



Norwich Pride 2018 Access Survey Results



1. How many times have you come to Norwich Pride?

1, 8, 2, 3, 5, 5, 8, 2, 3, 4, 8/9, 7, 0, 4, 2, 3, 3, 6, 3, 1

2. What's your favourite thing about Norwich Pride?

- How diverse and friendly it is!!
- The Parade
- The atmosphere x4
- The march
- Seeing and catching up with old friends
- Live acts
- Equality
- The sense of community and togetherness
- being with other happy LGBT+ people
- Inclusivity and the chance to catch up with friends
- The people are all happy no matter where they come from
- Meeting people and the whole atmosphere
- How it's such a safe, friendly space for everyone.
- How the city feels welcoming and safe for everyone
- DIVERSITY
- The celebration of everyone's individuality & sheer enjoyment & fun of the event

3. What's it like to be LGBT and disabled in Norfolk?

- Still a struggle at times with close minded individuals
- In Norwich, not so bad. I'm not very disabled though so can't speak for the majority
- Being LGBT in Norfolk is fine. Being disabled makes no difference to me
- Difficult
- Easier in Norwich for both. Lonely. Not much opportunity to connect with either community unless well or financially secure, also public transport not too easy in norfolk
- Not so good. It's difficult to connect with others in a similar situation.
- Hard as its hard to find others who's the same
- I'm not LGBT but hold values of equality and diversity.norfolk has changed its views regarding lgbt and disabled persons
- a struggle
- Some people don't realise you can be both so sometimes it's a battle. Also a lot of people in Norfolk are quite ignorant and or racist and I feel like it's gonna take them forever to stop being homophobic if they are still racist and narrow minded. A previous carer referred to a black person as a darkie and at that point

I lost all hope of the majority of people in Norfolk not being homophobic too. It's like being in the dark ages

- Ok in city, crap in villages
- It can be challenging
- No problems in my personal experience.
- Isolating
- Getting around is difficult. Where places do make efforts, it's often only wheelchair access.
- GETTING WORSE
- I'm disabled but not LGBT but I have friends who are both and I know for them it can be really isolating on both fronts and frustrating

4. What have we done well around access at Norwich Pride?

- I think it is accessible for everyone
- Year on Year it's gotten better and better
- Taken advantage of the natural undulation and flat areas in the city
- Platform for wheelchair users to view performance seems like a good thing. Having signers also a good thing
- I walk with crutches and have never had access issues with Norwich pride, so all good.
- Tried to make Pride accessible to all
- Stewards for particular help...but possibly not with the highly involved training that being an access for all things and all people officer naturally requires!
- One year, a quiet place was provided for resting; and there was a special viewing area too. That was excellent, although the viewing area was a little squashed!
- Short cut routes if can't walk to far
- I support the LGBT movement and helped change persons perspectives
- excellent core values and good intentions
- Access stewards in a differently coloured high vis vest - makes them easy to spot in the crowd when you need help
- Venues
- Made it easier for wheelchair access
- People with disabilities leading the parade is good, as long as the people in front of them don't run off or it defeats the point completely.
- Disabled access at start and end points of parade
- Most events are on flat, stable, surfaces. I like that the parade route has "shortcuts"
- QUITE GOOD maybe need more female toilets
- Having the 3 central focal points nearby with the forum, city hall & chapelfield and Stewards helpfulness

5. What could we do better around access?

- Listen to issues disabled people are raising. They live with the disability.
- Train access and information officers. Available to all pride participants. Come the other way at it, appoint people and areas and options that all can access if they feel like it.
- Provide some unplugged entertainment. Many of us have a problem with the noise. Wheelchairs don't do well on grass, so a form of matting/ boardwalk kind of thing for wheelchairs/scooters would be welcome. Avoid cobbles along the parade route. Start the parade later to allow chronically ill people who rely on carer help to arrive in time to participate.
- I think disabled people should mingle the the rest of the parade not put up front we are not so different to anyone else
- Keep it the same
- communication about arrangements, making sure things actually happen that are listed on the website and that people with invisible disabilities aren't forgotten. remember that not all D/deaf and HOH people sign.
- You have done quite a lot re access etc so it's good things are provided but it all needs work to be honest. Lack of clear signage, inconsistent with rest area and it never included an area to lie down, at some prides the March has come through the middle of the disabled seating area, the disabled seating area has in the past been put at an angle making it hard to see the stage directly, stop the parade on the hill by city hall - this makes it so hard for those in manual wheelchairs, previously the parade route went round the back streets and alleys meaning we had to negotiate narrower paths and cobbles - cobbles are a bugger when you're on wheels
- Make dates more visible
- Have plenty of stewards to assist disabled people
- Hard pathways over the grass are good.
- Organise something for the after parties at the pubs etc - difficult to get into those
- More visible signage. Marking accessible facilities on the parade route. Providing quiet low-lit areas for stimming and recovering from anxiety attacks.
- Accessibility to the March

