



## **Student filming on BCP Council land**

BCP Council Events Team are responsible for managing filming on Council run leisure land in Bournemouth, Christchurch and Poole. In order to restrict the number of applications received and ease the filming process the Events team has set up a 'Traffic Light' system in conjunction with Bournemouth University which identifies the filming activities that need to have council or police permission. Regardless of the category your filming falls in, please ensure you have read and are following the guidelines listed in this document. This information is for BCP Council land. For areas which are privately owned, you will need to contact the landowner to obtain permission. Details of the system are detailed below:

**Please note, the following locations would automatically fall into the Amber Category, regardless of the content of the filming:**

- **Town Centres – Bournemouth Square, Poole Town Centre, Christchurch Town Centre, Falkland Square, Old Town of Poole, Poole Quay, Twin Sails and all shopping High Streets**
- **Seafront – Pier Approach, Sandbanks**
- **Highways – Poole Bus Station**
- **Parks – Bournemouth Lower Gardens, Poole Park, Christchurch Recreation Ground, Baiter/Whitecliff Park, clifftops, Cliffhanger, Christchurch Quay and cemeteries**
- **Please note shoots taking place on any Nature Reserves, Countryside sites or SSSI sites to include Hengistbury Head, St Catherine's Hill, Stanpit Marsh, Turbary Common, Kinson Common, Redhill Common, Boscombe Chine Gardens, Pugs Hole, East Overcliff, Stour Valley, Millhams Mead, Iford Meadows, will mean your filming will fit into the Amber criteria and there may be additional conditions you are required to adhere to.**

### **'Green' Applications – No need to inform the Council or Police**

- One group of students filming – up to 10 people in total including actors & crew
- Using only one hand-held small camera
- Maximum 5 hours on site including set up, filming and break down
- Please check the list of locations as some may fall into the Amber Category

### **'Amber' applications – Students must apply to BCP Council Events Team for permission to film if any of the below apply**

- Filming will take more than 5 hours on site including set up, filming and breakdown
- 10 or more people involved in total including actors & crew
- Shoots taking place in one of the locations listed
- Moving vehicles
- Confrontation/Low levels of violence

- Filming of children (Under 18's)
- Animals
- Laying track way or constructing anything on site
- Filming at night time
- Drones/ UAVS (drones on SSSI sites will require Natural England consent and best avoided)

### **'Red' Applications – Students must apply to the BCP Council Events Team and Dorset Police**

**Please note**, 'red applications' will only be accepted in exceptional circumstances. Please contact the Events Team by email at [events@bcpcouncil.gov.uk](mailto:events@bcpcouncil.gov.uk) to discuss further.

- Pyrotechnics
- Extreme violence
- Visible drug taking
- Car chases/Car crashes
- Weapons

**PLEASE NOTE THAT FILMING INVOLVING GUNS OR KNIVES WILL NOT BE ALLOWED ON COUNCIL LAND.**

If your filming fits into either the Amber or Red criteria above you will be required to complete an application for filming which can be obtained from BCP Council's Events Team. Please contact them by e-mail at [events@bcpcouncil.gov.uk](mailto:events@bcpcouncil.gov.uk). For filming that fits into the Red category, applicants must also submit a script for the filming and a detailed overview of how the activity will take place as part of the filming, how it will be safely managed, risk assessed and the reason why it is essential to the filming. Once the application, risk assessment and any other required documents have been received, the Events team will check with the relevant Council department (e.g. Parks, Seafront, Town Centre) and confirm that the filming may proceed by issuing a Letter of Agreement to you which you will need to sign and return.

## **General Guidelines for Student Filming**

The following guidelines apply to all filming:

1. A minimum of ten working days' notice is required to allow sufficient time to liaise with Council Departments. We will not process applications outside this time frame and will advise your tutor that this has been refused.
2. A copy of your SISO risk assessment must be carried with you at all times during your shoot, and be provided to a Council Officer if asked.
3. A minimum of one individual on **ALL** filming shoots must be wearing a high visibility jacket with 'Bournemouth University Filming Student' on the back so that you are easily identifiable. These are available from your tutors at the University.
4. Filming cannot take place during school holidays, or weekends in peak season (June to September inclusive) or on bank holidays.
5. Filming during other events such as the Bournemouth Air Festival can only proceed with the organisers permission. Students must be sensitive to other events.
6. Public Footpaths, Highways, walkways and cycle lanes cannot be blocked by filming.
7. If you are requested to move by a Council or Police Officer, you must comply. Furthermore, you must follow the direction of Council Officers, if requested, when on site.

8. Members of the public (including children) cannot be filmed without gaining written consent in the form of a release form.
9. Vehicle access will not be granted for pedestrian areas and/or green spaces. Car Parks will be charged at their usual rate.
10. For any filming using vehicles, drivers will be expected to comply with the Highway Code at all times and have a valid vehicle insurance.
11. Filming should follow the submitted storyline upon application and you must notify the Council if you wish to make any changes to activity taking place. Failure to do so may affect future applications.
12. No temporary structures can be erected on site without prior written permission from the Events Department. Street furniture is only to be used for the purpose for which it has been designed.
13. Reinstatement – you are responsible for ensuring that the area is left in the same condition as was found. Any rubbish from the filming must be removed from site, Council bins are not to be used. Any reinstatement works required including additional litter picks will be charged for.
14. Please remember that these spaces are for the use of the general public and they must take priority and not be inconvenienced or asked to move on. Access **must** be maintained at all times during your filming.
15. Bournemouth, Christchurch and Poole Council reserve the right to alter the filming location at short notice due to operational requirements.

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