

Features

one and only radio station



Dawn and station founder Mike Shipley – Shippers to the listeners – in the tiny room that houses Base Radio

was upstairs in the eaves of the adventure playground building, but this year they moved into a room next to Bristol Wireless (a social enterprise offering digital access to the community – bristolwireless.net). They are now on ground level, with a window, in the city farm's community building, and very happy with their new home.

Base Radio is an internet and app-based radio station. Broadcast live (when I was there on a Saturday morning there were 1,200+ live listeners), the

shows are also recorded, edited, then uploaded. Each DJ has their own Mixcloud stream, accessed via the website – so if you like what a particular DJ is playing you can follow them and listen whenever you like.

Most DJs also play live, out in the real world – there are regular Base Radio nights at Alterego on Whiteladies Road (last Friday of the month), and the Cider Press on Gloucester Road (Sundays). They also play one-off events – at the farm and other local venues. Dawn, DJ name Dizzy D, played

at a Hengrove Play Day in July.

"There are 10 directors of the station," Mike told me, "but that's a bit official – we're more like a family." There are an additional 10 or so other regular

DJs and presenters – all doing different shows, playing different stuff; some have a bit of patter, some presenters get more deeply into showcasing artists and discussing their discographies. There's a listing on the website with who plays what, when, so you can find programming that suits you. Or just tune in and see who you stumble on!

"We are always looking for new DJs," Mike told me. And it doesn't matter if you haven't done it before; like Dawn, within three weeks you could be confidently sharing your music with your community. It all felt very friendly, relaxed and non-pressured while I was there. "If you're interested just email us and come on down. Training is provided." You'll start with a half-hour slot in Shipper's Saturday morning show. Dizzy D now has her own show, on a Wednesday evening.

What does the future hold? "We really want to get South Bristol involved – this is your community station." Mike would love more people to get on board. For local bands "we are looking for artists who would like air play on our new Bristol Sounds Show." So send in your demos and CDs. There are opportunities for DJs and presenters, researchers, admin and more. You can also send in dedications, chat on the website, and listen in! • Instagram [base_radio_bristol](https://www.instagram.com/base_radio_bristol) Twitter [@baseradiobristol_umcf](https://twitter.com/baseradiobristol_umcf) Facebook [Base Radio Bristol](https://www.facebook.com/BaseRadioBristol) baseradiobristol.co.uk email: base_media@ymail.com

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