

Cosmic Rays – Band Bio

Forming in 1998 in and around the comics industry, the lineup has changed a few times, with a new singer joining most recently.

With a foundation in progressive rock essence, over time our sound has evolved, embracing a more accessible and hookier and-rock and synth-rock feel that's both darkly danceable and profoundly chin-strokable.

Meet the current constellation:

Charlie Adlard: Drums and Triggers

Ross Callaghan: Guitars and Keys

Tim Cooke: Guitars

Kevin Darke: Vocals

Adam Knight: Bass and Keys

Cosmic Rays – Stage show tech rider

5 piece band consisting of:

Drums (standard kit plus chimes, and digital sample trigger pad)

Two guitar

Bass guitar

Two keyboards/synths

Lead vocals & two backing vocals

non tech:

Brown M&Ms (not the peanut ones, obv)

Water

Preferred promo photos:



Press-release – new line-up, live EP release and live shows summer '25

COSMIC RAYS RELEASE RAW, ONE-TAKE LIVE EP

“LIVE AT THE HARE AND HOUNDS” – OUT SEPTEMBER 2025

Shrewsbury-based alt-rock outfit Cosmic Rays are set to release their most honest work to date — Live at the Hare and Hounds, a raw, one-take live EP captured during a show in the summer of 2025. The EP will be available to stream from September 2025.

Known for their blend of soaring melodies, angular guitars, and rhythmic urgency, Cosmic Rays bring an unfiltered energy to this release. Recorded in full, with no overdubs, edits or enhancements, the EP is a bold statement of authenticity in an era of algorithmic perfection.

The performance was filmed and will premiere in full on YouTube to coincide with the EP release, but one of the videos – ‘Maltese Sunset’ - from this live show is available to watch now, to celebrate the launch of the band’s new website at www.cosmicrays.band. An EP launch party will take place at Alberts Shed, Shrewsbury, on the 19th September.

“We wanted to capture the soul of our music without the polish,” said bass player Adam Knight. “We are Cosmic Rays. This is us — live, loud, and unfiltered.”

Cosmic Rays are no strangers to the Midlands scene, with local radio play and growing buzz around their electric live shows. This upcoming live EP marks the first release in the band’s build-up to a third full studio album and a summer of live shows in 2026–2027.