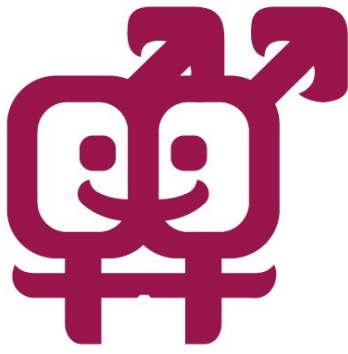


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Yikes! Halloween's looming: 31 Oct



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[Maspalomas Winter Pride](#) Gran Canaria 5-14 November

National Coming Out Day Monday 11 October 2021

My coming out story by Dave Walsh



Pink UK founder Dave Walsh recovering in hospital after four days up a French mountain



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Each of us (who have come out with their sexual orientation) have had to go through this initiation.

It can be a challenging point in your life but also something to look

back on with pride if you are fortunate to live in a LGBTQ+ friendly country.

I thought I should share my initiation, which is a bit different to most people. For most people coming out was telling others.

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Latest stats on pride listings

For **2021** PinkUK has **161** pride festivals and events in the UK and a total of **541** in **42** countries. For **2022** we now have **36** prides in the UK and have a total of **119** prides and events in **24** countries. you



have a venue or an event. [Pride lists](#)

Sexy underwear competition



Thank you to everyone who participated in the competition which closed on 30 Sept. and to adult store ESmale for the prizes. We will announce the winner **later in October**. You will receive a range of prizes including sexy underwear from Red Hot and C-in2. You'll look even sexier. [More info](#)

Featured pride: Ellesmere Port, Cheshire



Ellesmere Port Pride takes from Saturday 2 -3 October to Monday 2021. The organisers say it's a pride fun day. It will have live music, a dog show, stalls and lots of activities throughout

the day. The festival is very close to Cheshire Oaks designer outlet for all your clothes, Chester zoo and the walled city of Chester. There are also a few gay pubs in the city. [More info](#)



Scene is the top UK, free to read, online, LGBTQ+ magazine.

Scene has relaunched with a new print version.

[Here's a video showcasing Scene's new edition.](#)

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I was to admit to myself that I was a gay man, before I could come out to others. At the time, in 1995, I could not come out. I was in the British Army for 12 years as a volunteer in 23 SAS squadron in the UK special forces; then I would have been dismissed with a

dishonourable discharge. Fortunately, this homophobic rule was abolished in 2000. [My coming out story](#)

Love & Pink respect, Dave — founder PinkUK xx



PS have a super scary Halloween!

Featured venue: Elmfield B&B, Okehampton, Devon



Gay-run Elmfield B&B has established itself as an exceptional Bed & Breakfast guest house. It is ideally located for walking on Dartmoor and less than half an hour away from the River Tamar that leads you into Cornwall. The guest house is surrounded by the glorious Devonshire countryside and

innumerable local walks. The one acre of garden looks south over Dartmoor and guests are welcome to wander at will or sit and relax over a cup of tea or coffee. Sounds heavenly.

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[Elmfield B&B](#)

Covid travel rules change

According to the UK Government, from 4 am **Monday 4 October 2021**, the rules for international travel to England (the other UK nations have different rules) will move from the red, amber, and green system to a single red list of countries and

simplified travel measures for arrivals from the rest of the world.

The date also sees clearer rules for travellers with a fully vaccinated status.

[For more info go to UK Government site](#)

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