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# Lest We Should Forget

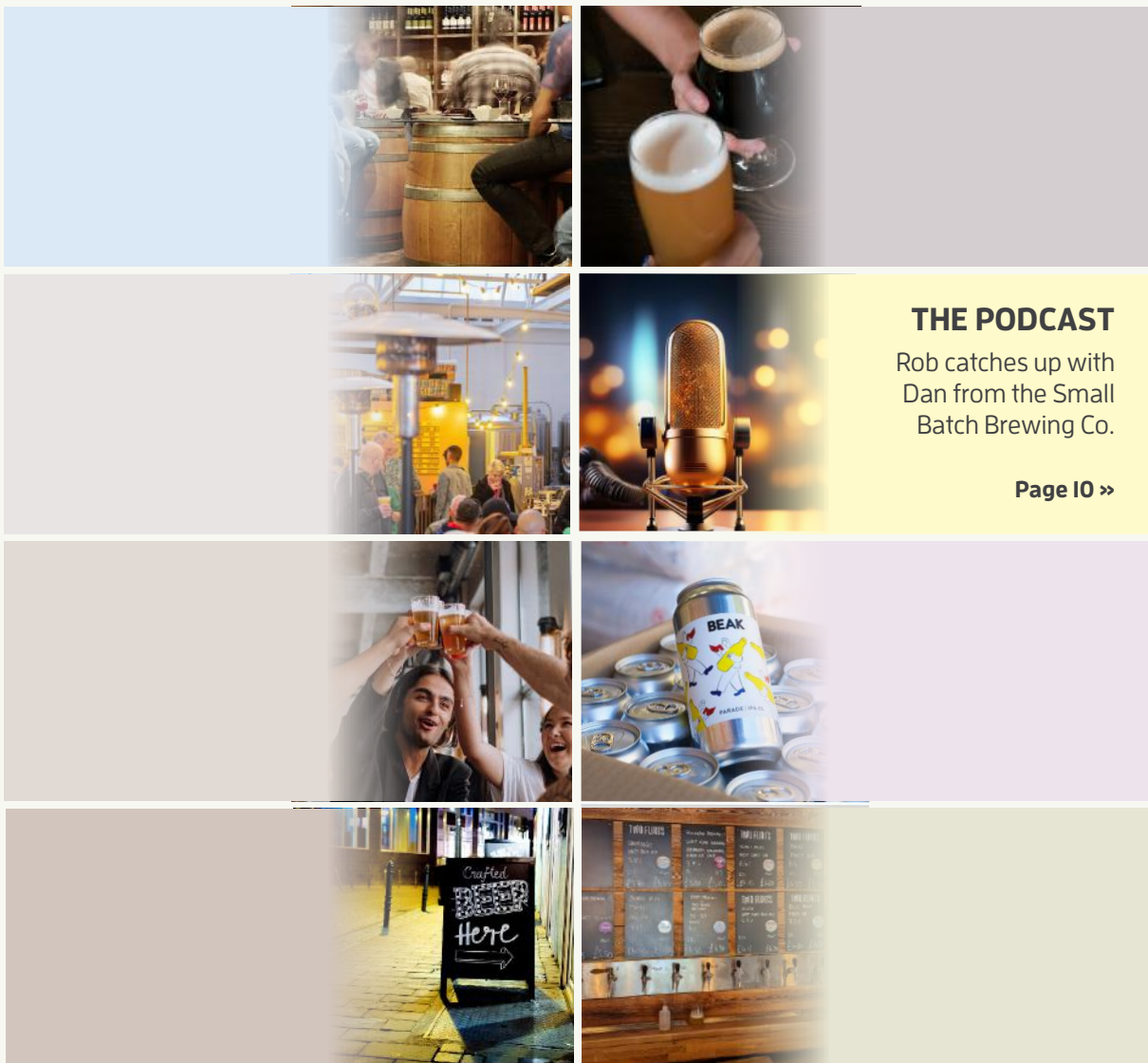
Remembrance Sunday was yesterday and today is Remembrance Day - a memorial day observed in Commonwealth member states since the end of the Great War (First World War) to honour armed forces members who have died in the line of duty. The day is also marked in several other non-Commonwealth countries and is observed on 11 November to recall the end of First World War hostilities which ended "at the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month" of 1918.

