

Vinyl La Revolution

A Record Store Is Coming To Penge

Many people have re-evaluated their lives during the last 2 years, including Ken and Conrad from Revolution Records. Friends and business partners, who share the love of music, took the plunge and are finally realising their dream. Originating in Stevenage, **Revolution Records Penge** is the 3rd independently run outlet of the Revolution brand, and opens its doors on Monday the 4th April.

When asked how this venture came about and why now, Ken's reply was simple: "Why not do something you love while you still can? Yes, these may be uncertain times, but then is there ever a right time to take a risk and follow your dreams?"

It was during lockdown that co-owners Ken and Conrad explored together what they would really love to do. Music has been their passion for as long as they can remember. While Ken is a life-long lover of reggae and Northern Soul, Conrad has always enjoyed electronic music and spent many a night in the London Clubs. It soon transpired that what unites them is not only their love for all kinds and genres of music, but the dream to share that enthusiasm with others. This is when Revolution Records Penge was born.

In the age of music being more widely and instantly accessible than ever before, does vinyl have a place? "People are discovering that, whilst the streaming platforms have their use, vinyl brings another dimension to the act of listening", Conrad explains.



Revolution Records, Stevenage



"Putting on a record takes time and focus, and it can really help you unwind from the stresses of everyday life. Listening to an entire album takes you on a journey and lets you discover the story being told, connecting you with the artist and their creative process."

Revolution Records Penge will specialise in selling great condition used vinyl along with a selection of new releases. The shop will also stock CDs, music related books, t-shirts, posters and more.

A special feature, and adding to the inviting atmosphere in the newly refurbished and decorated shop, is the 'Listening Room' - a separate space with a cosy 1970s vibe in which you will be able to stick on a record, lean back and switch off from the modern world for an hour or so.

Of course, Revolution Records will also be buying second hand vinyl, and you can get in touch or simply pop in if you want to give your preloved records a new lease of life.

A welcoming, dog-friendly destination for anyone, music lover or not, Revolution Records are excited to join the Penge community and support many of the local events.

"We can't wait to meet you - and hope you will enjoy (re-)discovering your passion for all things vinyl!"