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Name	Identity	First appearance	Year of coming out in the village	Last appearance	Romantic and/or sexual relations with people of the same gender	Notes
Zoe Tate	Lesbian woman	12th December 1989	1993 - 1994	22nd September 2005	Jude Clayton (Went out a few times and slept together, 1993) Emma Nightingale (Dating and cohabiting, 1995 ; relationship blessing, 1996) Susie Wilde (Dating and cohabiting, 1996) Sophie Wright (Dating and cohabiting, 1996) Becky Cairns (Affair, 1998) Frankie Smith (Dating, 1998) Charity Dingle (Affair, 2001)	Zoe has the most appearances and is the longest running lesbian on Emmerdale.
Jude Clayton	Lesbian woman	7th October 1993	1993	25th November 1993	Zoe Tate (Went out a few times and slept together, 1993)	
Emma Nightingale	Lesbian woman	19th January 1995	1995	1st June 2004	Susie Wilde (Dating, pre 1995) Zoe Tate (Dating and cohabiting, 1995 ; relationship blessing, 1996) Olivia (Dating, 2004)	

Susie Wilde	Lesbian woman	19th March 1996	1996	17th October 1996	Emma Nightingale (Dating, pre 1995) Zoe Tate (Dating and cohabiting, 1996)	
Sophie Wright	(Implied) bi/pansexual woman	15th October 1996	1997	26th November 1997	Zoe Tate (Dating and cohabiting, 1997)	
Becky Cairns	(Implied) bisexual woman	27th February 1997	1998	30th April 1998	Zoe Tate (Affair, 1998)	
Anthony Binns	Gay man	Unseen	1998	Unseen	Unknown man (Affair, c. 1998)	Anthony Binns was Bernice Blackstock 's first husband. He and Bernice's marriage ended after she discovered that he slept with another man so Bernice divorced him and moved to Emmerdale for a fresh start.
Frankie Smith	Lesbian woman	13th April 1999	1999	26th January 2001	Zoe Tate (Dating, 1999 - 2001)	
Jason Kirk	Gay man	2nd December 1999	1999	20th December 2002	Gavin Ferris (Affair, 1999)	
Gavin Ferris	Gay or bisexual man	4th May 1999	1999	30th December 1999	Jason Kirk (Affair, 1999)	
Charity Dingle	Bisexual woman	30th March 2000	2001	#	Zoe Tate (Affair, 2001) Vanessa Woodfield (Sleeping together, 2017 ; Dating and cohabiting, 2018 ; engaged, broke up, and got back together, 2019 , broke up again, 2020)	Charity is the longest running bisexual woman on <i>Emmerdale</i> .

Paul Lambert	Gay man	10th September 2004	2004	2nd September 2015	Enzo Bianchi (Dating, 1996 - 2004) Ivan Jones (Dating, 2005) Grayson Sinclair (Affair, 2006) Jonny Foster (Dating, cohabiting, married, and divorced 2007 - 2008 ; got back together, 2009)	Paul has a drag act called <i>Thelma Louise</i> .
Enzo Bianchi	Gay man	30th November 2004	2004	1st December 2004	Paul Lambert (Dating, 1996 - 2004)	
Ivan Jones	Bisexual man	5th May 2005	2005	2nd August 2006	Paul Lambert (Dating, 2005)	
Debbie Dingle	unknown	24th December 2002	2006	#	Jasmine Thomas (Dating, 2005 , 2009)	
Jasmine Thomas	unknown	30th June 2005	2006	26th March 2009	Debbie Dingle (Dating, 2005 , 2009)	
Grayson Sinclair	Bisexual man	3rd March 2006	2006 - 2008	2nd September 2008	Paul Lambert (Affair, 2008)	
Jonny Foster	Gay man	22nd February 2007	2007	27th January 2009	Paul Lambert (Dating, cohabiting, married, and divorced 2007 - 2008 ; got back together, 2009)	

