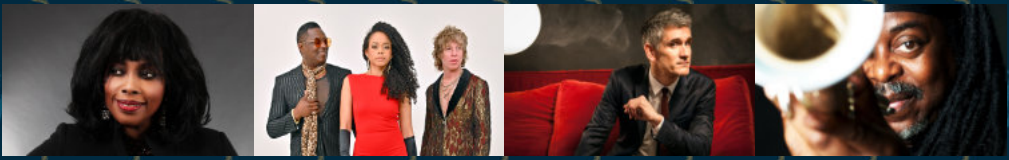


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JAZZ BLUES FUNK SOUL



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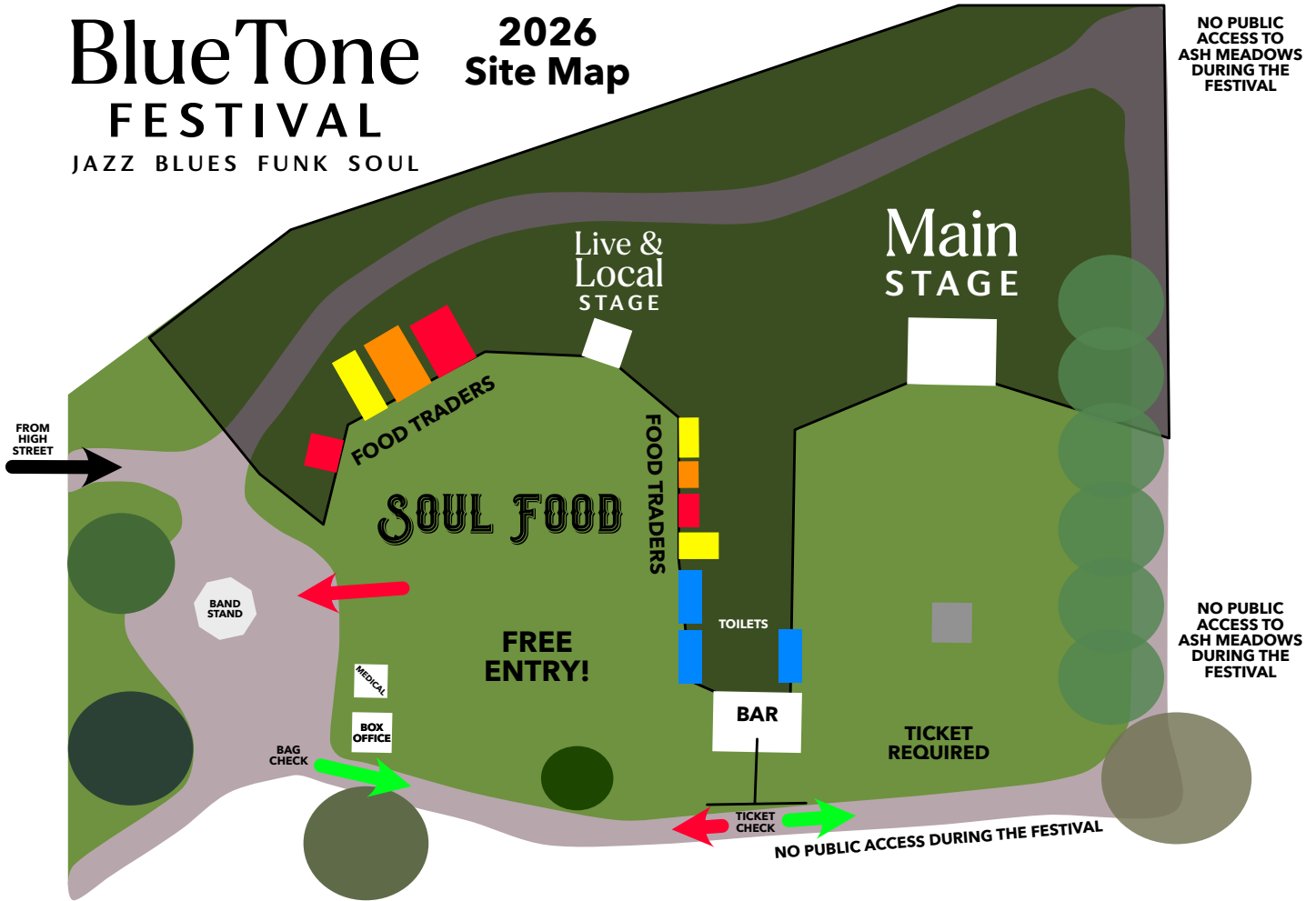
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# BLUETONE FESTIVAL 2026

## About the festival

BlueTone Festival arrives in the heart of Taunton from 28th-31st May 2026, bringing four days of jazz, blues, funk and soul to Vivary Park and venues across the town. Created with a long-term vision to grow into one of the South West's most exciting cultural events, BlueTone combines internationally recognised artists with emerging talent, local performers, great food and drink, and a welcoming festival atmosphere right in the centre of Somerset.

