



LANARKSHIRE SCREEN LOCATIONS

'Outlander'
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FILM CHARTER FOR NORTH LANARKSHIRE

North Lanarkshire Council recognises the economic benefits that filming brings to an area and is committed to facilitating services to the film and television industries through its film office - Lanarkshire Screen Locations.

The role of Lanarkshire Screen Locations is to engage with the sector, facilitate the production process and to monitor the economic impact thereafter.

Lanarkshire Screen Locations has a designated film liaison officer and is the point of contact for all filming enquiries and activity taking place in Lanarkshire. All filming enquiries will be treated in the strictest confidence.

To support this service, the council has adopted this charter.

The following procedures apply to all film and television productions operating within the North Lanarkshire area.

1. Co-ordination

All initial enquiries should be made to Lanarkshire Screen Locations (LSL). If any council service is contacted directly, they are asked to enquire if the production has registered with LSL and, if necessary, assist the production to do so. LSL has a designated film liaison officer who will establish necessary links with production personnel and assess the requirements of the production in terms of each council service that is likely to be impacted. LSL will then refer production personnel to relevant council services and Police Scotland.

Each council service will allocate a designated officer to deal with the filming enquiries, who will respond as expediently as possible. Provision should be made for an alternate staff member to handle these duties when the designated officer is on leave or otherwise unavailable.

LSL will be provided with information from the production regarding all aspects of exterior filming within their jurisdictions and will co-operate with all affected services and organisations to provide guidance and a co-ordinated service.

Police Scotland may be asked to provide guidance with respect to the staging of crimes, accidents or use of firearms. LSL also has links with the local business community and can make appropriate introductions to meet the supply chain needs of productions.

2. Pre-production meeting

If the filming will have a significant impact on a council service's activity or the general public, LSL will arrange a pre-production meeting to be attended by key personnel from the production and the appropriate council service.

The purpose of this meeting will be to agree a schedule that can be serviced by all parties and to prepare contingencies for potential schedule changes. Emergency services will be involved where street closures are planned and specifically the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service where use of fire hydrants, special effects, fires or pyrotechnics are planned.

3. Location Fees and Indemnities

Fees charged to film productions by the council will reflect recoupment of actual costs, e.g. cost of permits, materials, overtime of dedicated council staff. An estimate of all such charges will be presented to the production company prior to final agreement. Following filming, a breakdown of charges will be presented to the production company for payment.

Production companies will be required to carry Public Liability Insurance with an adequate limit of indemnity (no less than £10 million) and other insurances required by law. Any filming undertaken and associated liability is the sole responsibility of the production company and its employees.



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4. Use of Council Locations

The use of council premises and locations for filming will be arranged by council services where possible and feasible and where it does not interfere with the running of council services. Location fees will be negotiable and will reflect disruption and dedicated personnel time.

Other than exceptional circumstances and unless a law is being violated, no council official shall refuse to permit production companies the use of public facilities because the official does not approve of the script. No production that may bring the council into disrepute shall be permitted to use council locations.

Each production that approaches LSL to film in Lanarkshire will be obliged to abide by a Code of Practice. The Code of Practice commits the production to responsible and courteous behaviour and practice in its dealings with council services, other public services, the general public, business community and owners of private locations. Each service liaison officer should be familiar with the Code of Practice and inform LSL of any violations.

We look forward to a successful partnership between the council and the production community leading to economic growth in Lanarkshire.

This Charter was formally adopted by North Lanarkshire Council on November 4th, 2021 .



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