



Freedom of Information Request FOI 23 70

Pride Month Information (events and merchandise)

Query and Response:

- Whether any events have been organised for Pride month. If so please provide the date, start and end time, and title/topic of the event

Hybrid (in person and teams) FirePride Network Meeting arranged for Wednesday 23rd June 10am-11am: this is not themed, but the new Equality and Diversity & inclusion Team are supporting the network lead in opening the network to allies. Agenda items include, celebrating and sharing activities from Pride month and discussing how we can support, raise awareness of and celebrate our LGTBQ+ staff and community throughout the rest of the year via the network.

Crews from Chippenham attended their local Pride event on Saturday 17th June: <https://www.chippenhampride.com/>

Crews from Weymouth attended their local Pride event on Saturday 17th June: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/chesil-youth-pride-2023-tickets-638030354967>

Beyond June, there will also be attendance at Bourne Free on Saturday 8th July and Swindon Pride on 12th August

- Whether any LGBT themed merchandise has been purchased for Pride month. i.e.since the beginning of the 2023/24 financial year. If so please provide me with information on what has been purchased and the cost

Biodegradable flags: 2500 flags were purchased for the 2023/24 events at the cost of £2125

Fabric and bamboo wrist bands: 500 wrist bands for 2023/24 at cost of £240

Stickers: 3000 stickers at a cost of £85

- Whether the organisation has sponsored any Pride events. If so which events and please provide details of the nature of the sponsorship (particularly the financial value

£600 has been budgeted for this financial year. As yet no event has been sponsored.

Information/Detail accurate on the date provided: 03, July 2023