

KATE HARDING

"Joining him is rising UK talent Kate Harding, whose warm, rootsy vocals and poetic charm have been turning heads across the folk and country circuit. Her support set will ease you into the evening with a blend of Americana shimmer and heartfelt balladry – an ideal pairing for Connolly's full-bodied sound"

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Biography

Kate Harding from Portsmouth, Hampshire, UK – made a life changing decision to become a Country recording on the back of emergency abdominal surgery in 2023, which made her realise that time is too short not to be making new music and performing. Something she had only dreamed of doing before.

+ **2024** Kate released debut single '**WALLFLOWER**'. Featured on BBC Introducing and reaching No.2 in the Express FM Local Music Chart. This is where Kate began her journey into establishing herself as a UK Country Recording artist and started performing live with a covers band and her first originals band.

+ **2025** released singles '**SHE STARTED IT**' and '**SHINY THINGS**' ahead of playing on the acoustic stage at **Country on the Coast Festival**, before playing a number of paid 'Kate Harding band' gigs, such as **The Lens Studio, Portsmouth Guildhall** as part of the **Future-Folk** event as well as her first multi-genre music festivals, such as the **main stage** at **Raising Spirit Festival**, Shortlisted **Acoustic/Country/Folk - Act of the Year** at **The Portsmouth Music Awards**

+ **2026** Kate played her first **support slot**, opening for Ags Connolly at **The Edge of the Wedge** venue inside The Wedgewood Rooms, Portsmouth as part of a Square Roots Productions '**The Americana Series**' event to a **SOLD-OUT** seated audience of 60 people. For her acoustic set of all original songs, Kate brought with her, co-writes and band members Jon Wheeler and Steve Wood. Both singer songwriters in their own right, Kate has a powerhouse of creativity and fun behind her when she is both crafting the songs and when she is performing them live. Kate was also part of the line up for **Icebreaker Festival**, Kate and her full band played in **The Vaults**, Southsea.

Kate is proud of the grassroots Portsmouth music scene she is part of and has been working with local Portsmouth Producers, Billy Gregory, Jim Harding, Sam Carter-Brazier, Steve Wood on her upcoming album of songs that she has written and songs she has co-written with friend, guitarist and band mate Jon Wheeler. Launch date tba



Radio Play and Radio interviews:

BBC Introducing, BBC Radio Solent, Victory Radio, Country Music Show Express FM, Local Music Chart Express FM, Voice FM, Future Hits Radio, Phoenix 98 FM, Country Roads Radio, Cheshire Mix 96, WYN FM Radio Australia, Radio Lyon France, Somervally FM, IDFM Radio France, East Coast FM, One Radio Malta, South Coast Music Chart, Amazing Radio UK, British Country Music Show, CMR Nashville, Amazing Radio USA, The Country Show BBC Radio Wales, BBC Berkshire, BBC Surrey, BBC Sussex, BBC Solent, BBC Kent.



LIVE Experience: Casemates Open Studios Event, Powder Monkey Brewery Gosport, Cranleigh Arts Centre, Alton Car Show, WightLink Ferry (during IOW festival), Secretts Farm Festival Godalming, Firebird Brewery, Seafire Taproom, Goddards Brewery, Jada Star's Nashville Writers Round, Hotham Park Bandstand, Resolution Records Bath, Sir Richard Steele London, Raising Spirit Festival, HMS Sultan MOD base, The Edge of the Wedge Wedgewood Rooms, Square Roots Promotions, Future-Folk, The Lens Studio Portsmouth Guildhall, Icebreaker Festival

Coming soon: Beers in the Barn Hayling Island, Meadowfest Whitely, Country & Cue Festival Reading, Raising Spirit Festival

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