

Job Title: Shire Stories Film-maker

Fee: £1,400

Contract Type: Freelance

Dates: Film-maker required to capture footage during: May 2026; June – July 2027; July – September 2027 and produce final complete film by 15 October 2027

Responsible to: Shire Stories Project Manager

Location: Swan Theatre

Project Description - Shire Stories:

Shire Stories is set to revolutionise new writing in Worcestershire! By opening doors for emerging, established, and diverse voices, this initiative will create vibrant opportunities for writers to craft and showcase their work. We're on a mission to uncover unique perspectives from underrepresented communities and those passionate about writing, fuelling talent through dynamic workshops and personalised feedback. Selected pieces will be brought to life on stage, captivating audiences and igniting a thriving literary community. Our vision is to elevate the profile of regional writing, forge a strong community of writers who collaborate and grow together, and establish a prestigious Literary Department at Worcester Theatres. Driven by the inspiring goal of amplifying diverse voices from Worcestershire and beyond — an area often seen as traditional Middle England — we aim to challenge stereotypes, tell new stories, and produce extraordinary work that resonates widely. Join us on this exciting journey to transform the regional theatre landscape and celebrate the power of storytelling!

Shire Stories is being delivered with funding support from the Arts Council England and through a partnership with Crave Arts.

The role:

A film-maker is required to:

- capture footage and interviews with writers/actors/audience from 2 new writing showcase events during May 2026 and during June – Jul 2027 (2 half days in total - specific dates still to be set).
- capture footage and interviews with the project's associated artists and with project manager and facilitators between July and September 2027
- edit into one final, short film, including appropriate logos, documenting the results of the project, by 15th October 2027.

Criteria. You will:

- Be able to demonstrate successful experience of carrying out similar projects and producing similar films especially for projects that have received external funding
- Hold public liability insurance to the value of £5,000,000
- Be available in the time period and able to meet the deadlines.

Fee and Terms:

This is a Freelance role with a total fee of £1,400, inclusive of expenses and VAT.

As this role is freelance, the successful applicant will be responsible for paying their own National Insurance and Income Tax.

To Apply:

Please send no more than 2 sides of A4 showing how you meet the 3 criteria requirements above and providing links to relevant work (previous films you have made) to shirestories@worcestertheatres.co.uk

The closing date for applications is 15th March 2026

Organisation description:**Worcester Theatres**

Worcester Theatres is a registered Charity that runs the Swan Theatre and Huntingdon Hall. Both are cherished venues in the city and see, on average, 80,000 patrons attending a show each year. Outside of the main auditorium spaces, we have a very active participation offer from drama classes for pre-schoolers through to adult classes and every age in between, which makes the venues busy hubs for the local community. Both venues are the largest performance spaces in the city, and our programme is diverse and ever-expanding, reaching audiences who feel represented and safe within our venues. Additionally, we are a producing Theatre Company and make live theatre in-house, which is seen not only on our stages but also at other locations across the city. Worcester Theatres has a small, ambitious and dynamic team of sixteen who are passionate about the arts and the organisation's success. For Shire Stories, Worcester Theatres are collaborating with local arts and heritage company, Crave Arts.

Crave Arts

Crave Arts was established in 2020 as a not-for-profit company limited by guarantee. The company has two Directors, Steve Wilson and Debbie Birch, who have over 40 years'

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experience between them of managing and delivering arts and heritage projects and initiatives. They have both worked at senior levels in local government, as sole traders and for charities. Recent projects include creative writing workshop series at Worcester Theatres, Malvern Theatres, Pershore Number 8; delivery of a National Lottery Heritage Funded participatory project about Worcester's power history including development and delivery of a new performance; co-creation workshops in Worcestershire Probation; awareness raising forum theatre workshops about illegal money lending.