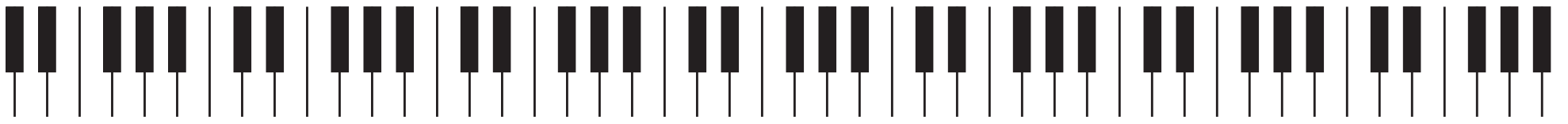


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# LOCAL & LIVE

TUNBRIDGE WELLS MUSIC FESTIVAL 2023

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# Welcome to Local & Live 2023

August 25-28 2023 | FREE ENTRY

Calverley Grounds, The Forum, The Royal Spa Hotel, The Sussex Mews and other venues across Tunbridge Wells

As Local & Live returns this weekend for its 18th anniversary, the music festival's founder, **Paul Dunton**, previews the event and explains why you should come along...

**L**ocal & Live returns to Tunbridge Wells this August bank holiday weekend. We are delighted to have the support from local business Maxipay Accounting Services who agreed to be our headline sponsor for the second consecutive year, providing a vital lifeline for the festival's finances which, coupled with valuable contributions from The BID (Royal Tunbridge Wells Together), donations from the public, numerous local business sponsorships and a contribution from Tunbridge Wells Borough Council, all adds up to the fantastic news that Local & Live can go ahead again.

The free music festival, now in its 18th year, is a regular annual fixture in the town's cultural calendar. Local & Live has become a popular weekend for picnicking in the park, attracting all generations from young families to the more senior music fans. It features the cream of the local area's original musical talent and artists already confirmed include Kumala, Black Gabanza, James Kirby, Zoe Nicol, Anna Howie and many more. It begins on the evening of Friday August 25 at 5pm and focuses on a purpose-built stage in Calverley Grounds, the beautiful Decimus



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Burton-designed park in the town centre. The music continues in the park through Saturday 26 (12pm to 10pm) and Sunday 27 (12pm to 10pm). The Forum will be hosting afterparties every night after the music finishes in Calverley Grounds with an array of local bands playing until late each night. To accompany the music in Calverley Grounds, there will be drinks tents run by local businesses The Forum, Hattons,

Sankey's and Fine Grind, and a selection of local food traders including Roddy Burger, Fine Grind, Crumbs & Treacle, Naked & Ready Foods, Alice's Ices, Rascal's Crepes and Pizzas, Kaphao Thai street food and many more. All the traders will be serving an array of wonderful foods to suit everyone's tastes. The bank holiday Monday is known as 'Fringe Day', and we are delighted to announce that The Forum

will be continuing to host Local & Live artists from 2pm through to late, with local band Catching Mangoes headlining at 8.45pm. The Sussex Mews will be our main outdoor stage location with an array of Local & Live acts performing music from 1.15pm until 8.30pm. Shep & Co headline

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The Sussex Mews stage at 7.15pm.

As the festival has grown in both reputation and size, it has also drawn visitors from the length and breadth of the UK and Europe. Local & Live brings together a collective audience in the region of 15,000 people to enjoy the music and a relaxed family-friendly festival atmosphere.

Local resident and frontman of The Bluetones, Mark Morriss recently gave his take on the festival: "Local & Live has established itself as an essential hub for uniting musicians and fans of all




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generations and genres in the area of Tunbridge Wells. We are so lucky to have it.” Iconic rock legend Roger Daltrey of The Who, is a long-term supporter of the festival and commented: “Local & Live is a fantastic platform for independent, original music in Kent and Sussex. Long may it continue!”

**Headline acts announced**

We are delighted to announce that local band Code: Marla will be headlining on the Friday evening at Calverley Grounds, with six other local acts taking to the stage in the build-up to their set.

Friday promises to be a rocking affair with

Black Gabanza, The Next Agenda, Night Without Sleep, The River Flows and Reptile Kin also on the bill. Code: Marla offer a breathtaking fusion of live electronic music and ground-shaking nu-metal, interwoven with intricate textures and harmonies. Code: Marla’s music effortlessly blends heavy guitar-driven rock with the pulsating beats of dubstep and drum and bass, creating a dark and hypnotic atmosphere that will leave the audience spellbound.

Saturday kicks off with music from 12pm all the way through to 10pm. Local four-piece ‘Cyrano’ top the bill with renowned singer-songwriter James Kirby as main

support. Cyrano are inspired by the likes of Pearl Jam, Radiohead, Elbow and Queens of The Stone Age, and are renowned for their anthemic melodies, led by Joe Ackerley’s soaring vocals.

Local & Live is also thrilled to announce that Two Weeks In Nashville will be headlining Sunday night at Calverley Grounds. The popular local group have been wowing crowds across the UK, performing at some of the UK’S leading festivals including numerous Pub In The Park mainstage sets.

They are without doubt one of the best live acts I have ever seen, with world-class musicianship and superb songs, they offer their own distinct brand of infectious indie pop/rock and they will definitely rock Calverley Grounds.

With music again starting at midday on Sunday, an array of superb local acts is on offer, including the likes of Steffan James, The Charlie Rivers Band, Cally Collective, and more... all paving the way for Two Weeks In Nashville to strut their stuff!

and roll on the weekend! You can find us at @localandlive on Facebook and Instagram and @Local\_and\_Live on Twitter. The festival website is:

**localandlive.org**

I look forward to seeing you there!



