

Berwick Film Society – Annual Report for the year 1st July 2022 to 30th June 2023

**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 11th July Maurice Ward was appointed for a further three years.

Achievements during the year

The society has noticed a drop in numbers attending films which appears to be an after effect of Covid where people have dropped “habits”. We changed the way membership and films were available to make it more financially viable for those who would not attend every film. This was by reducing the membership season fee and charging a small fee for each film attendance. We decided in view of the above to continue this model of membership. This appears to be popular with our members.

This has not had any major affect on our overall financial performance which is a small surplus for the year.

Our future is uncertain as our main venue, The Berwick Maltings, will be closing for redevelopment for over one year from December 2023. An alternative venue is being investigated. It has considerably lower seating capacity. When there is more certainty about the closure and temporary replacement facilities we will devise the best way of continuing to screen as many films as we do now to as many people as possible. Due to the reduced seating capacity we are considering screening the same film twice either on the same day or over two evenings.

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 will be closed for approximately 2 years for substantial renovations from Dec 2023. At this time we do not know what facilities will 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 if the need arises.

Date	2022-23	Name	Member ships	Ticket sales	Other	Total Inc	Licences	General	Previews	Brochure	Venue Hire	Website	Special Event	Other	Total Exp	17573.75
		6.7 Simprim				0.00				250.00					250.00	17323.75
		1.8 Paypal	9.58			9.58									0.00	17333.33
		8.9 Footeprint				0.00				160.00					160.00	17173.33
		20.9 G Poole				0.00			73.37						73.37	17099.96
		29.9 Previews ICO				0.00			50.00						50.00	17049.96
		29.9 Previews ICO				0.00			50.00						50.00	16999.96
		29.9 Previews ICO				0.00			50.00						50.00	16949.96
		30.9 Peccadillo				0.00	132.00								132.00	16817.96
		2.11 Altitude				0.00	133.70								133.70	16684.26
		3.11 Filmbank				0.00	211.31								211.31	16472.95
		12.11 M Ward				0.00			24.97						24.97	16447.98
		6.1 Filmbank				0.00	201.68								201.68	16246.30
		6.1 J Spiers				0.00		21.25							21.25	16225.05
		101.1 J Spiers	30.00			30.00									0.00	16255.05
		3.11 Paypal	25.00			25.00									0.00	16280.05
		4.11 J Spiers				0.00		93.90							93.90	16186.15
		16.11 Maltings		1184.97		1184.97									0.00	17371.12
		22.11 Curzon				0.00	120.00								120.00	17251.12
Nov		Paypal	98.69			98.69									0.00	17349.81
Dec		Pyapal	211.56			211.56									0.00	17561.37
		14.12 J Spiers				0.00		103.55							103.55	17457.82
Jan		Paypal	927.15			927.15									0.00	18384.97
		16.1 G Poole				0.00		291.24							291.24	18093.73
		16.1 M Ward				0.00			50.00						50.00	18043.73
		16.1 J Spiers				0.00			50.00						50.00	17993.73
Jan		Paypal	146.54			146.54									0.00	18140.27
		26.1 Blue Finch				0.00	212.18								212.18	17928.09
		26.1 M Ward				0.00			64.01						64.01	17864.08
		6.2 Paypal	19.32			19.32									0.00	17883.40
6.2/23		Footeprint				0.00				160.00					160.00	17723.40
		6.2 Verve				0.00	144.00								144.00	17579.40
		9.2 Paypal	9.66			9.66									0.00	17589.06
		9.2 Simprim				0.00				125.00					125.00	17464.06
		9.2 Paypal	9.66			9.66									0.00	17473.72
		9.2 Curzon				0.00	187.86								187.86	17285.86
		10.2 Paypal	9.66			9.66									0.00	17295.52
		10.2 Maltings		374.43		374.43									0.00	17669.95
		14.2	500035	10.00		10.00									0.00	17679.95
		20.2 Paypal	9.66			9.66									0.00	17689.61
		7.3 Maltings		280.19		280.19									0.00	17969.80
		15.3 Cinema for all				0.00								95.00	95.00	17874.80
		22.3 Mship	20			20.00									0.00	17894.80
		23.3 Maltings		403.58		403.58									0.00	18298.38
		24.3 Paypal	9.58			9.58									0.00	18307.96
		30.3 J Spiers				0.00		12.2							12.20	18295.76
		31.03 Maltings		203.56		203.56									0.00	18499.32
		4.4 Paypal	9.58			9.58									0.00	18508.90
		25.4 Pecadillo				0.00	132.00								132.00	18376.90
		25.4 Maltings		67		67.00									0.00	18443.90
		2.5 Curzon				0.00	247.10								247.10	18196.80
		9.5 Paypal	9.58			9.58									0.00	18206.38
		10.5 G Poole				0.00		28.10							28.10	18178.28
		15.5 Paypal	9.58			9.58									0.00	18187.86
		15.5 Maltings		651.82		651.82									0.00	18839.68
		15.5 Maltings		481.19		481.19									0.00	19320.87
		16.5 MUBI				0.00	150.16								150.16	19170.71
		19.5 Amazon			13.41	13.41									0.00	19184.12
		1.6 J Spiers				0.00		106.44							106.44	19077.68
		1.6 Studio Soho				0.00	301.14								301.14	18776.54
		28.6 Cine for All				0.00		95.00							95.00	18681.54
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Total			1574.80	3646.74	13.41	5234.95	2173.13	825.05	338.98	695.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	95.00	4127.16	
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