



Heavy Rock fans gather in their thousands for the inaugural Stonedead Festival 2018

Military style planning and plenty of smiles make Stonedead Festival a roaring success. The monster has awoken.

[Early bird tickets for 2019 are on sale now](#)

What started as a dream and in initial conversation on Facebook turned into reality August Bank Holiday Weekend 2018 as over 2000 heavy rock fans descended to Newark Show ground, the new home of the Monster for the inaugural Stonedead Festival.

The sun was shining and everything was shiny clean and new for Stonedead's first festival. No one knew what to expect but the sense of anticipation was palpable in the air.

From the moment compere **Krusher** appeared on stage the crowd appeared hooked and the vibe was old school enjoy yourselves. **Fallen Mafia** kicked us off their unique female fronted heavy rock style, deserved winners of the people's vote. Clearly enjoying the position of first band on the stage.

The DJ's from **Midlands Metalheads** kept the smiling rockers of all ages happy with the 'brief of hard and heavy music' played between each set. **Chrome Molly** entered the stage and immediately their easily identifiable polished NWBHM style whipped the crowd into paying attention and moving to the front. **Hand of Dimes** brought a different feel to Stonedead, the soulful melodic rock packed a serious punch which left everyone wanting more.

Massive Wagons following on from their UK top 20 album chart success brought home a high energy performance which both delighted and entertained. They are showing what a modern rock band can accomplish

with grass roots support. **The Graham Bonnet Band** brought back a stark memory of Graham on the first Donington stage and a significant new one not lost on all present as he showcased his work from his various collaborations along the way on our brand new stage.

They were followed by the legendary **Anvil**, who brought over 40 years of experienced power metal at its best to the first Stonedeaf Stage dedicated to **Tommy Vance**. A change in pace as **Wolfsbane** turned up the heat, they demanded attention and quite rightly received it. The energy clearly seen accords the arena as everyone got involved in the performance?

As the sun started to set, people attention went to food and drink! Boy do we do that well! So much so we had to move food vendors around to cope with capacity.

The Quireboys started of the rest of the night with a bang! The arena went wild and it was time for a party and from that moment on the crowds surged to the front and turned into huge **rock family** party having fun, helping each other out and sharing the experience. A magical moment occurred with **Blaze Bailey** shared the stage with **Spike** what a moment of rock history.

Finally the moment came for **Skid Row** to enter the stage, it was electrifying! The clear energy, enjoyment and passion they all have playing together can be tasted in the back of your mouth. It clearly rubbed off on the crowd who were screaming all the words to the songs **ZP** had each and every one of them in his hands baying for more.

We the organisers, are truly humbled that fellow fans have also missed a solid one day festival as much as we have done. We are grateful for all the support we have received and have learnt a few things along the way that we will change for next time. As for the organisers would we do it again - YES, the monster is definitely awake!

Tickets available from: www.stonedeaffestival.co.uk/tickets

Early Bird Ticket prices available until sold out:

Adults

Arena Only £40

Camping (2 nights) £50

Children under 14

Arena only £ 30

Camping (2 nights) £35



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Arena only £ 30

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Four pack arena £170

four pack camping £210

On the door:

Adult

Arena £60

Camping £70

Child under 14

Arena £40

Camping £45

Note: There is a Motor home /camper van supplement: £2 per home / van

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