



# **ACCESS STARTS ONLINE**

Oxford Pride 2024 (OP24)



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# Introduction

Oxford Pride is a registered charity run by a dedicated team of volunteers, who hold events and collaborate with other organisations throughout the year to create safe, welcoming, and inclusive spaces for the LGBTQIA+ community. Oxford Pride promote awareness of LGBTQIA+ issues and lifestyles by providing information, education, and entertainment in a safe and encouraging environment.

The Pride Festival and Pride Day with the Parade through our beautiful city is an important opportunity for us to come together and highlight the inequalities we face and celebrate the milestones we have achieved.

**Pride is about community, a sense of belonging, and visibility - we invite everyone to join us.**

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Oxford Pride is a free to attend event. **Should you require specialist assistance please let us know prior to attending.**

# Site Description

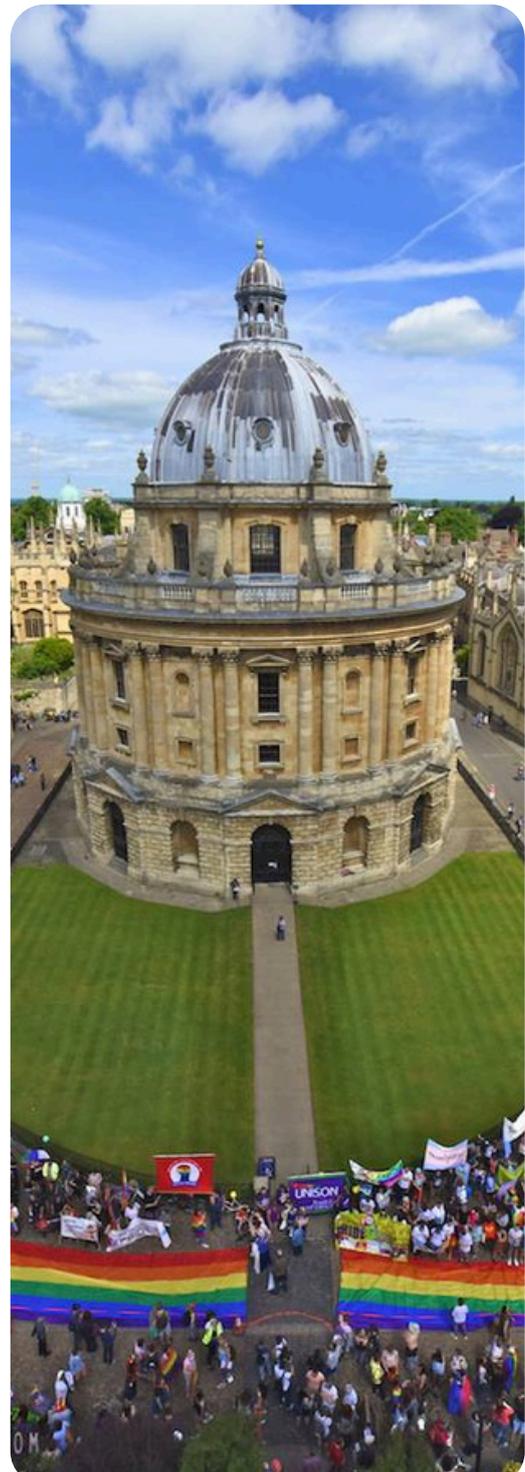
The main event includes a parade and festival with the festival split between three locations, Castle Quarter, Leiden Square, and Paradise Square/Paradise Street. The three festival sites are within a quarter of a mile of each other.

## Parade

Participants wishing to join the parade can do so at the starting point of Radcliffe Square/Radcliffe Camera (OX1 1BG)

Once moving the Parade marches left onto Broad Street, then left again onto Cornmarket Street, and then turns right at Carfax Tower onto Queen Street. After passing Bonn Square the parade ends at the rainbow crossing on Castle Street and splits into the various sites. (Parade Distance 0.6 miles/1 km approx.)

Although flat the area around the start point is cobbled. Most of the route is on tarmac roads (which will be closed to traffic for the duration of the parade)





# Castle Quarter

## Main stage and Community Stalls

The viewing area for wheelchair users will be on a naturally raised, hardstanding area, opposite the main stage. This can be accessed via the pedestrian area from New Road and once into the Unlocked area signposted to the Castle Quarter. Access can also be found via the Slug and Lettuce and turning right at the Malmaison Car park and into the pedestrian area.

This year the Castle Quarter is also the location for all our community stalls and a Well Being area. Although this area is flat, it is slightly raised and the ramp to the right of the round tower will take you up into the main area. Other points of access include the walkway next to Wetherspoons and a path next to the main entrance of Malmaison Hotel.





