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# More Breweries Bite the Dust

Apparently the UK lost another 100 breweries in 2024 – with most closing their doors for good, but a few saved by mergers. Figures seem unavailable for the year to date, but no one will be surprised if this depressing trend hasn't continued.

The brewing and hospitality industry had only just about recovered from the serious financial repercussions following Covid, and now taxation, labour costs, business rates, energy and raw materials, have sent operating expenses sky high – adding to the difficult economic problems faced.

In the first three months of this year nearly 350 pubs have already closed or been converted to other uses, no doubt due to similar reasons. This year is certainly going to be a tough one for many, however there is a silver lining in that there is still a growing demand for craft ale.

We can all take hope from that, and be sure to do our bit to help the brewers by indulging in a few sessions of delicious, refreshing and magnificent ale imbibement.

Cheers!

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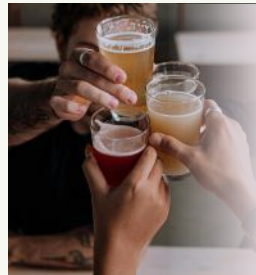
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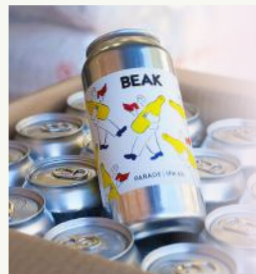
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# Brewer's Corner

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## Food Pubs Decline

Let's start with an article on Beer Insider this week, which reflects on recent data published by NIQ, showing that the number of food-pubs declined 3.2% last year whilst overall pub numbers held up well. The article makes a strong case for switching out kitchens turning over less than £6k per week in favour of innovative bar snacks.

[READ THE ARTICLE](#)

## Alcohol-Free Beers Too Expensive

The BBC this week took an interesting look at the cost of producing Alcohol Free beers, and why they are retailing at close to the price of real beers. Here at TWICB we are not having it! Get back to us when the price of AF is half that of proper beer and we might take another look.

[READ THE ARTICLE](#)



## Muck Pit

Just when we thought that the macro giant Diageo couldn't get any worse, this week they launched "Captain Morgan Muck Pit", which is a watery 4% fruity rum punch, positioned as a "delicious new alternative to beer"! It very likely does have more flavour than their ubiquitous crappy stout, but then that wouldn't be difficult.

[READ THE ARTICLE](#)

## Monosodium Glutamate

Here is an interesting article at Total Ales which quotes friend-of-TWICB Bates, co-owner and Head Brewer at Duration, regarding his use of MSG in beer to produce what the author calls savoury IPAs. "MSG takes the existing flavours and makes them 'pop' more, like sprinkling a little sparkle on what is already there" says Bates. Might be something worth keeping an eye-on?

[READ THE ARTICLE](#)



# Beer of the Week

## Space Hopper

6.0% IPA

by Time & Tide Brewing



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Space Hopper is stuffed with Nectarone and Citra hops at a dry hopping rate of 22g/L providing moreish stone fruit and tropical flavours.

[BUY HERE](#)

# Taproom Review



**STEVE P**  
TWICB CO FOUNDER

## Two Flints Taproom

25-26 The Arches, Windsor, SL4 1QZ

Tucked into a wide railway arch just steps from Windsor & Eton Central Station, Two Flints Brewery & Taproom makes an immediate impression—both for its prime location and its thoughtful design. Larger and more spacious than the arches of Bermondsey's Beer Mile, the roomy setting is a big part of its charm, offering a relaxed and welcoming atmosphere that's perfect for settling in with a beer or two.



Arriving by train from Reading, the taproom came into view as we descended the station steps—a promising sight in the Saturday lunchtime sunshine. With neighbouring India Rabble taproom literally next door, this corner of Windsor is fast establishing itself as a serious craft beer destination.

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# Taproom Review

Staff are friendly, knowledgeable, and clearly passionate about their beer, happy to guide you through the menu or chat about the brewing process happening just meters away. The vibe is relaxed and communal, with a palpable sense of care in every detail—from the beer list to the welcoming environment.

Good to know: the venue is cashless only, and on weekends, a rotating food truck adds an extra layer of enjoyment. We were lucky to catch a fantastic pizza vendor on our visit, which perfectly complemented the beers on tap.