This poem extract by Wilfred Owen captured the horrors of the Great War

***Bent double, like old beggars under sacks,  
Knock-kneed, coughing like hags, we cursed through sludge,  
Till on the haunting flares we turned our backs,  
And towards our distant rest began to trudge.  
Men marched asleep. Many had lost their boots,  
But limped on, blood-shod. All went lame; or blind;  
Drunk with fatigue; deaf even to the hoots  
Of gas-shells dropping softly behind.***

So be sure to raise your glass to the gallant men and women to whom we owe so much, and remember how lucky we all are.

Cheers!



## THE PODCAST

Rob catches up with Dan from the Small Batch Brewing Co.

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# Brewer's Corner

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



## Post Budget Blues

Let's start this week with the latest Business Confidence Survey, which shows that post-budget, just 20% of Hospitality Leaders feel confident about the outlook for the sector over the next 12 months, a figure that is down from 36% in August 2024.

[READ THE ARTICLE](#)

## Pubs Need To Improve Beer Choices

The Drinks Business has been speaking to leaders of both traditional and Craft breweries in the UK, who agree that we need to see better representation of small independent breweries in pubs.

[READ THE ARTICLE](#)



## Current State Of The Beer Industry

Also at the Drinks Business, Jessica Moon has produced a summary of the state of the industry, as we head towards 2025, and it is a mix of some positives and some negatives.

[READ THE ARTICLE](#)



## Chaos Packaging

Finally this week, the BBC takes a look at the new trend for "chaos packaging" which has seen a variety of unexpected products being packaged into beer cans, including Potts' gravy and Lake Como air!

[READ THE ARTICLE](#)



# Beer of the Week

## Holy Mountain 2024

6.2% Kriek Style Sour Beer

by Holy Goat Brewing



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Inspired by the Belgian Kriek style sour beer aged on whole sour cherries, this beer combines a blend of two of their favourite golden sour base beers, both brewed with local Scottish barley, wheat and oats, and fermented with multiple *Brettanomyces* and bacteria strains.

The base beer was aged for two months on over 450kg of whole 'Stevnsbær' sour cherries, sourced from the orchards on the Frederiksdal estate, used to produce award-winning Danish cherry wine. One of the rarest, most intensely flavourful cherries attainable, and a favourite to work with.

<https://holygoat.beer/product/holy-mountain-24/>

# 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



**EMMA R**  
GUEST REVIEWER

## Pretty Decent Brewing Co.

Unit 10 Uplands Business Park, Blackhorse Lane, London, E17 5QJ

Positioned along the lively Blackhorse Beer Mile in Walthamstow, The Pretty Decent tap room is a standout destination for craft beer enthusiasts. With over 16 taps pouring a variety of brews, from crisp NEIPAs to rich, smooth stouts, it's a spot that caters to a range of tastes. While the selection leans toward the lower end of the ABV spectrum (the strongest beer topped out at 5.8% on the day of our visit), there's no shortage of character in the offerings, making it a great place to enjoy sessionable beers without compromising on quality or flavour.



The tap room itself strikes an appealing balance between rustic and modern design. Exposed fermentation tanks offer a glimpse into the brewing process, while quirky, hand-painted illustrations of the brewery's signature can designs adorn the walls, adding a unique, artistic touch.

# Taproom Review

The spacious interior is fitted with bench seating, comfortably accommodating up to 80 people. For those who prefer some fresh air, there's also outdoor seating for around 30 people, making it perfect for groups of any size. The indoor area is equipped with heaters, so even on cooler days, the space remains warm and inviting. On a busy Saturday afternoon, the vibe was friendly and upbeat, with a lively crowd clearly enjoying the relaxed atmosphere.



One of the highlights of The Pretty Decent tap room is its sense of community. It's evident that the tap room is a popular meeting spot for friends and locals alike. There's an easy-going camaraderie that fills the space, making it the kind of place you can comfortably hang out for hours. The food truck outside adds another level of enjoyment, offering tasty bites to pair with your beer. It's an ideal setup for a laid-back afternoon or evening, whether you're grabbing a quick snack or settling in for a longer session with friends.





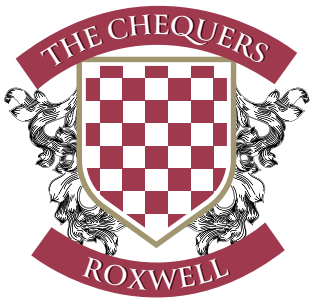
## Taproom Review

Whilst the tap room's interior is spacious, it never feels too loud or crowded, which is a nice touch given how popular the spot can get. It's clear that it is dedicated to creating a fun and welcoming environment, with something for everyone, whether you're a beer connoisseur or just after a place to unwind with a good brew.



