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Dear Participant

Thank you for being part of the fifth Grampian Pride® event! Below you will find all the information you need to enjoy the day, including timing, safety info, how to get your wristband for entry into the Pride Village, and the discounts that come with your wristband.

**Tickets are going fast! You do not need a wristband for the Parade. If you are NOT planning on attending the village, you do not need a ticket! You can cancel your ticket on Eventbrite, which will allow someone else to attend.**

**Parade.** Please **congregate on Albyn Place between 9.30am and 10:30am**. There is no queue order on the day unless you are part of a registered group, so please respect each other and avoid queue jumping where possible. Obviously, if you are a part of a larger group and you are running late please join your group in the line-up, I'm sure those around you won't mind too much. We will set off from Holburn Junction at **11:00am** and proceed slowly down Union Street, turning left on to Broad Street and ending at Marischal College.

**Have fun!** Costumes, music, flags, noisemakers, banners, balloons and smiles all welcome! Please no swearing, smoking, alcohol/drug consumption, nudity, offensive slogans/images, glass bottles or open flames. The streets will be lined with supporters – if your group is handing out flyers/freebies, please only give to people who want them – We have cleaners following the parade but let's make this easy for everyone.

\*A reminder if you are not planning on attending the village you do not need a wristband\* you can cancel this ticket on Eventbrite, which will allow someone else to attend the village and enjoy the entertainment. \*

**COVID-19.** safety measures, everyone wanting to attend the village is required to have a wristband, this should be in your name for tracing purposes, they are **FREE** and can be obtained on our website [www.grampianpride.org](http://www.grampianpride.org). Participants are advised to carry out a COVID-19 LFT 48 hours prior to the event. *If you do not have a testing kit, you can pick one up free of charge from Four Unity.* We also advise, even in the parade, that you wear a face covering throughout.

**Village.** The main deal!!! The Village, located at Queens Links on Beach Boulevard, will open at 1pm. You will need your wristband to get in here. There is so much going on, with performances from 1pm-8pm the stage line up is go go go. There will be a beer tent, Tiki Tent, several food and drink outlets, an LGBT+ shop, a trans-safe space, a youth zone area with fun games and activities throughout and a charity tent where you can gather information, resources and seek services available for the LGBT+ community across our great nation. A "kids zone" complete with games, free face painting, free bouncy castle and more. And if you're thinking all this is just a little too much we also have a quiet zone for those wanting time out or five minutes peace.

**Wristbands.** So now you have your ticket, how do you get your wristband? What a good question!

You can 'exchange' your Eventbrite ticket for a Grampian Pride® official wristband – either print your ticket or show it on your phone. At the following locations.

Four Unity, 33 Regent Quay, AB11 5BE from 28<sup>th</sup> April – 27<sup>th</sup> May during opening times

University of Aberdeen Union Brew – 20<sup>th</sup> May 10-2pm

LUSH, Aberdeen – 21<sup>st</sup> / 22<sup>nd</sup> May between 10-2pm

Marischal Sq on 28<sup>th</sup> May between 11 – 1pm  
Beach Boulevard 28<sup>th</sup> May Between 12 – 4pm

To exchange your ticket for the wristband simply bring along your Eventbrite ticket. You do not need to print this off, simply show us your ticket on your phone, if you do not have the app or access to a printer you can give us your name at the desk and we can find you, please remember though this takes longer so holds everyone up.

**Parking & Transport.** THERE IS NO PARKING AT THE PARADE, only very limited parking in nearby streets – many will be closed. Strictly **NO PARKING** at neighbouring businesses – Anyone parking in these areas attending Grampian Pride® are liable to a fine from the owner(s). Please leave the car at home!

There is no parking at the village site and there is only limited time parking along the beach. There is strictly no parking in neighbour's carparks, including: Transition Extreme, Asda, Codona's, Beach Leisure Centre or Beach Ballroom. Anyone parking in these areas attending Grampian Pride® are liable to a fine from the owner(s). Street parking around the site is also limited with roads already closed off for Pride and resident parking so the simple answer is - leave the car at home! **Disabled parking** is available for up to 5 cars only.