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**Paul Dunton**  
Founder of Local & Live

**Support**

Please don’t hesitate to get in touch by emailing fundraising@localandlive.org if you have any sponsorship enquiries or ideas, we would love to hear from you.

Any individual or business can advertise on our giant screen positioned next to the stage in Calverley Grounds, it’s a great way to support the festival with ads starting at just £40. Our crowdfund page is available at: [justgiving.com/campaign/localandlive2023](https://www.justgiving.com/campaign/localandlive2023)

Thanks for all your support and interest

# Local & Live Listings

Line-ups are subject to change. Please visit [localandlive.org](https://localandlive.org) for the latest updates. The entire festival is **free** entry

**Friday August 25**

**Calverley Grounds**

- 5pm – Reptile Kin
- 5:40pm – Valentine
- 6.20pm – The River Flows
- 7pm – Night Without Sleep
- 7.40pm – The Next Agenda
- 8.20pm – Black Gabanza
- 9.10pm – Code: Marla

**The Forum**

- Grammar Vedetta
- Sean de Burca
- Yet To invent
- All The Above (headline)**

**Saturday August 26**

**Calverley Grounds**

- 12pm – The Tilston sisters
- 12.30pm – The Colas
- 1pm – Biddle
- 1.30pm – Charlie Krikorian
- 2.10pm – Elliott Graham
- 2.50pm – Jez Harley
- 3.30pm – Krow Tao
- 4.10pm – Anna Howie
- 4.50pm – Indya
- 5.30pm – Perry Ripley
- 6.10pm – Wild Horse
- 6.50pm – Wake up leo

- 7.30 – Kumala
- 8.10pm – James Kirby
- 9.05pm – Cyrano (headline)

**The Forum**

- Dull Knife
- Superzero (headline)**

**The Bedford pub**

- In association with Local & Live, The Jay Harmer Foundation is raising funds for Tree of Hope, Tunbridge Wells based charity.
- 2pm – Acoustic Alchemy
  - 4pm – P E Tripp
  - 5pm – Still Upright
  - 7pm – The New Fighters
  - 10pm – D’mello (headline)

**Sunday August 27**

**Calverley Grounds**

- 12pm – Vox
- 12.30pm – Lauren V
- 1pm – Jennifer Lee Ridley
- 1.30pm – Erika Olson
- 2pm – Zoe Nicol
- 2.35pm – Ash Dodd
- 3.10pm – Cally Collective
- 3.50pm – Steffan James
- 4.30pm – Will Page
- 5.10pm – The Paul Dunton Orchestra
- 6pm – The Charlie Rivers Band
- 6.40pm – The Polygons
- 7.20pm – Prison Beach Club
- 8pm – Karobela

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**9pm – Two Weeks In Nashville (headline)**

**The Forum**

- Coney Island Maybe
- The Ackerleys
- The Breretons (headline)**

**Monday 28th August**

**The Forum**

- 1.30pm – The Street Lights
- 2.15pm – Candela Quinn
- 3pm – Ben Lewes
- 3.45pm – Leo & Tingley
- 4.30pm – Ryan Weeks

- 5.15pm – The Ashen Keys
- 6pm – The Fiery Lights
- 6.55pm – Essie West
- 7.50pm – Higgs & The Bosons
- 8.45pm – **Catching Mangoes (headline)**

**The Sussex Mews**

- 1.15pm – Amelia
- 2pm – Doris Amy
- 2.45pm – Sofia Lovell
- 3.30pm – Jack Leon Mackey
- 4.15pm – Sean Alexander
- 5pm – Special guest act
- 5.45pm – Nick Stephens
- 6.30pm – Luke Fraser
- 7.15pm – **Shep & Co (headline)**



# Meet the headline acts...

## CODE MARLA

Get ready to be captivated by the fusion of live electronic music and ground-shaking nu-metal, interwoven with intricate textures and harmonies.

Led by the incredibly talented CJ Thorpe, along with vocalists Billy and Sonia, guitarists Fraser and Rick, and rounded off with new live drummer, Alastair, Code: Marla are all about their love for sound and creating fun vibes.

Code Marla's unique blend of soulful melodies and infectious rhythms will have you dancing the night away, so don't miss out

on witnessing one of the hottest acts in the music scene right now.

## TWO WEEKS IN NASHVILLE

After discovering their sound and identity on a trip to Nashville, Two Weeks in Nashville conceived their name as a tribute to the music capital of the world. Best known for their raucous and electric live shows, they have headlined grassroots venues across the UK and supported Supergrass, Scouting For Girls, The Hoosiers and Toploader.

## CYRANO

Cyrano are a rock four-piece comprised of Joe Ackerley, Tim Hubbard, Matt Wilson and Karl Barton.

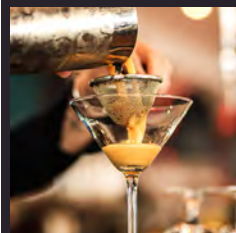
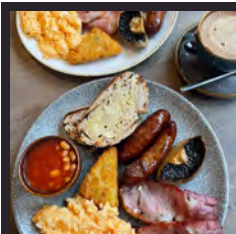
As veterans of the Tunbridge Wells local music scene, they have built a large underground following around London and Kent. Cyrano have two albums available to download, stream and on CD - 'I You Us Them' and 'Cyrano'. They also have a new EP 'Bargaining Chip', which is recorded and coming out very soon.



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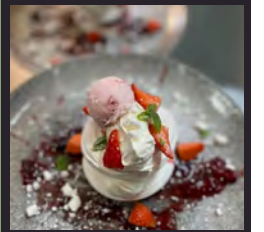
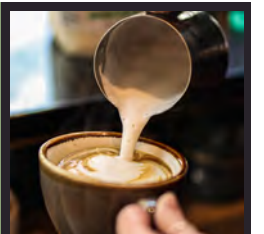
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