

Volunteer at the 2026 Cambridge Beer Festival for Cambridge Samaritans

18–23 May 2026 on Jesus Green, Cambridge.

Cambridge Samaritans is proud to be the official charity at the Cambridge Beer Festival, a major local event attracting over 30,000 visitors every year.

It is a big opportunity to raise vital funds for our branch while also having a rewarding volunteering experience at a vibrant community event.

We will be raising funds through **donated beer glasses and bucket collections** - and we need a fantastic team of volunteers to help make it happen.

Our goal is to collect 5,000 festival glasses over the six days of the festival.

With each glass deposit worth **£4.50**, every glass collected supports Samaritans' lifesaving work. £10 helps to answer a call for help, so every three glasses you collect will go towards this call and more. 1000 glasses will fund our Cambridge branch for a month.



Our volunteering booking site will open on 2 April. Please go to our website from that date for the live links. <https://www.samaritans.org/branches/cambridge/>



Festival Volunteer roles for our charity

Volunteers will help with:

- Collecting reusable glasses for the deposit donation or packing glasses into boxes
- Supporting bucket collections
- Assisting at our charity stand
- Helping create a visible, positive presence across the festival

We need about 50+ volunteers every day to cover all the shifts

Full guidance will be provided, plus free entry to the festival, coffee & tea in a breakroom, beer tokens and possibly meal tokens as well. You don't need previous experience - just enthusiasm and reliability. Pairs and groups are encouraged. Accompanied children and dogs are also welcome. And after, you are free to enjoy the festival.

Why it matters

**Every 10 seconds, Samaritans responds to a call for help.
*Cambridge Samaritans answered 28,000 of those calls last year.***

We are completely staffed by volunteers and funds raised will support our vital work reducing suicide and offering emotional support across our community and on the national helpline.

Our charity festival volunteers

- Aged 18+
- Able to commit to one or more short shifts (typically 3 to 3.5 hours). **The shifts at closing time are most crucial.**

The festival opening hours 18-23 May 2026:

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| Monday | 4:00pm – 10:00pm |
| Tuesday | 12:00 pm – 10:00pm |
| Wed - Friday | 12:00 pm – 3:00 pm and 5:00 pm – 10:00 pm |
| Saturday | 12:00 pm – 10:00 pm |

Whether you can give one shift or several, your contribution will make a real difference.

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