANTY TOWN**

Staggeringly Good Brewery, Unit 10 St George's Ind Est, Southsea PO4 8SS

<https://shorturl.at/binF2>

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://shorturl.at/oCMWO>





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>

7 SEPTEMBER 2024

**SUDS FEST**

Uffculme Centre, 52 Queensbridge Road, Birmingham, B13 8QY

<https://shorturl.at/psOP7>

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>

20-21 SEPTEMBER 2024

**FULL CIRCLE FEST**

Full Circle Brewery, Hoult's Yard, Newcastle upon Tyne NE6 2HL

<https://www.fullcirclebrew.co.uk/products/full-circle-fest-2024-ticket>



**19 OCTOBER 2024**

**THE BIG SWALLY**

O2 Academy Edinburgh

<https://shorturl.at/bzAD4>

**8-9 NOVEMBER 2024**

**RISING TIDE CRAFT BEER FESTIVAL**

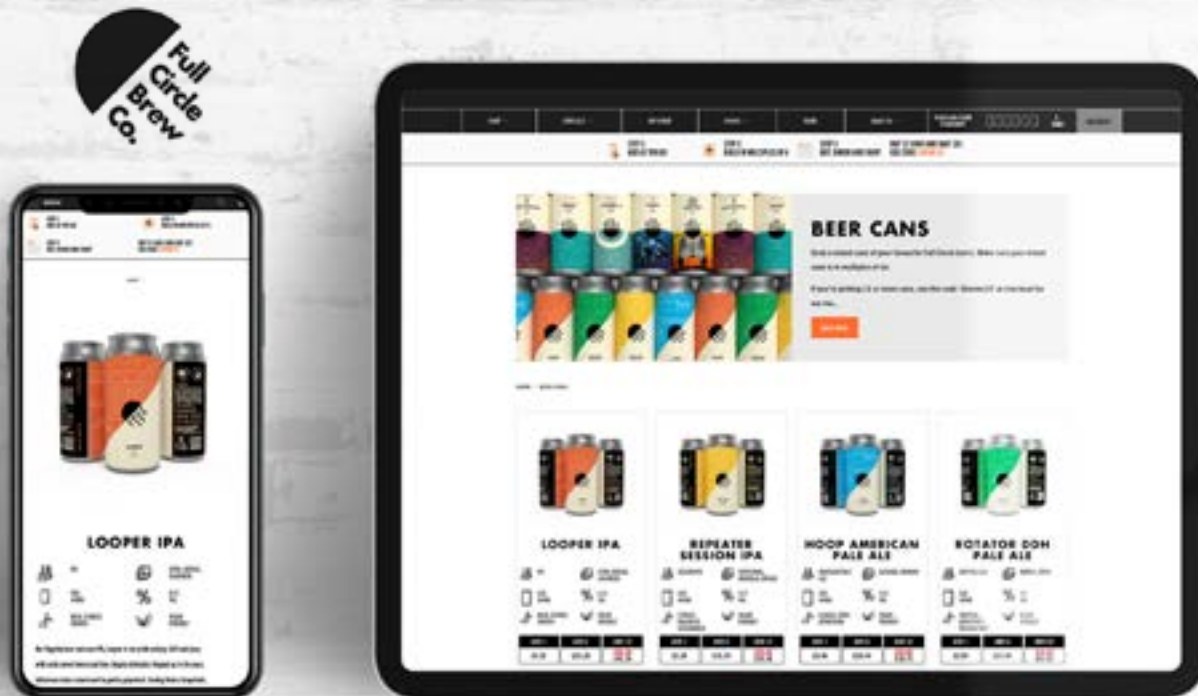
Canterbury Cathedral Lodge, Canterbury CT1 2EH

<https://shorturl.at/GHJMY>





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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



## Vaux Brewery

Independent Craft Brewery in Sunderland

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


 Free shipping for orders over £60



## Hackney Brewery

A Small, Independent Craft Brewery in London

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


 Free shipping for orders over £50



## Bayonet Brewing

Modern, Exciting and Innovative Beers

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


 Standard shipping £6.50



## Padstow Brewing Co.

Multi Award Winning Craft Brewery

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


 Free shipping for orders over £50



## Zapato Brewery

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

<https://zapatobrewing.com/>


 Free shipping on orders over £60



## Time & Tide Brewing

Independent Brewery, Producing Hop Forward, Progressive Beers

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

 Free shipping on orders over £50




# 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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