

Berwick Film Society – Annual Report for the year 1st July 2020 to 30th June 2021

**The society is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation number 1174531
registered on 6th September 2017**

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The objectives are:

For the benefit principally of the residents of North Northumberland and the Scottish Borders to:

- advance the education of members of the community and general public in the understanding and appreciation of the arts, in particular film and media arts;
- organise, run or arrange screenings of films, media arts and allied visual exhibition in a manner which allows wide accessibility;
- promote study and appreciation of film and media arts through exhibitions, lectures, workshops, discussions and in any other way the charity chooses.

The Trustees are:

- Genevieve Poole – Co-ordinator
- Maurice Ward - Treasurer
- John Spiers - Membership

The governing constitutional document is “Constitution of a Charitable Incorporated Organisation whose only voting members are its charity trustees”, dated 1st Sept 2017.

At a meeting (by email) of the Trustees on 16th August Maurice Ward was appointed for a further three years.

Achievements during the year

During this year due to Covid no film screenings were made in a venue for a live audience. In the circumstances there were no season passes sold and total income for the year was nil. Last year four films were cancelled for “lock down” compliance. Passholders did not want refunds. Thus, our decision is to provide four free films for those passholders during the next viable season.

During the year there were 2 online film appreciation courses managed by Berwick Educational Association and grants were made to cover the costs. The attendance was good and the content appreciated by those who joined the sessions.

We also experimented with screening films on line. The first attempt was unsuccessful as there were technical difficulties plus the provider failed to screen a film on the date agreed. We investigated other opportunities but did not consider the films on offer would be attractive for our pass holders. The free on line screenings were not well attended.

Other activities

The society supported the cost of screenings for the Berwick Film & Media Arts Festival (£500)..

Administration and management

All activities for the operation of the society during this year were carried out by the Trustees on a voluntary basis.

Finance and Reserves

Accounting is reported on an Income and Expenditure basis; annual accounts are submitted to the Charity Commission.

It is a policy to hold substantial reserves. We screen the films at The Maltings Theatre and Cinema it has been announced that it has achieved substantial funding and in a year or two will be closed for approximately 2 years for substantial renovations. We do not know what facilities may be available to us during this period. The reserves will cover the purchase of new high quality cinema equipment to enable us to continue screening films in another venue.

The future

These reserves are now particularly highly valued as Covid means that other aspects of the future are uncertain. We do not know how many of our passholders will return to a cinema with no restrictions. Social distancing within a cinema will reduce audience numbers to a point of events being financially non-viable.

We will be canvassing our supporters views in the very near future.

The Maltings has recently announced that it is planning to reopen in September with no audience restrictions. We will be investigating the viability of returning to screening films there as is soon as is practicable. We have already shortlisted a number of films for the next season.



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Charity Name
Berwick Film Society

No (if any)
1174531

Receipts and payments accounts

For the period from	Period start date July 1st 2020	To	Period end date June 30th 2021
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Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £
A1 Receipts				
Seasons Passes	-	-	-	-
Box Office	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	-	-	-	-
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).				
	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	-	-	-	-
A3 Payments				
Film Licences	738	-	-	738
Brochure	-	-	-	-
General Admin	12	-	-	12
Previewing films	119	-	-	119
Venue Hire	-	-	-	-
Website	12	-	-	12
Grants	536	-	-	536
Special Event	-	-	-	-
Sundry	105	-	-	105
Sub total	1,522	-	-	1,522
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)				
	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-
Total payments	1,522	-	-	1,522
Net of receipts/(payments)	- 1,522	-	-	- 1,522
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	19,173	-	-	19,173
Cash funds this year end	17,651	-	-	17,651

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	Bank	17,578	-
	Cash	74	-
		-	-
	Total cash funds	17,652	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	Agreement Error	OK
B2 Other monetary assets	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
B3 Investment assets	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)
			-
			-
			-
			-
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)
			-
			-
			-
			-
B5 Liabilities	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)
			-
			-
			-
			-
Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees	Signature	Print Name	

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Last year
to the nearest £

8,935
4,689
-
-
-
-
-
-
13,624

-
-
-

13,624

869
1,088
627
1,590
3,715
11
1,250
84
-
9,234

-
-
-

9,234

4,390
-
-
4,390



**Endowment
funds**

to nearest £

-
-
-
-

OK

**Endowment
funds**

to nearest £

-
-
-
-
-
-

**Current value
(optional)**

-
-
-
-
-

**Current value
(optional)**

-
-
-
-
-

**When due
(optional)**

**Date of
approval**
