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# Taxes

It seems the honeymoon period for the new government is already over, after them making some really unpopular decisions. One of the latest ideas they are considering is banning smoking areas on pub, hotel and restaurant grounds. Most pubs and taprooms currently have a dedicated outside smoking space to encourage smoking patrons to stay, but now, what with all the other problems facing the hospitality sector, this measure could well be the final straw for some.

The PM has also warned of painful tax rises in the upcoming October budget, that will hurt us all. I did read somewhere, that, odd as it might sound, raising taxes doesn't necessarily provide more income for the treasury. The reason given was that higher taxes means less money in people's pockets which equals less spending on goods, services and travel, which equates to less VAT, less fuel duty and less corporation tax collected.

So, unless you are a train driver perhaps, none of us will be spending as much as we usually do on beer!

Ouch, now that is painful.

Cheers!



### THE PODCAST

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# Brewer's Corner

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



## Large Drop in On-Trade Sales

The news is generally rather bleak this week. Firstly Beer Today quotes the NIQ Daily Drinks Tracker which showed that on-trade sales for the first week in September dropped 12% year on year. This seems to be significantly weather related, as we were basking in 30 degree days this time last year.

[READ THE ARTICLE](#)

## US Beer Industry In Decline?

Now for three rather sombre articles, focused mainly on the USA scene. The Drinks Industry takes a broad look at the US beer industry, where the numbers are not good, with both malt and hop production demand way down this year.

[READ THE ARTICLE](#)



## Centralised Production

Vinepair looks at the curious case of Left Hand Brewing (no relation to Bristol's own LHG), who are crowd funding in the USA, with the intention of establishing an Evil-Macro-style centralised production facility to help Craft Breweries cut costs.

[READ THE ARTICLE](#)

## The Demise of Four Pure

Finally, our favourite beer journalist Jeff Alworth takes a look at the demise of Fourpure in the UK and Anderson Valley in the US, and draws some interesting conclusions.

[READ THE ARTICLE](#)



# Beer of the Week

## Big G

8.4% Double IPA

by Two Flints Brewery



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Two Flint's biggest and hoppiest beer to date, Big G was brewed to celebrate reaching 100 batches from their home in Windsor. Loaded with Citra, Citra Cryo & Citra Dynabost from Yakima Chief and absolutely tonnes of Nectarone hops.

# WE'LL DO THE LABELS YOU DO THE TASTE

*The perfect partnership that tantalises the tastebuds,  
allowing our decoration to deliver the temptation.*





# Taproom Review



**STEVE P**

TWICB CO-FOUNDER

## Black Lodge Brewery & Taproom

3 Kings Dock St, Liverpool LI 8JU

Located in Liverpool's iconic Baltic Triangle, Black Lodge's taproom is a must-visit for craft beer lovers. Situated within the brewery itself, this spacious industrial venue has a unique charm that sets it apart. Whether you're inside or relaxing in the beer garden, you'll be struck by the well-designed space. The outside seating, surrounded by lush plants and greenery, gives off a serene garden-center vibe, making it an ideal spot to unwind.



Black Lodge boasts 10 keg taps, pouring the freshest and most inventive beers straight from their own brewery. Every pint is a testament to their creativity and dedication to quality. And if you'd like to take some of their brews home, fresh cans are available direct from the fridges, making it easy to grab your favourites for later.

# Taproom Review

The resident food trader, FatBack, has been a staple here since 2018, serving up mouthwatering burgers that perfectly complement the beer. It's hard to go wrong with anything on their menu!



The staff are incredibly friendly and make you feel right at home, adding to the laid-back and relaxing atmosphere. If you're a sports fan, you're in luck—Black Lodge often shows live football and major sporting events, making it a great spot to catch a game with friends.



# Taproom Review

Whether you're looking to chill out with some quality brews, enjoy great food, or take in a game, Black Lodge has everything you need for a fantastic time! And don't forget to grab some cans from the fridge before you go.



Opening times:  
Thursday: 4pm – 9pm  
Friday: 4pm – 9pm  
Saturday: 12pm – 10pm  
Sunday: 1pm – 7pm





# The Podcast with State of Kind Brew Co.

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



## EPISODE 215 - STATE OF KIND BREW CO.

We are delighted to welcome back to the Podcast, John from State of Kind Brew Co, based in Wigan. John was previously on the podcast just over 3 years ago, so we had plenty to catch up on.

BEER NAME	CHECK-INS	STYLE	ABV	RATING
Even More Swans	308	Hazy IPA	6.8%	3.98
Hello Can You Hear Me!	257	Hazy IPA	7.5%	4.06
Neon Amped	252	Hazy IPA	6.4%	4.04

[LISTEN HERE](#)

**Location:** Unit 4, Hemfield CT, Wigan WN2 2ER  
**Website:** <https://www.stateofkindbrew.co/>

# 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.

## Audrey Hopburn

6.2% Belgian IPA

By Great Lakes Brewery

That signature Belgian yeast strain is evident from the first sniff, producing the spiciness one would expect in a Belgian beer. It's complemented by grassy, piney hops that co-mingle with citrus (pineapple and lemon) that lead to a dry finish with a pleasant lingering bitterness.







