

Glastonbury – shame on you.

As festivals go I have never had the desire (or not since the early 70s when it was Glastonbury Fair and the acts included david Bowie and Fairport Convention) to attend Glastonbury. Or “Glasto” as the trendy call it, ghastly Glasto, no, no, no.

The town is different; despite the surface tat the Tor will always retain that air of ancient spirituality and the Abbey ruins have their more recent Christianity (a mere 1500 years of definite recorded history, and a claim to five hundred more).

The modern festival doesn't appeal. Rarely acts I would spend so very much money to see in conditions of enormous discomfort. And I have been to Reading and Monsters of Rock in my day.

But this weekend was beyond pretension, rip off and boredom. Coldplay are boring!

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Don't send your kids. pic.twitter.com/ePwY1dup0I

– Alex Armstrong (@alexharmstrong) [June 30, 2024](#)

[Pat Condell – The Glastonbury](#) festival. The ugliest picture you'll see this year.

And editor of the Jewish Chronicle [Jake Wallis Simons](#) ;If

jihadis had invaded *Glastonbury* and massacred these kids with guns and grenades, the people at Nova would be standing in solidarity with you



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□ GLASTONBURY □ [@glastonbury](#) have allowed a “palestine” stall to sell badges depicting Israel being wiped out entirely and replaced with just the Palestine flag. [@emilyeavis](#) you wiped off Star of David’s from the M. Levine sign.

Care to explain this too?

□ [@_jacker_](#) pic.twitter.com/LswpUK9rRP

– Kosher□□ (@KosherCockney) [June 28, 2024](#)

And not on the subject of Palestine, Chris Rose comments

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Liz Kershaw is a mature and very experienced DJ who knows her

stuff.

1/2 Imagine the furore in 80s if [@glastonbury](#) had sold Irish flags to wave while the IRA were bombing English cities And yet pro-Hamas merchandise is being sold at Glastonbury just 9 months since terrorist group attacked raped butchered & killed Jewish festival goers in Israel.

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It wasn't all bad

We found the Nova flag people last night. Our hearts were full [#Glastonbury](#) [pic.twitter.com/ue3dl601hi](#)

– Marlon Solomon (@supergutman) [June 30, 2024](#)

I was sorry to read of the many small local music festivals (a couple very close to me that I usually attend for the day, sleeping in my own bed afterwards) that have foundered this year. Next year may be better. Glastonbury will be having a fallow year in 2026. I would prefer they had it next year and had a good think about direction.