Opening Hours:  
Thursday: 5 PM – 10 PM  
Friday: 4 PM – 10 PM  
Saturday: 1 PM – 10 PM  
Sunday: 1 PM – 6 PM

Whether you're a local, a craft beer fan on a taproom crawl, or just passing through Windsor, Two Flints Brewery & Taproom is well worth a visit—a perfect blend of modern brewing, great beer, and a setting full of character.



# Hop of the Week

## Idaho 7



### Idaho 7: The Bold Hop from the Gem State

In the ever-evolving world of craft brewing, hop varieties play a pivotal role in shaping the flavours and aromas that define a beer. One hop that has made a big impression since its relatively recent debut is Idaho 7. Bursting with character, versatility, and a distinct flavour profile, Idaho 7 has quickly become a favourite among brewers and beer lovers alike.

#### Origins

Idaho 7 was developed by **Jackson Farms** in Wilder, Idaho and released in **2015**. As its name suggests, this hop was the seventh variety to be bred and tested by the farm, and its unique characteristics earned it a place in the modern brewer's toolbox. Though the exact parentage of Idaho 7 is proprietary, it's known to be a **dual-purpose hop**, offering both bittering strength and intense aromatics.

# Hop of the week: IDAHO 7

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## Aroma and Flavour Profile

Idaho 7 is celebrated for its punchy, complex aroma and flavour characteristics. It delivers a powerful combination of:

**Tropical fruit** – Think papaya, mango, and pineapple.

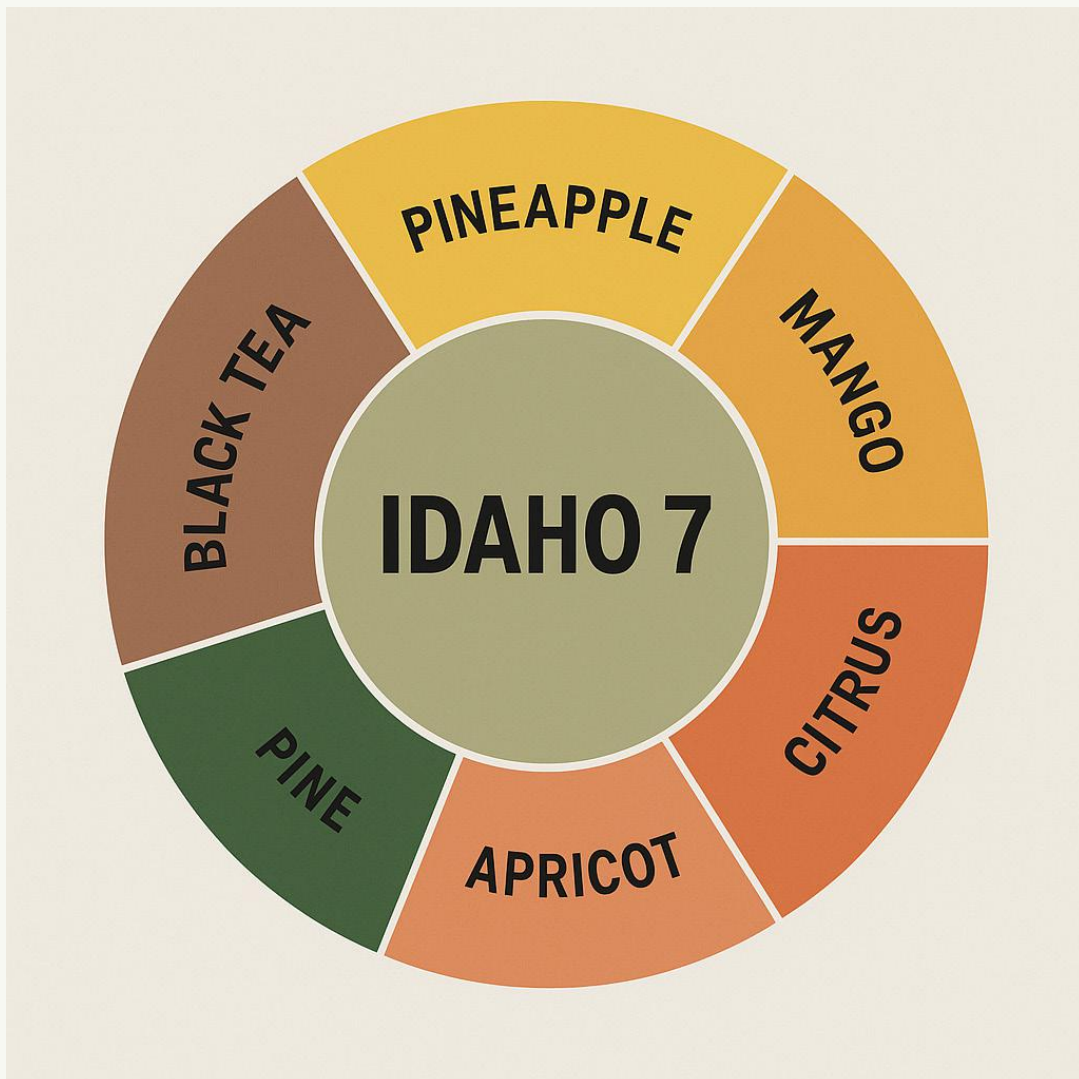
**Citrus** – A burst of orange zest and pink grapefruit.