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Paul Whelan  
Vaux Brewery  
James Cox  
Craft BEERings

# UK Craft Beer Festivals



**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>

**20-21 SEPTEMBER 2024**

## **BURY ST EDMUNDS CRAFT BEER FESTIVAL**

12 Guildhall St, Bury St Edmunds IP33 IPR

<https://www.conclubbse.com/beer-festival>

**22 SEPTEMBER 2024**

## **ENID STREET TAVERN AUTUMN BEER FESTIVAL**

87 Enid Street, London SE16 3EH

<https://shorturl.at/4h0qQ>





**27-28 SEPTEMBER 2024**

**GRAVITY BEER FESTIVAL 2024**

Summerhall, Edinburgh, EH9 IPL

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

**19 OCTOBER 2024**

**THE BIG SWALLY**

O2 Academy Edinburgh

<https://shorturl.at/bzAD4>

**02 NOVEMBER 2024**

**DARK & WILD 2024**

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

<https://www.universe.com/users/northern-monk-brewing-co-ltd-HWC3KE>

**8-9 NOVEMBER 2024**

**RISING TIDE CRAFT BEER FESTIVAL**

Canterbury Cathedral Lodge, Canterbury CT1 2EH

<https://shorturl.at/GHJMY>

**10-12 APRIL 2025**

**BREW//LDN**

Between The Bridges, London SE1

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

**6-7 JUNE 2025**

**MANCHESTER CRAFT BREW FESTIVAL**

Victoria Warehouse, Trafford Wharf Road, Manchester M17 1AB

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

**13-14 JUNE 2025**

**NOTTINGHAM CRAFT BEER FESTIVAL**

Sneinton Market, Nottingham NG1

<https://shorturl.at/bOKxQ>

**13-14 JUNE 2025**

**BRISTOL CRAFT BEER FESTIVAL**

Lloyds Amphitheatre, Harbourside Bristol

<https://linktr.ee/bcbf>



5-6 JULY 2025

**MANCHESTER CRAFT BEER FESTIVAL**

Depot Mayfield, Manchester

<https://linktr.ee/manchestercraftbeerfestival>

18-19 JULY 2025

**LONDON CRAFT BEER FESTIVAL**

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

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

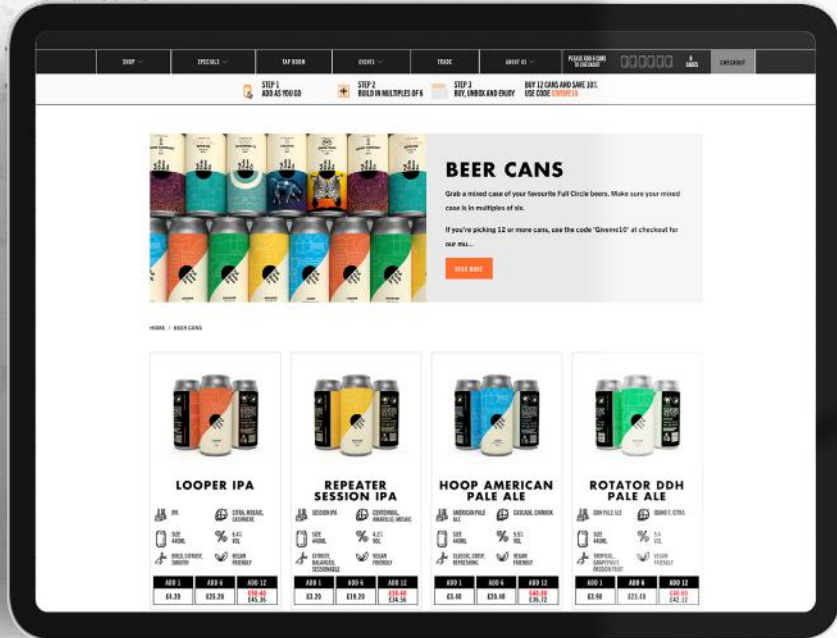






# Webshops

## FEATURED WEBSHOP



## Craft beer direct to your fridge



### Full Circle Brew Co.

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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# Webshop Directory...



## Anspach & Hobday

A London Brewery Making Traditional Beers in a Modern Way

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

 Free shipping for orders over £60


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## Bullhouse Brew Co.

Independent Craft Brewery Based in Belfast

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

 Free shipping for orders over £50


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## 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


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## Track Brewing Co.

Beers Born From Adventure

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

 Free shipping for orders over £60


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## 71 Brewing Co.

Engineers of Beers, Brewed in Scotland

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

 Standard shipping £5.99


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## Hammerton Brewery

Proudly Brewing Great Beer in London N7

<https://hammertonbrewery.shop/>

 Free shipping for orders over £48


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## Vibrant Forest Brewery

Our Passion is to Brew Modern Beers Packed With Flavour

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

 Free shipping for orders over £60

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# 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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## Only With Love - 10% Discount code: TWICB-OWLove

Together on Tap

<https://www.onlywithlove.co/>

 Free shipping for orders over £55

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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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