



PARTNER SPOTLIGHT: PURPLE ORANGE ARTS VENUE

Gig Buddies West Lothian love getting out to gigs in our local area. We are so lucky that not only are we a reasonable bus or train journey away from Glasgow or Edinburgh but we have a wealth of live music here on our doorstep.

“When I became the local area coordinator for West Lothian I knew exactly where I would be heading to find local people who love getting out to gigs...Purple Orange!”

-Debbie, Gig Buddies West Lothian Project Coordinator

Before lockdown in March 2020 Gig Buddies West Lothian went along to a couple of gigs at Purple Orange. We were loving the opportunity to see local talent and getting to know Scott and Mike. Purple Orange is ran by Michael Mathieson and Scott Horsburgh, and has been running for 8 years. It is located on Union Road, Bathgate and their grassroots venue is through the back of the shop, Amp Music Store which has been opened for 3yrs.

Scott and Mike really got what gig buddies are all about and were keen for us to be included in their regular gig nights.

“We are all about the local music scene, from teaching your first chord to performing at one of our gigs or festival. Buying your first guitar, to maintaining your pride and joy and supporting local artists to play more in their local area. So, it’s easy to see why Gig Buddies and ourselves would make a great team!”

-Scott and Mike, Purple Orange



We were all disappointed when Amp Music Festival was postponed in March 2020. We were happy to hear the Amp music store and eventually that Purple Orange, the venue, were reopened, we knew it wouldn't be long until gigs returned!

Amp Music Festival was recheduled to take place on Saturday 4th September at Regal Theatre, Bathgate.

Even better news was to come for Gig Buddies West Lothian as Mike and Scott asked us if they could sponsor us and become one of our official partners!



Robert wearing his t-shirt!

"Mike and myself at the Purple Orange Arts Venue, and Amp Music Store, are delighted to be supporting Gig Buddies, such a great idea behind the scheme... we just had to get involved."

We'd love to help Gig Buddies grow alongside ourselves, we have the platform to help attract more members

and volunteers to them. Hopefully our surroundings will help everyone feel relaxed and comfortable and help them make the decision to give Gig Buddies a try!"

-Scott, Purple Orange

Gig Buddies West Lothian are delighted to be official partners with Purple Orange!

AMP MUSIC FESTIVAL -4TH SEPTEMBER 2021

Gig Buddies West Lothian held our September social at Amp Music Festival, and we were joined by our friends from Gig Buddies Edinburgh.

The Festival gets a big thumbs up from Gig Buddies with Thera!



Joseph and Cammy enjoying The Volts!

JOSEPH

“I loved it, it was amazing! The venue was great you could walk about in different rooms...it was really good! I liked that they mentioned gig buddies, it was amazing to hear them talking about us.”

Hopefully it will get us more volunteers, the more Gig Buddies grows the better it is for everyone!

I enjoyed going to the café and loved meeting up with the gig buddies from West Lothian. Getting there from Edinburgh was so easy by train. It was really worth £10 for the day...great music and a great day out.”

KIRSTY

“I liked the atmosphere. I’ve been to things like it a bit before, but really not much. I like how there’s two different rooms that you can go to with different music.”



Refuelling at the Bus Stop Cafe!



CLOUD 9



THINK FLOYD



POWERHOUSE

BILAL

"I enjoyed the festival and the venue.

I liked the atmosphere created by the audience and the performers.

I liked the performers at the start on the acoustic stage, and later, the ones singing Yellow Submarine!"



CAMMY

"I liked the acoustic room.

The music was really good, I enjoyed that. I enjoyed promoting gig buddies, and speaking to people about gig buddies."

KIRSTY

"I really enjoyed it a lot,

I liked the bouncing music!

I liked all the music and seeing people. The venue was big...it was a good venue to have it in, very accessible.

I enjoyed the atmosphere, it was good to be out to music festivals again."



GIG BUDDIES WITH THERA TRUST ARE LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS.

We match volunteers and members based on shared interests, and most of all, a love of getting out to live events. Whether your into pop, metal or ska, we have a buddy waiting for you!

If you love getting out to gigs and would be able to commit to going out once a month with your gig buddy, get in touch, we'd love to hear from you.

We have gig buddies waiting to be matched in West Lothian, Edinburgh and Glasgow. Volunteers receive online training and an annual expense budget to spend on gigs.



You can find us on Facebook @GigBuddiesThera
www.thera.co.uk/about/projects/gig-buddies



“I’ve had a great experience with Gig Buddies doing lots of different things with my gig buddy. We’ve been to many events and the Gig Buddies experience has definitely had a positive impact on both our lives” -Gig Buddies Volunteer

You can find out more about Purple Orange and Amp Music Store

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