**Bag Checks.** For health and safety reasons, Bags may be searched upon entry to the Pride Village, and bags larger than a general size rucksack will not be allowed in. Any alcohol, illegal drugs, glass bottles or weapons will be confiscated. Please don't bring in liquids, including bottled water, this is because the security cannot eliminate it's possibility of being alcohol. Free water will be available onsite

**Alcohol & Smoking.** There is alcohol served on site for those over 18. But please don't be tempted to bring your own! You will be searched upon entry and any alcohol confiscated before you will be allowed in. If you are seen with alcohol, not purchased on site, it will be confiscated, and you will be asked to leave. Codona's are supplying the beer tent with great deals and a fast service. All other alcohol laws apply, no under 18's will be served, and challenge 25 will be in force so if you are under 25 or lucky enough to look it please bring ID. If you are not sure, bring it anyway! If you are drunk, you will be refused service and may be asked to leave the village. Smoking is allowed onsite – please be respectful of people around you.

**Dress code.** Anyone can wear anything at pride, as long as you are comfortable in yourself. However, the exception to this is: no nudity or offensive slogans/images – please remember that there will be lots of children across the city and to be respectful to others.

**Young People.** Everyone is welcome at Grampian Pride® and we have certainly got enough to entertain the whole family but if you are under 12 years old you will need to be accompanied by an adult at all times. This is not to ruin your fun, but simply to make sure you are safe. We also recommend that young children have a 2<sup>nd</sup> wristband with emergency contact details on. These will be supplied free of charge at the main gate on the day of pride.

**Kids zone.** The "kids zone" area will be fenced separately from other parts of Pride. This is because no alcohol will be allowed in this section of the village. Inside will be the bouncy castle, face painting and fun games. Adults are allowed in as this area is not a creche, so please don't leave your children unattended at any time. We want everyone to enjoy the day and hope that throughout all this reading that has come across.

#### **Dogs.**

Yes! You can bring your dog, our rule is simple: we will look after you, you look after your pet. You are responsible for your pet's wellbeing including ensuring it is comfortable with the high noise levels and thousands of people around them and of course other animals. The dog **MUST** be on a lead at all times and

you are required to clear up after your animal if it makes a mess. You will be asked on entry to show you have doggy bags and provisions for your pet before entering the village.

**Protesters.** Although we are in the 21<sup>st</sup> century we are not naïve! We expect protestors at Grampian Pride®. These may come from various different groups, including those that identify as LGBT but feel pride sells them out. I understand this point of view, however, have made Grampian Pride® as free and open as it possibly could be for all. People will protest for many reasons. **Please do not respond to them.** They are after a reaction which will only tarnish Grampian Pride®, report any incidences of protest, hate crime or violence to a steward or Police Scotland directly. It will be dealt with discretely and professionally by those capable. After all, why let it ruin your day/life. Enjoy yourself and remember; be proud you are a part of something big in Grampian.

**Activities afterwards:** When the village closes at 8pm the fun does not have to end. various venues across the city are hosting performances by local artists for Pride, from **8pm onwards**. You will see venues with “official Pride venue” posters, these are venues that are giving back to the community by helping us fund/support Grampian Pride® events. Further info online. Please take this opportunity to see some of the performances on offer, they are ALL local people with a lot of talent. Don't forget the after parties for all you hardcore fans when the clubs open their doors at 11pm with entertainment until 3am (some venues will require you to have your wristband on in order to get in, please check with events on Facebook).

**Discounts:**

SO, I've saved the best bit for last - thank you for getting this far I know that's a lot to take in.

We have been working with many partners across the city and I'm sure if you have booked a hotel you would have benefitted from the many discounts being offered. If you have not yet booked you can do so by clicking on the deals page located on our website. Here you will also find all the other offers in place for the weekend. <https://www.grampianpride.org/deals/>

**Volunteers.** Can you help for a couple of hours on the day? Volunteer benefits include free training, free rainbow lanyard, free (non-alcoholic) drinks and food while you're volunteering. If you'd like to help, please complete the short form on our website under volunteer <https://www.grampianpride.org/volunteer/> Once again, thank you for reading through all this information, we look forward to welcoming you at GRAMPIAN PRIDE® If you have any questions, please contact [mail@grampianpride.org](mailto:mail@grampianpride.org)

With best wishes

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