Across the weekend, festival goers can experience headline performances from artists including Ruby Turner, The Brand New Heavies, Curtis Stigers and Courtney Pine, alongside dozens of other acts performing across the festival. From big evening concerts in the main arena to the free-to-access Soul Food & Live & Local Stage celebrating grassroots and up-and-coming artists, BlueTone is designed to capture the spirit of discovery, community and live music at its best.

Visitors will also be able to enjoy street food, artisan traders, relaxed daytime performances, award-winning bars from Branscombe Brewery, and a vibrant festival setting designed to encourage people to spend time in the town across the entire weekend. BlueTone aims to create the feel of a destination festival while remaining accessible and welcoming to the local community - blending the atmosphere of major UK music festivals with the character and charm of Taunton itself.

BlueTone is presented by Taunton Collaborative Arts CIC, a Community Interest Company created to support creativity, opportunity and cultural development in Taunton and Somerset. Profits generated by the festival are intended to be reinvested back into the event and the wider creative arts community - helping support local artists, education projects, live performance opportunities and future cultural events.

Whether you're here for world-class music, incredible food and drink, discovering new artists, or simply soaking up the atmosphere in beautiful Vivary Park, we hope BlueTone 2026 is the beginning of something special for Taunton.

**We look forward to welcoming you to the festival!**

THURSDAY

28<sup>th</sup>

# RUBY TURNER



## Main Stage - 9.00pm

Ruby Turner stands among the UK's most accomplished and beloved soul and R&B vocalists. With a voice steeped in gospel tradition and emotional depth, her career spans platinum-selling albums, global tours, and collaborations with legendary artists including Jools Holland, Bryan Ferry, and Mick Jagger.

Known for her electrifying live performances, Ruby's shows bring

powerhouse vocals, heartfelt delivery, and a rare connection with audiences. Her appearance at BlueTone Festival will open the long weekend with soul-stirring energy and world-class musicianship.

**Expect:** Soul, gospel, R&B excellence.

**For Fans Of:** Aretha Franklin, Mavis Staples, Gladys Knight.



## BIG BOY BLOATER

Main Stage

7.30pm



## DEANE TOWN BAND

Main Stage

6.00pm

# THE BRAND NEW HEAVIES

FRIDAY

29<sup>th</sup>



## Main Stage - 9.00pm

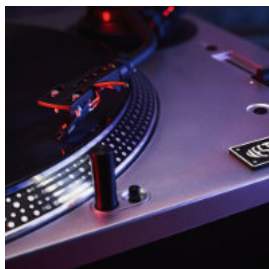
A defining force in British funk and acid jazz, The Brand New Heavies have shaped the sound of UK groove since the 1990s. With hits like "Dream on Dreamer," "Midnight at the Oasis," and "Never Stop," their catalogue is a masterclass in timeless, feel-good funk.

Their live performances remain unmatched – a fusion of tight rhythms, vibrant brass, and infectious

vocals that ignite audiences everywhere. BlueTone Festival will bring their signature energy to Taunton for an unforgettable Friday night celebration.

**Expect:** Funk, acid jazz, unstoppable groove.

**For Fans Of:** Jamiroquai, Incognito, Tower of Power.



## DJ NARDI B SOUL SESSION

Main Stage

7.30pm



## JESS HILL

Main Stage

6.15pm

SATURDAY  
**30<sup>th</sup>**

# CURTIS STIGERS



## Main Stage - 9.00pm

Curtis Stigers is an internationally acclaimed vocalist, saxophonist, and songwriter whose genre-blending artistry spans jazz, soul, and sophisticated pop. Known for hits such as "I Wonder Why" and "You're All That Matters to Me," Stigers has toured worldwide and collaborated with legends including Elton John, Eric Clapton, and Wynton Marsalis.

His elegant phrasing, warm tone, and onstage charisma make him a standout performer in the contemporary jazz world. Curtis's Saturday evening set promises an evening of exceptional musicianship and magnetic storytelling.

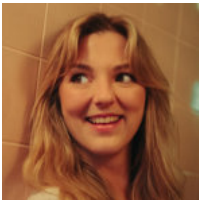
**Expect:** Smooth jazz, soulful vocals, heartfelt performance.

