

August Bank Holiday Weekend

Friday 22 to Monday 25 August 2025



Every journey. Every day.

Disruption expected: Friday 22 – Monday 25 August 2025

TfGM are forecasting a busy transport network this weekend and are encouraging everyone making a journey to plan ahead.

On Friday 22 until Monday 25 August, Manchester Pride will return to the city centre to celebrate the history and culture of LGBTQ+ communities. Manchester Pride 2025 will see events taking place throughout the city centre over the weekend, but particularly centred around Manchester's Gay Village.

On Saturday 23 August, the Pride Parade will take place from midday, beginning at Castlefield Bowl and finishing at Sackville Gardens in the heart of The Village. The Parade will follow a route across the city centre, from Castlefield to the Village, via Deansgate, St Peter's Square, Portland Street and Princess Street.

To allow for Manchester Pride to take place, road closures will be in place in and around the Village from Friday 22 August – Monday 25 August, with significant road closures taking place on Saturday 23 August. Many bus routes which travel via city centre also affected. Those making journeys by car and bus are expected to experience some disruption, including longer travel times.

Multiple live events will take place in the city centre and Greater Manchester as a whole, including football at The Etihad Stadium and events at Salford Community Stadium. On Saturday at 12.30pm, Manchester City face Tottenham Hotspur in the Premier League, whilst at also on Saturday, The Women's Rugby World Cup 2025 comes to Salford Community Stadium at 12pm.

With thousands travelling through Manchester this weekend, including Pride Parade goers, rugby and football fans, city centre roads and public transport are likely to be much busier than usual.

You can find further information including bus diversion routes and road closure details, as well as the most recent updates at our [**dedicated stakeholder webpage**](#).

Information for those travelling to the events or making their way from A to B can also be found on the [TfGM website](#).

We have also prepared resources including key advice and newsletter text below and hope to work with you in sharing the message. If you have any questions about the information in this pack or would like to work with us on some bespoke travel advice, please contact events@tfgm.com.

Thank you for helping to keep Greater Manchester moving.

Key messages

The key message this weekend for the people of Greater Manchester is **whatever journey you're making, plan ahead and allow additional time for your journey.** We have tailored this key message to support different travel needs below:

- Road closures will be in place across the weekend, with several road closures in place from Friday 22 - Tuesday 26 August.
- On Saturday 23 August, there will be a significant number of road closures in the city centre and extensive bus diversions throughout the day to allow for the Manchester Pride Parade.
- Manchester City V Tottenham will also take place at The Etihad Stadium from 12.30pm on Saturday. Many roads in and around the city centre will be very busy, and delays can be expected if driving.
- We strongly advise those making journeys, to avoid driving into Manchester city centre and consider completing journeys by public transport. Many roads in the centre will be very busy, and delays can be expected if driving.
- With bus diversions also in place on many bus routes in the city centre, we advise those who makes regular journeys by bus, to check their route and plan ahead before they travel on Saturday.
- We're strongly advising anyone wishing to make a journey in or around the city centre on Saturday – by car or bus - to check [our dedicated webpage](#) before setting off. The site includes the Manchester Pride Parade route, the times and locations of road closures as well as the full list of bus diversions.
- Tram will be the best choice for travel throughout the weekend for event goers and the wider public. We advise those that usually drive into the city centre, to consider using one of our [park & ride sites](#) for free parking and to complete journeys by tram.

Sample newsletter text

Below is a short summary of the impact and advice, for inclusion in newsletters and email communications.

On Saturday 23 and 24 August, Pride celebrations will return to Manchester city centre.

The Pride Parade will take place on Saturday 23 August. The parade will leave from Castlefield Bowl at 12pm. Events will be taking place throughout the city centre across the weekend, and road closures will be in place to allow for the pride celebrations to take place. Bus services will also be travelling on a diverted route through the city centre.