In summary, if you're in Walthamstow and looking to explore the craft beer scene, The Pretty Decent tap room is definitely worth a visit. The diverse beer selection, fun ambiance, and community feel make it a top choice for a casual but quality hangout.





# EXCITING COMMUNITY-OWNED PUB TENANCY OPPORTUNITY! (FREE OF TIE)

THE CHEQUERS INN, ROXWELL, CHELMSFORD, CM1 4PD



Following the retirement of the previous operators after 24 years, a community buy-out and a six-month refurbishment programme, the Roxwell Chequers Community Benefit Society (RCCBS) is seeking the right tenant to re-establish The Chequers as the thriving pub at the heart of our community.

The Chequers is a traditional country pub located in the centre of Roxwell, four miles from Chelmsford City Centre. It is a Grade II listed building in a beautiful location a stone's throw from the village pond, church and school. It is the only traditional pub serving a wide catchment in an affluent part of the Essex countryside.

The pub offers two main bar areas, each with their own fireplace, together with a range of other well-connected and characterful spaces and snugs extending off to the rear. It can accommodate approximately 50 seated covers alongside space dedicated to drinking and socialising. It will benefit from a newly installed commercial kitchen perfect for preparing high-quality, affordable, traditional pub food.

Outside trading areas include an attractive beer garden to the rear and a courtyard at the front overlooking the village conservation area. Full disabled access and toilet facilities are provided, alongside newly installed heating and electrical systems. The private accommodation consists of a refurbished two-bedroom flat with a spacious lounge at first floor level.

RCCBS is seeking a tenant with strong business acumen and a proven track record that can engage effectively with locals and harness the groundswell of support shown for the pub through the community buy-out. We expect the tenant to offer traditional country pub services, including real ales, good food and special events through the year that will drive interest and custom. The Chequers must be welcoming of all, including families and dogs, and resume its rightful place as the hub of our community.



**FOR MORE DETAILS OF THE TENANCY OPPORTUNITY, PLEASE CONTACT RCCBS VIA THE QR CODE OR EMAIL [CONTACTUS@SAVETHECHEQUERSROXWELL.CO.UK](mailto:CONTACTUS@SAVETHECHEQUERSROXWELL.CO.UK). ALTERNATIVELY CALL SAM METSON, RCCBS CHAIR ON 07918 632483. WE WOULD WELCOME AN INITIAL CHAT WITH ANY PROSPECTIVE APPLICANTS.**

**[WWW.SAVETHECHEQUERSROXWELL.CO.UK](http://WWW.SAVETHECHEQUERSROXWELL.CO.UK)**



# The Podcast with Small Batch Brewing Co.

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



## EPISODE 220 - SMALL BATCH BREWING CO.

We are delighted to welcome back to the Podcast, Dan from the Small Batch Brewing Co., based in Cheshire. A small family run independent brewery with an eye on modern and vibrant beers, from juicy hazy New England IPAs to crisp west coast IPAs.

### Most checkins on Untappd

BEER NAME	CHECK-INS	STYLE	ABV	RATING
Fruit Salad Waterfall	225	Hazy IPA	5.5%	3.93
Between Worlds	148	Hazy IPA	6.0%	3.97
Saturation 7	103	Hazy IPA	7.0%	4.22

LISTEN HERE 

**Location:** Halton, Runcorn, Cheshire  
**Website:** <https://www.smallbatchbrewing.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.

## Kilt Lifter

6% Amber Ale

By Four Peaks Brewing

Kilt Lifter is an award-winning brew, crafted in the tradition and honor of the great strong ales of Scotland. Take one sip and you'll swear it had been brewed by men in kilts—and maybe it was. It's a full-bodied ale with pronounced flavors of caramel and roasted barley. Notice its amber color, malty sweetness and a hint of smokiness with a clean dry finish? That's a true Scottish-style ale.