**Stone fruit** – Especially apricot and peach.

**Pine and resin** – Earthy and dank notes that add balance.

**Black tea and floral** – A subtle but interesting undertone.

This blend of fruit-forward brightness with earthy, tea-like depth gives Idaho 7 a signature profile that shines in a wide range of beer styles



# Hop of the week: IDAHO 7

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## Brewing Applications

Thanks to its high alpha acid content (typically around 13–15%), Idaho 7 is effective as a bittering hop. However, it truly stands out when used late in the brewing process or in dry hopping, where its full bouquet of flavours is allowed to express itself.

It's often found in:

**IPAs and Double IPAs** – Idaho 7 is especially popular in hazy and juicy IPAs.

**Pale Ales** – For a more sessionable showcase of its tropical and piney notes.

**Hoppy Lagers and Experimental Styles** – As a twist on traditional flavour profiles.

Idaho 7 also plays well with others, pairing beautifully with hops like Citra, Mosaic, Sabro, and Simcoe to create complex, layered hop blends.

## Brewer and Consumer Appeal

**For brewers**, Idaho 7 is prized for its versatility and intensity. It's a bold hop that can carry a beer on its own or act as a compelling component in multi-hop recipes. Its consistency and high oil content make it a reliable choice for those looking to create standout hoppy beers.

**For consumers**, Idaho 7 provides a juicy, modern hop experience. It ticks all the boxes for fans of New World hops—fruit-forward, aromatic, and memorable.

## Conclusion

Whether you're a homebrewer looking to experiment or a craft beer drinker chasing your next favourite IPA, Idaho 7 is a hop worth seeking out. Bold, dynamic, and unmistakably modern, it represents the adventurous spirit of American hop innovation—straight from the fields of Idaho to your glass.

# 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.

## Dame Judi Quench

5.2% Pale Ale

By Brew York

Full of tropical hops and refreshing zesty citrus notes brewed with Azacca and Mosaic hops.



# UK Craft Beer Festivals

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**15-17 MAY 2025**

## **BEHIND BARS - CRAFT BEER FEST**

A Wing, Lancaster Castle,, Castle Hill, Lancaster LA1 1YN

<https://shorturl.at/NWb24>

**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>

**23-24 MAY 2025**

## **BEACH STREET BEER FESTIVAL**

Beach Street, Felixstowe, Suffolk

<https://myhopsters.com/beach-street-beer-fest>

**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>

**30-31 MAY 2025**

**FYNEFEST 2025**

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

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

**31 MAY 2025**

**CRAFT BREW FESTIVAL**

The Steamworks, 111 Randall Street, Sheffield

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

**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**

**PENNINE CRAFT BEER FEST**

Marsden Mechanics, Marsden, HD7 6BW

<https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/marsden-mechanics/e-vxpgoj>