# Leiden Square

## The Community Stage

Located in the heart of the Westgate Shopping area, there are multiple access points with the easiest being Norfolk Street. If accessing from the North Arcade/Queen Street lifts are located next to TK Maxx and a second set near John Lewis. There is access to the Lower ground level and South Arcade, Turn Again Lane, Castle Street and then further down Norfolk Street/Bridge Street at John Lewis. This year the stage will be at the Bridge Street/John Lewis end of Leiden Square.

## Paradise Square Gardens

Access via Castle Street/Norfolk Street or Paradise Street/Paradise Square, to an open, flat area that will allow access between the two stages as well as the Jolly Farmer Gardens. A large screen relaying the main stage and some market stalls will be situated in the Gardens, including a refreshment stall.

## Paradise Street – Cabaret Stage

During the afternoon, a DJ will play music on the street which is a tarmac road. From 6pm Cabaret acts and singers will perform on a stage until 10:30pm. Refreshments are available from both public houses on the street.



# Travel Guide

## Rail

The start of the parade is a 15-minute walk from Oxford train station, with the Castle Quarter a 10-minute walk.

## Park and Ride

Oxford has five park and ride locations, the closest being either Seacourt or Redbridge. Buses take approximately 10 minutes to reach the city centre. Further info can be found at [Oxford Park and Ride](#).

**Please note that currently due to improvements to the railway station to Park and Ride bus from Seacourt stops at Osney Island and passengers have a 10-minute walk into Oxford Centre**



Oxford Train station is 15 minute walk to the start of our parade, 10 minute walk to our Main Stage and 12 minute walk to our Community Stage.



We recommend using one of the Park & Ride car parks managed and operated by [Oxford City Council](#).

## Driving

Access to Oxford is well signposted and car parks are located at Westgate Shopping Centre, Oxpens and Worcester Street, and Gloucester Green, all of which have disabled parking spaces. All of which are a short distance from the parade start and stage locations.

**Please note again due to the ongoing improvements of the railway station, the A420 Botley Road is closed. To access these parking sites please use the A4144 Abingdon Road.**

## Bus

Oxford is connected to all the local towns via a network of buses. Please see local providers for timings.



Oxford is situated roughly 60 miles from London, with easy access to the M25 motorway and the Midlands by the M40 motorway with junctions 8 & 9 approximately 10 minutes from the city centre.



All parts of Oxford, surrounding towns and villages are served by a good local bus service which are all operated by [Oxford Bus Company](#), [Stagecoach](#) or [Thames Travel](#).

# Arrival Guide

As a free event spread across three locations within Oxford City Centre those in attendance are free to roam between the different locations. To this end unless you have notified us of a special accessibility requirement there is no need to advise us of your arrival. A guide to the event will be available closer to the event.

## Toilets

### Castle Quarter

Accessible toilets will be located with the main toilet block between Paradise Street and the Castle quarter. A further accessible toilet will be located close to the accessible viewing area.

### Leiden Square

Westgate Shopping Centre toilets are well signposted, with accessible toilets being on the lower ground floor of the South arcade.



Inclusive



Accessible



Family friendly

# Assistance Dogs



We welcome assistance dogs at our event. The Equality and Human Rights Commission states that Assistance dogs are highly trained which means they:

- ✓ **Will not wander freely around the premises.**
- ✓ **Will sit or lie quietly on the floor next to their owner.**
- ✓ **Are unlikely to foul in a public place.**

We recognise that not all assistance dogs are registered with Assistance Dogs UK Members and assistance dogs can be trained by their owners. Where an assistance dog has not been trained by Assistance Dogs UK – registered charity, we need to ask visitors to demonstrate that their dog has been trained to the above standards.





## Medical Services

All areas are covered by EMFS (Emergency, Medical and Fire Solutions) with any serious incident covered by 999 emergency ambulance service. Should you have any specific medical concerns please contact us prior to the event.

## Access to Performances

The main stage will have BSL interpreters, and on the Main Stage and Paradise Gardens two screens will relay the event and will have Palantype facilities

## Strobe Lighting

No strobe lighting will be used during the event, and any use of repetitive flashing lights will be where possible preceded with a warning before the act takes to the stage.

## Other Information

This guide applies to the Pride for the year it is written. It will be reviewed after the event and again before the following year's event. This will be a light review and the next full review will be before the event in 2026.



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Please note accessibility emails are not monitored daily  
and it can take up to three days for us to respond.

# Thank you



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