Aaron Dingle	Gay man	24th December 2003	2009 - 2010	#	<p>Jackson Walsh (Dating, 2010 - 2011) Ed Roberts (Dating and cohabiting, 2012 - c.2014)</p> <p>Finn Barton (One night stand, August 2014)</p> <p>Robert Sugden (Affair, 2014 - 2015; public relationship and cohabiting 2016 -2017; first engagement and unofficial wedding ceremony, 2017; married 2017)</p> <p>Alex Mason (Dating 2017 - 2018)</p> <p>Robert Sugden (Cohabiting, engagement, and marriage, 2018; married, 2018 - 2020)</p>	
Jackson Walsh	Gay man	22nd March 2010	2010	7th June 2011 26th July 2011 (video message)	Aaron Livsey (Dating, 2010 - 2011)	
Ali Spencer	Bisexual woman	17th October 2011	2011	26th August 2015	Ruby Haswell (Dating and cohabiting, 2011 - 2014 ; married, 2014 - 2015)	
Ruby Haswell	Lesbian woman	20th October 2011	2011	5th August 2015	Ali Spencer (Dating and cohabiting, 2011 - 2014 ; married, 2014 - 2015)	
Ed Roberts	Gay man	8th February 2012	2012	5th April 2012	Aaron Livsey (Dating and cohabiting, 2012 - c.2014)	Ed is the first LGBTQ+ person of colour to appear on <i>Emmerdale</i> .
TJ Woods	(Potentially) gay man	19th October 2003	2012	21st January 2011		In October 2012 , Brenda visited Jean and TJ in Morocco. When she returned, she told Bob that she suspected that TJ might be gay.

Vanessa Woodfield	Questioning woman	10th December 2012	2013	#	Rhona Goskirk (Affair, 2013) Charity Dingle (Sleeping together, 2017 ; Dating and cohabiting, 2018 ; engaged, broke up, and got back together, 2019 , broke up again, 2020)	
Finn Barton	Gay man	6th December 2013	2014	6th October 2017	Aaron Livsey (One night stand, August 2014) Kasim Sabet (Dating, 2016 - 2017)	
Robert Sugden	Bisexual man	22nd April 1986	2016	1st November 2019	Unnamed farmhand (2001) Aaron Dingle (Affair, 2014 - 2015 ; public relationship 2016 - 2017 ; first engagement and unofficial wedding ceremony, 2017 ; married 2017 - 2019 ; cohabiting, engagement, and marriage, 2018 ; married, 2018 - 2020)	Robert is the longest running LGBTQ+ character, and has more appearances than any other LGBTQ+ character.
Alex Mason	Gay man	18th September 2017	2017	22nd February 2018	Aaron Dingle (Dating 2017 - 2018)	
Kasim Sabet	Gay man	20th October 2016	2016	16th February 2017	Unnamed boyfriend (Up to 2016) Finn Barton (Dating, 2016 - 2017)	
Lawrence White	Gay man	30th September 2014	2017	11th January 2018	Harold Birch (Affair, 1960s) Ronnie Hale (Affair, c. 1980 ; public relationship and cohabiting, 2017)	Lawrence was imprisoned for homosexuality in the 1960s . During his time in prison, he was subject to aversion therapy, to cure him from being gay. He was often made sick and left in a cell for days at a time without a toilet. They also attached electrodes to Lawrence and gave him electric shocks when they showed him pictures of young men but not when they showed young women.
Harold Birch	Gay man	Unseen	2014	Unseen	Lawrence White (Affair, 1960s)	

Ronnie Hale	Gay man	14th April 2016	2016	1st August 2017	Lawrence White (Affair, c. 1980 ; public relationship and cohabiting, 2017)	
Liv Flaherty	Asexual woman (implied hetero-romantic)	25th February 2016	2017 - 2018	#		Liv is the first ever asexual character in a British soap.
Matty Barton	Straight trans man	17th July 2009	2018	#		In April 2019 , despite various people in the village disagreeing with it, Matty has his top surgery. When he awoke from the surgery, he was so happy that he starts to cry.
Ethan Anderson	Gay man	7th January 2021	2021	#		
Luke Posner	Unknown man	29th August 2019	2021	#	Ethan Anderson 's flatmate (Dating, or potentially just sleeping with, pre 2019)	

Real World

Name	Identity	Role
Michelle Hardwick	Lesbian woman	Vanessa Woodfield , 2012 - present
Kate Brooks	Lesbian woman	Assistant Producer, 2017 - 2018 ; Series Producer, 2018 - present
Ash Palmisciano	Transgender man	Matty Barton , 2018 - present
Kris Mochrie	Gay man	Unnamed bloke , 2010 ; Instructor (Episode 7314/7315) , 2015 ; Lee Posner , 2019
Max Parker	Gay man	Luke Posner , 2019 - present