**20-21 JUNE 2025**

**NOTTINGHAM CRAFT BEER FESTIVAL**

Sneinton Market, Nottingham NG1

<https://shorturl.at/bOKxQ>

**3-6 JULY 2025**

**RETFORD ALE TRAIL**

Retford Craft House, 10 Beardsalls Row, Retford, DN22 6JX

<https://northnotts.camra.org.uk/diary>



4-5 JULY 2025

**LITTLE EARTH FEST 2025**

Little Earth Project Mill Green, Edwardstone, Sudbury CO10 5PX

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

5 JULY 2025

**DUMMER DOWN BREWERY BEER FESTIVAL**

Dummer Down Farm, Dummer Hampshire RG25 2AR

<https://shorturl.at/UphkV>

11-12 JULY 2025

**SALISBURY CRAFT BEER FESTIVAL**

The Arts Centre, Salisbury

<https://shorturl.at/FajUs>

18-19 JULY 2025

**LONDON CRAFT BEER FESTIVAL**

Magazine London, 11 Ordnance Cres, London SE10 0JH

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

26 JULY 2025

**LITTLE SUMMER BEER BASH**

Verdant, Unit 30 Parkengue, Kernick Industrial Estate, Penryn TR10 9EP

<https://tinyurl.com/3p3tv7kb>

9-10 AUGUST 2025

**THESE HILLS 2025**

Glynde Place, Lewes, East Sussex, BN8 6SX

<https://tinyurl.com/28msnc5p>

15-16 AUGUST 2025

**NORTHALLERTON CRAFT BEER FESTIVAL**

The Golden Lion Hotel, Northallerton DL7 8PP

[www.buytickets.at/ncbf](http://www.buytickets.at/ncbf)

22-24 AUGUST 2025

**SUNDERLAND CRAFT BEER FESTIVAL**

The Fire Station, Sunderland SRI 3HA

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



**28-30 AUGUST 2025**

**FARM TRIP 2025**

Home Farm, Horrobin Lane, Rivington PR6 9HE

<https://www.rivingtonbrewing.co.uk/farmtrip2025>

**12-13 SEPTEMBER 2025**

**FULL CIRCLE FEST**

Full Circle Taproom, Hoult's Yard, Newcastle NE6 2HL

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

**24-25 OCTOBER 2025**

**RISING TIDE CRAFT BEER FESTIVAL**

Canterbury Cathedral Lodge, Canterbury, Kent

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

**25 OCTOBER 2025**

**THE BIG SWALLY**

O2 Academy, Edinburgh

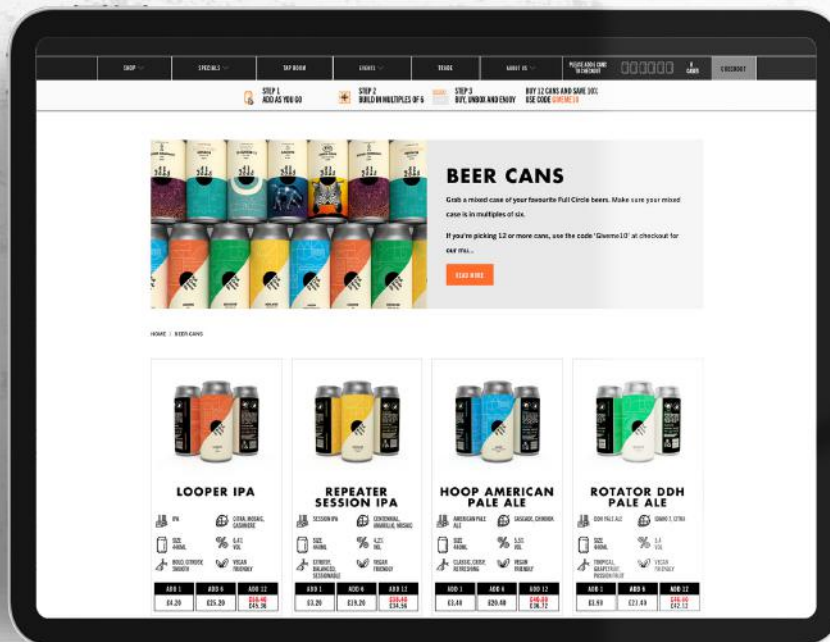
<https://www.ticketebo.co.uk/the-ccbm/the-big-swally-edinburgh>





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## 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://littleeearthproject.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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## **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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## 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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## 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



## Wild Horse Brewing Co.

Fresh, Forward Thinking, Beer

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



Free shipping for orders over £60



## 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



## Liquid Light Brewing Co.

Vegan Craft Beers Inspired By a Love For Music

<https://liquidlightbrewco.shop/>



Free shipping for orders over £50



## Merakai Brewing Co.

Crafted With Purpose

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



Free shipping for orders over £60



## Small Batch Brewing Co.

Making Good Beer For Great People

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



Standard shipping £7.20



## 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

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 Free shipping for orders over £50

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