**For Fans Of:** Michael Bublé, Gregory Porter, Harry Connick Jr.



## MELLOWMATIC Main Stage 6.45pm

## SAMUEL ASHTON AND THE INSTINCTS Main Stage 5.00pm



## RUE Main Stage 3.30pm

## SARAH RANDLE Main Stage 2.00pm



# COURTNEY PINE

SUNDAY

31<sup>st</sup>



## Main Stage - 8.15pm

Courtney Pine is one of the most influential and visionary figures in British jazz, renowned for his fearless creativity and genre-crossing approach. A pioneering saxophonist, composer and bandleader, Pine has spent decades redefining what contemporary jazz can be, blending straight-ahead jazz with elements of reggae, funk, electronic music and spoken word.

Playing BlueTone Festival on Sunday evening, Courtney Pine brings a performance that is bold, dynamic and forward-looking – a powerful celebration of jazz as a living, evolving art form.

**Expect:** Contemporary jazz, improvisation, rhythmic energy.

**For Fans Of:** Sons of Kemet, Kamasi Washington, Pharoah Sanders.

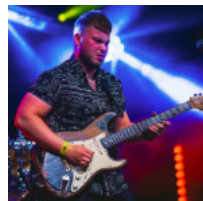


## KIRRIS RIVIERE AND THE DELTA DU BRUIT Main Stage 6.00pm



## SLINKY MACHINE Main Stage 3.00pm

## SENNA WEEKS Main Stage 4.15pm



## WRIGGLE VALLEY JAZZ BAND Main Stage 2.00pm



# GRASSROOTS & LOCAL MUSIC

## Live & Local STAGE

Join us at the Live & Local Stage to see some great local and grassroots artists.

Located in the Soul Food area of the festival site you do not need a ticket to watch between 5pm-8pm Thursday & Friday and 11.30am-7pm Saturday & Sunday.

### Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> May

5.00pm Setria 3  
7.00pm The Shalaings  
8.30pm Rebecca & The Jazz Code 5 Piece \*

### Friday 29<sup>th</sup> May

5.30pm Jackfruit  
7.00pm Jess Cunningham

### Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> May

12.00pm John-Paul Guard  
1.00pm Blues In The Pews Reunion Band  
3.00pm Watson-Fowler  
4.30pm Tyler Wilson  
6.15pm Rob Husband  
8.15pm BlueTone Jam \*

### Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> May

12.00pm Rainy Weather  
1.00pm Mali Drift  
2.30pm Tom Toomey & Milly Riquelme  
7.45pm George Evans  
5.15pm Tone Big Band  
7.30pm BlueTone Jam \*

Timings subject to change - check the latest version of the guide >>

\* Access to these performances needs a ticket

# TICKETS

**THURSDAY 28th**  
Evening

**£35**

**FRIDAY 29th**  
Evening

**£40**

**SATURDAY 30th**  
ALL DAY

**£45**

**SUNDAY 31st**  
ALL DAY

**£35**

**FESTIVAL PASS**  
All four days

**£119**

Tickets available from the festival website:  
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or from Taunton Visitor Center

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# SOUL FOOD

Alongside the Live & Local Stage is our Soul Food area which contains food traders and our bar from Branscombe Brewery, the list of food traders are below:

## **Shakey's Diner**

Classic American Diner comfort food

## **Seeing Doubles**

Trinidadian fusion food

## **Cafe Dish**

Inspired vegan and vegetarian food

## **Cullens BBQ**

Smokehouse BBQ Trailer

## **The Churros Company**

Traditional Spanish churros

## **Chariot of Fire**

Wood Fired Pizza

## **World Food**

Persian flat bread topped with saffron marinated chicken, spicy meatballs or falafel

## **Branscombe Brewery**

Award Winning Ales

## **Sheppy's Cider**

## **Opening Times:**

Thursday & Friday 5pm - 8pm (9.30pm for ticket holders)

Saturday & Sunday 11.30am - 7pm (9.30pm for ticket holders)



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**TAUNTON  
TOWN  
COUNCIL**



**BB BRANSCOMBE  
BREWERY**



**LIVEWIRED**  
Lighting

*SOUTH SOMERSET*  
**VANS**

A decorative horizontal line with a yellow and black gradient, ending in a series of small vertical bars.

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# Live & Local STAGE

Enjoy the Sights &  
Sounds of the Live &  
Local Stage and listen to  
local and grassroots  
artists

Savour the flavours and smells  
of cuisine from around the  
world in our Soul Food area, and  
you won't go thirsty with award  
winning ales from Branscombe  
Brewery and local ciders from  
Sheppy's

# SOUL FOOD

## FREE ACCESS

THURSDAY & FRIDAY 5.00pm - 8.00pm

SATURDAY & SUNDAY 11.30am - 7.00pm

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