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Belgian & Blues Southampton  
Ken Robinson  
Steve Hartley  
John Stephens  
Dolphin Brewery  
Tim Messinger  
Bettina Cassidy  
Claire Coster  
Craig Hatton

Sue Johnson  
Berkshire Beer Box  
Doug Thayer  
Ade Barley  
Mike Bailey  
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Phantom Brewing Co.  
Jon Mead  
Paul Whelan  
Vaux Brewery  
James Cox  
Craft BEERings



# UK Craft Beer Festivals

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**22-23 NOVEMBER 2024**

## **IPSWICH CRAFT BEER FESTIVAL**

The Baths, Civic Drive, Ipswich IPI 2AX

<https://wegottickets.com/f/13582>

**24-25 JANUARY 2025**

## **CHESTER CRAFT BEER EXPO**

Garret Theatre, Hunter St, Chester CHI 2AR

<https://shorturl.at/7DwmC>

**10-12 APRIL 2025**

## **BREW//LDN**

Between The Bridges, London SE1

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

**12 APRIL 2025**

## **ABERDEEN BEER FESTIVAL**

Music Hall, Union St, Aberdeen AB10 IQS

<https://shorturl.at/iWgQZ>



**2-3 MAY 2025**

**AWAKENING '25**

St Johns Church, Forton Rd, Gosport PO12 4TQ

<https://shorturl.at/XfV8e>

**16-17 MAY 2025**

**MANCHESTER CRAFT BEER FESTIVAL**

Depot Mayfield, Manchester

<https://linktr.ee/manchestercraftbeerfestival>

**16-17 MAY 2025**

**HOP CITY 2025**

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

<https://www.universe.com/events/hop-city-2025-tickets-6FNG7B>

**29-31 MAY 2025**

**CRAFT BEER EXPO 2025**

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

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/o/craft-beer-expo-ltd-3248880072>

**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**

**BRISTOL CRAFT BEER FESTIVAL**

Lloyds Amphitheatre, Harbourside Bristol

<https://linktr.ee/bcbf>

**20-21 JUNE 2025**

**NOTTINGHAM CRAFT BEER FESTIVAL**

Sneinton Market, Nottingham NG1

<https://shorturl.at/bOKxQ>

**18-19 JULY 2025**

**LONDON CRAFT BEER FESTIVAL**

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

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

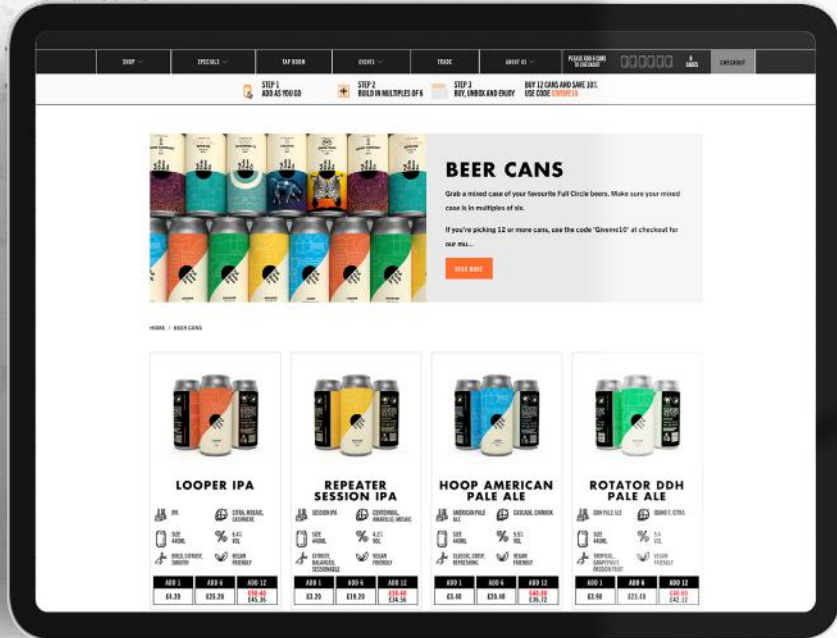






# Webshops

## 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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## 52 Degrees Brewing (10% discount code: 10forTWICB)

Grasshopper & Warwickshire Beers – All flowing together

<https://52degreesbrewing.com/pages/purchase-beer>

 Standard shipping £5.99


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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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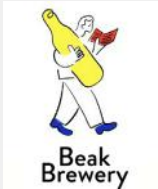
## Tartarus Beers

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

Togetherness on Tap

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

 Free shipping for orders over £55

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# Webshop Directory...



## 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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## Small Batch Brewing Co.

Making Good Beer For Great People

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

 Standard shipping £7.20


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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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## 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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