With further events taking place on Saturday 23 August afternoon, including Manchester City V Tottenham at The Etihad Stadium and Women's Rugby World Cup 2025 at Salford Community Stadium, roads in and around the city centre will be very busy.

Anyone making a journey by car or bus this weekend is advised to check their route before travelling, and leave more time than usual for travel, to avoid disruption.

Additional information about Manchester Pride 2025 and advice for travelling this weekend can be found at our dedicated [Getting to Pride webpage](#).

If you have any questions about the information in this pack or would like to work with us on some bespoke travel advice, please contact events@tfgm.com.

Thank you for helping us to keep Greater Manchester moving.

Follow [@BeeNetwork](#) on Twitter/X and visit the [Bee Network website](#) for the latest travel updates.

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Appendix A: Pride Parade Road Closures

Closed from 6am to between 5.30pm and 6pm
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Liverpool Road (Water Street to Deansgate) • Stone Street (Bridgewater Street to Liverpool Road)
Closed from 10.30am to between 3.30pm and 6pm
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Barton Street (Liverpool Road to Tonman Street) • Byrom Street (Liverpool Road to Tonman Street) • Southern Street (Liverpool Road to Bridgewater Street) • Barton Street (Liverpool Road to Bridgewater Street) • Duke Street (Liverpool Road to Rice Street)
Closed from 10.30am to between 4pm and 6pm
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Deansgate (Liverpool Road to Peter Street)
Closed from 10.30am to between 4.40pm and 6pm
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Peter Street (Deansgate to Oxford Street) • Oxford Street (Peter Street to Portland Street)
Closed from 10.30am to between 5pm and 6pm
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Portland Street (Peter Street to Princess Street)
Closed from 10.30am to between 5.30pm and 6pm
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Princess Street (Portland Street to Whitworth Street)
Closed from 10.30am to 6pm
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Whitworth Street (Princess Street to Fairfield Street) • Fairfield Street (Whitworth Street to London Road)

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Appendix B: Major Events in Greater Manchester over the weekend

Event	Event Type	Date	Venue	Start	End
Moulin Rouge!	Show	22/08/2025	Palace Theatre	7:30 pm	
An Evening With Sir David Jason	Show	22/08/2025	The Lowry	7:30 pm	
Manchester Pride	Event	22/08/2025	Manchester city centre		
The Maccabees	Concert	22/08/2025	O2 Victoria Warehouse	7:00 pm	
Manchester City v Tottenham	Football	23/08/2025	Etihad Stadium	12:30pm	2:30pm
Moulin Rouge!	Show	23/08/2025	Palace Theatre	2:30 pm	TBC
Moulin Rouge!	Show	23/08/2025	Palace Theatre	7:30 pm	TBC
An Evening With Sir David Jason	Show	23/08/2025	The Lowry	7:30 pm	
Australia v Samoa	Rugby	23/08/2025	Salford Community Stadium	12:00 pm	
Manchester Pride Parade	Event	23/08/2025	Manchester city centre		
Riverdance	Show	23/08/2025	Opera House	2:30 pm	
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Scotland v Wales	Rugby	23/08/2025	Salford Community Stadium	2:45 pm	
Manchester Originals Women v Birmingham Phoenix Women	Cricket	24/08/2025	Emirates Old Trafford	2:30 pm	
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Manchester Pride	Event	24/08/2025	Manchester city centre		
Riverdance	Show	24/08/2025	Opera House	2:30 pm	
Riverdance	Show	24/08/2025	Opera House	7:30 pm	
Cirque: The Greatest Show	Concert	24/08/2025	Stockport Plaza	7:30 pm	
UK B-Boy Championships –	Champion ships	24/08/2025	Emirates Old Trafford	4:00 pm	9:00 pm

Moulin Rouge!	Show	25/08/2025	Palace Theatre	7:30 pm	
Manchester Pride	Event	25/08/2025	Manchester city centre		
Riverdance	Show	25/08/2025	Opera House	7:30 pm	