6. How could you help us to improve access at Norwich Pride

- By answering this questionnaire, by sharing it on social media, by offering to help, all of which I've done.
- I'd be a parade buddy
- I don't know - what needs to be done? If you hold meetings on a Sunday afternoon, I will come.
- Involve organisations and charities to get views of other people
- advise re needs of deaf and HOH people who don't sign for talks etc., advise re needs of some people with invisible disabilities. health permitting assist with reviving the Norwich Pride Access facebook group,

- By filling out a survey like this. I'm mostly housebound so unable to attend meetings. I also find phone calls tricky too
- Have been on the access team before and am willing to assist
- I am unsure. More surveys like this I suppose.
- Being asked for opinions like this
- By reporting issues on the day rather than afterwards via feedback forms
- I'd like to do the route and view it from a disabled persons perspective

7. What would your dream day at the 10th Norwich Pride be like?

- Like last year!
- Music, Fun, Party, Colour
- Having the feeling that after an hour there is still more to appeal to me. I have that with most Prides. A drag tent would be good but Norwich is not big enough for that.
- Sunny. Lots of music. The kids would be happy.
- Free beer
- The woman I like would like me! Haha! Pride is always awesome! Love it!
- Party in the sun without any responsibilities really but it's ok to give something back from time to time!
- 2pm Parade followed by lots of fun, music and - much like last year, but with some quieter musical activities/performances - last year was lovely, but i had to miss the parade as it started to early, and it was too noisy.
- It fantastic the way it is maybe more stalls with disabled people running them eg learning disabilities with more easy read info
- Carry out the party atmosphere but for people not to go too extreme as children are present. Be gays be proud but don't give a wrong impression
- being able to be part of the parade and enjoy question time, etc with lots of happy people and to have quiet spaces to sit and rest
- A fun filled happy day out with friends, a suitable area so I can rest in peace and quiet and lay down, ice cream!
- Fun
- To have plenty Of good weather and an enjoyable time
- Pretty much the same as it has been before ??
- Enjoyable. Feeling like everyone else
- Free from rain and not too hot. Picnic in Chapelfield Gardens, marching with the parade (or watching depending on the person I care for). Then shopping and a meal somewhere welcoming in the city
- To be involved and able to participate in all areas of the day.

8. What is your disability?

- Bereavement
- Cancer. Might be more appropriate to ask what my impairment is
- osteoarthritis on my hips
- M.E. (affects balance, coordination and energy)

- Exhaustion mental and physical, breathing issues in damp weather or cold.
- Brain injury, severe ME, fibromyalgia, deafness, hyperacusis, photosensitivity, migraine, vertigo.
- Learning disability
- Dyslexia
- ME + deaf
- Severe M.E and hard of hearing
- Spinal stenosis, use a wheelchair or stick
- I am a full time wheelchair user, but am fully active and more independent than you would imagine a disabled person could be.
- Spinal condition
- I am a carer for someone who can only walk with assistance and for short distances (but has access to a mobility scooter) and who is on the Autistic Spectrum.
- wheel chair user
- Chronic illness & pain in all joints causing mobility problems & severe fatigue

9. What is your gender/sexuality?

- Female x2
- Male
- Gay man x3
- Female, lesbian x4
- Non-binary/Pansexual
- Female and with a long term female partner, identify in the 2nd half of my life as gay.
- Bisexual
- Straight
- Lesbian
- I identify as a gay woman but technically I'm bisexual
- I am a trans man, but prefer not to use labels in any sense - we're all just human!
- Genderfluid (but defaults to male). Pansexual
- Female & heterosexual but passionate about LGBT equality & trans rights.

10. Is there anything else you'd like to tell us?

- Keep Norwich Pride accessible to all!
- I guess i could tell you what my particular needs are, or the things I might need help with now I'm familiar with the shape and venues of Norwich pride day. But think the symptoms I describe in the what disability box might be enough. I live With, and manage it, all the time so know how to do it...it's much easier to plan and arrange when I'm familiar with all sorts of finer details.the details I need to know. Loos, times, distance, nearest coffee bar to hide in from crowds, food availability, drinking water, shade...and as with any long day out I'd bring own seating and have a .back up plan

- Thank you for inviting our input.
- I'm very proud of Norwich Pride and those who've worked so hard to make it happen, but now it needs to develop so that it's truly accessible and inclusive and meets the needs of everyone
- Not have the police lead the pride
- Keep up the good work
- Just keep doing what you're doing. It's good.