

CELEBRATE VE DAY IN STYLE: EXPERT ADVICE ON HOW TO HOST THE PERFECT SUMMER STREET PARTY

- Neighbours up and down the country will be marking the 80th Anniversary of VE Day together this Thursday with celebratory street parties
- Celebrating communities can prep the perfect street soiree with the likes of trestle tables, bunting and BBQs all starting from just £9.49 at [DIY.com](https://www.diy.com)
- **B&Q's Head of Outdoor, Stephanie Chambers**, has shared her expert advice and product picks on hosting the perfect street party, with all products available now at www.diy.com

MAY 2025: From royal jubilees to summer fêtes, few traditions capture the spirit of British community quite like a street party. With the 80th anniversary of VE day on the horizon, many streets across the nation will be coming together to mark the occasion with a street soiree.

To mark the monumental occasion, councils across the county are waiving fees on street parties, so for those looking to bring a classic British community spirit to their streets, **B&Q's Head of Outdoor, Stephanie Chambers** has put together a guide to hosting the perfect street party.

B&Q's Head of Outdoor, Stephanie Chambers, says: "At its heart, a street party is more than just marking an occasion. It's about community, shared stories, and making memories with your neighbours. So, with just a bit of planning and some perfect product picks it's easy to create a festive atmosphere that encourages everyone to come together."

STEP 1: SET THE SCENE

Stephanie says: "First, you want to create a welcoming, weather-ready set-up. Though we hope for sun, British summer can be unpredictable at best, so having a space to shelter from the rain - or even the heat of the sun - is always a good idea. I recommend the [Suhali White Square Gazebo](#), which is lightweight but has enough coverage to keep your nearest and dearest in the shade.

Next, set up [foldable chairs](#) and [tables](#) to unfold the fun on the day and give you a place to put everything from snacks to any games you'll be playing. These are easy to pop-up and down on the day, which is ideal if you have a few extra neighbours turn up on the day. Add [classic bunting](#) and a [gingham tablecloth](#) to add to the overall festive atmosphere."

STEP 2: FIRE UP THE FOOD

Stephanie says: "A [charcoal BBQ](#) will step up your street party food from everyday to extraordinary, and it really doesn't have to break the bank. If it looks like rain, make sure to keep the BBQ covered under your open-sided gazebo. Double-click your tongs and line up your [BBQ tools](#) to make sure you look like a pro, and your neighbours will be asking you to do a street party every week."

STEP 3: KEEP IT COOL







Stephanie says: "Stay chilled for the whole day by loading up your [drinks cooler](#) with soft drinks, kids' juices, and a few adult favourites too. Add [reusable cups and plastic plates](#) to the line up to ensure everyone can eat and drink in comfort, and for an extra tip, try freezing some water bottles the night before. These will serve as ice packs and also as a refreshing beverage during a longer day.







Along with your food and drink, consider some outdoor games to really bring your community together, from [giant wooden tower tumbling](#) to [bean bag tossing](#), there's a game for everyone out there."

STEP 4: LIGHT UP THE NIGHT

Stephanie says: "By now, you already have a pretty perfect set up for your summer street party. So good, in fact, that your friends and neighbours may not want it to stop when the sun goes down. Consider adding some [solar-powered lights](#) alongside your bunting to add a warm ambience even when it gets dark. Hang the [string lights](#) along fences, add [lanterns](#) to the tables, and you can even drape lights around the gazebo - what's more, without any pesky plugs to worry about, you can simply sit back and enjoy the fruits of your earlier labours."

STEPHANIE'S PRODUCT RECOMMENDATIONS:

STREET PARTY PRODUCT GUIDE		
		
Suhali White Square Gazebo Tent Was £45 Now £36	Laurel Moonless blue Metal Foldable Picnic chair £14	5m Union Jack Retro Bunting Was £11.97 Now £9.49
		
Alan Symonds Gingham Tablecloth Red £22.99	GoodHome Willacy Black Charcoal BBQ 380 x 530mm £60	GoodHome 4 Piece Barbecue Tool Set £27

		
<p><u>Coleman Performance Blue Cooler 30QT</u></p> <p>£55</p>	<p><u>URBNLIVING 12 Pcs Reusable Dinner Picnic Set</u></p> <p>£11.99</p>	<p><u>Taylor & Brown 2in1 Wooden Bean Bag Toss & Washer Pitch Set</u></p> <p>£26.99</p>
		
<p><u>Smart Garden Solar-Powered 40 LED Outdoor String Lights</u></p> <p>£25</p>	<p><u>Umatilla Solar-Powered Integrated LED Outdoor Hanging Lantern</u></p> <p>£19</p>	<p><u>Smart Solar Firefly Solar-Powered 100 LED Outdoor String Lights</u></p> <p>£26.99</p>

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