



Your property as a film location

Isle of Man Film offers a fully searchable online locations database for production companies to use when looking for locations. Many productions use real locations to film (rather than build sets) as they often look more realistic on screen.

Property owners or representatives can register a location with us to be included on our database free of charge by completing and signing our Locations Database Entry Form and attaching or emailing as many digital photos as possible. In the interest of security, address and contact details will not be viewable online.

A location can be anything a script calls for from a run down shack or a modest home (providing the rooms are quite large) to a mansion house and we are often asked for a variety of locations. For a major project, considerable time and effort will be invested in finding the right location, so the first visit by the Production company may be no more than an initial recce of several possible sites. At this stage there is no certainty that they will want to use your location. Location Managers will often knock on the door of properties that they would like to use and speak to you directly. If you are in any doubt over the validity of the project, please contact us for confirmation.

Questions that you may want to ask when your property is being viewed by a Production include general questions about the film (the key cast, Director, type of film and the Production company name) the proposed dates and duration of filming (please be aware that these are often subject to change at the very last minute and can sometimes be night shoots, also note that the average shooting day can be up to 14 hours long), which parts of the property they would like to use and whether they are going to have to set dress (scaffolding may be attached to external parts of the house if this is the case.)



There are several factors to be taken into account when offering your property as a location. When a production company uses your location, you can expect to be paid

a fee. This fee is dependent on the size of the production budget, the type of property you have, how disruptive the filming will be and how long the production company will need your property. It is usually calculated on a per day basis. If your property is exceptionally unusual, you can expect a higher fee. The production company will deal directly with you to negotiate this fee although we can offer help and guidance. You will also be asked to sign a contract with the production company. The key points that the contract should contain are:

- Terms
- Fee
- Details of scenes to be shot on property
- Undertaking that property is returned to its original state after completion of filming
- Your consent
- Use of property for re-shoots
- Compensation for loss or damage to the property

Check that they will insure your home for filming. You should also notify your own insurance company.

Filming can be disruptive and it's best to try and get an accurate idea of just how disruptive before you sign any contracts or agree any fees. Remember that a film crew consists of 50 – 100 people with equipment, vehicles, actors/extras etc. Most of the larger pieces of equipment and catering facilities will be kept at the Unit base which will be situated close to but away from your property.

The Location manager will be the main point of contact with the production company and will generally be the crew member with responsibility for policing and safeguarding the property. Check with them exactly which areas will be used and how long they will be required. Identify which areas are 'off-limits' and set rules regarding smoking, water, electricity etc. Establish clean up requirements (ie who is responsible and when it is to be completed). The Location Manager will usually inform neighbours and local authorities that the area is to be used for filming.

Whilst Isle of Man Film are available throughout to give help and guidance, the agreement is between you and the production company; Isle of Man Film cannot be held responsible for any agreement made.

If you have any further questions, please contact us at the address listed below:

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