

Shindig Festival announces first-tier music line-up for 2026

Signalling the start of the summer, Shindig Festival (**21st–24th May 2026**) reveals the first wave of its 2026 line-up today.

The family-friendly event returns to the arboretum of **Charlton Park Estate, Wiltshire**. Bringing a packed programme of entertainment for all ages, Shindig Festival offers relaxation and revelry in equal measures.

Recommended by Emily Eavis, Glastonbury organiser, the festival has been dubbed “a pint-sized version of Glastonbury”. It’s now back for its twelfth year with an eclectic line up and one of the friendliest festival crowds in the UK.

As well as famous sonic heroes and heroines, the programme is peppered with lesser-known acts but soon-to-be-festival favourites. Rapidly rising, **Fat Dog** fuse dance-punk, techno, klezmer and industrial pop. They're already sharing stages with major acts including support slots for Foo Fighters. **Snapped Ankles** are raw, ritualistic dance-punk – they have a late-night slot for big rave.

WAR, the iconic Long Beach funk, soul, rock band are known for massive sing-along classics like Why Can't We Be Friends, Low Rider and Spill the Wine. They're performing their only UK show outside London. Not forgetting **Chali 2NA** the bass baritone voice from Jurassic 5 - he is bringing his newly-formed live band.

For some head-down hedonism, drum & bass fans will enjoy **Pola & Bryson**, a Jungle Cakes takeover featuring **Serial Killaz**, **Deekline**, **Ed Solo**, **Kaya Faya** plus **Born On Road's Kelvin 373** and his daughter **Kaisha**.

Disco and house lovers can look forward to **Colleen Cosmo Murphy** and **Aroop Roy**. Live dance acts include **2Fox**, **Close Counters** and **Joshua Idehen** - offering a powerful mix of soulful electronic performance, emotional storytelling and jazz inspired musicality.

Breaks fans are well catered for with the **Stanton Warriors** who are bringing their new project Rebel Bass for a stage takeover. Showcasing upcoming artists from around Europe - **Borez**, **Sveti**, **Jem Haynes** who was resident at Space in Ibiza for 10 years - to mention a few.

MY BABY – the much-loved Dutch trio whose riff-driven, roots-psych sound has travelled from cult favourite to major festival stages are on the bill. **TEKE::TEKE** – the Japanese-Canadian psychedelic rock collective known for their explosive, cinematic sound. **Smag På Dig Selv** – Denmark's wildest genre-twisters, will deliver high-octane live chaos.

Reggae, dub and global-bass energy from rootsy, sound-system-driven festival favourites like **Mungo's Hi Fi** (making their long-awaited Shindig debut), **The Hempolics**, **Laid Blak**, **Omega Nebula** and **Kotoa**. Shindig stalwarts include: **A.Skillz**, **Altern 8** and **Dub Pistols** for a special Dj set.

More than Music

Festivals are opportunities to fuel up on fun, connection and inspiration. **Led by Donkeys** – a team of disruptors who hold powerful people accountable – will be talking about their art and activism. Not to be missed. From talks, poetry, award-winning street food, there's plenty of opportunity to chill out with mates, sip something cold and people watch.

Attention-stealing art installations

Imagine walking round a giant outdoor art gallery stuffed with sculptures that look like they've fallen from Mars. More than ever before, there will be mind-bending pieces at every turn - from the most visionary and trailblazing creatives of today - including **WREKON**, **James Kearney** and **the Mutoid Waste Company**.

Family-friendly

Part of what makes Shindig special is that it's the ideal weekend for party people with children. Voted '**Best For Family Rave**' by **Festival Kidz**, this year sees the return of **Graffiators**, the much loved **Super Pirates**, **World Jungle**, **Colour Town**, not forgetting the hugely popular **fun fair**. Nothing is too far away, so kids can run free and parents can relax. Look out for the cycling piano with **Rimski** and **Handkerchief** playing her double bass on wheels.

Showcasing local talent

The Hobo Stage of comedy and music is the place to congregate for talks, cabaret and open mic sessions. Rather like a Bath busking stage - it's a place to showcase and nurture home-grown talent.

Makers and Craft Area

Explore some traditional skills and get creative. From making plant hangers, knives, puppets, pottery and poms poms, to jewellery, woodwork and upcycling clothes - the craft corner is the place for busy fingers.

An Oasis of Calm

Head to the Holistic Sanctuary to reset, unwind and reconnect with yourself. This chill out cafe is set in amongst the trees to get away from the hustle and bustle.

Si Clarke Festival Co Founder says:

"The feedback from 2025 was overwhelming - people told us it was our best year ever so we're aiming to top that. We're moving even more of the action into the beautiful arboretum and creating magical hidden spaces for people to discover. For those who love the intimacy of a small festival but want the scale of a broad lineup, we've got you covered!"

Bringing a healthy dose of foot-stomping funk and a packed programme of entertainment for all ages, Shindig is a small festival with a big soul.

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Notes to editors

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Hi res images: <https://tinyurl.com/shindigpress26>

Weekend adult tickets are on sale, priced at £175 plus booking fee for a limited time.

First phase line up and ticket info: www.shindigfestival.co.uk

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