

Information when filming on Public Rights of Way in Ceredigion

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NOTE – this information is relevant to filming on public rights of way identified as footpaths, bridleways or restricted byways; filming on other public highways such as roads/pavements/footways will require the completion of the relevant application forms available at <http://www.ceredigion.gov.uk/business/filming-in-ceredigion/>

What we expect from film/production companies:

1. Inform us about where and when you are filming on public rights of way
2. Ensure you have allowed sufficient time for the Council to respond to any issues or concerns prior to starting filming; 4-6 weeks is recommended.
3. Ensure passage of the public along any public rights of way is not restricted during filming. Take all reasonable steps to ensure that the health and safety of the public is not compromised in any way.
4. Ensure that public rights of way aren’t damaged in any way during production.
5. If the public right of way that you are filming on is not on land belonging to the Council please ensure that you have made every effort to contact the relevant landowner to inform them in advance.
6. Ensure that you have read the Ceredigion County Council’s code of practice for filming on the public highway available at <http://www.ceredigion.gov.uk/business/filming-in-ceredigion/>
7. Ensure you have Public Liability Insurance at the recommended level. Ceredigion County Council recommends a minimum of £6 million.
8. If your shoot requires the use of a drone, it is your responsibility to make sure it is operated by a person who holds the appropriate operator’s license permitting the use of Small Unmanned Aircraft/Small Unmanned Surveillance Aircraft under Articles 166(5) and 167(1) of the Air Navigation Order 2009.

It is good practice to undertake a “Ground Survey” and “Air Survey” prior to using drones for filming.

1. For larger productions that require the closure of public rights of way, these are likely require a formal closure process under the Road Traffic Act, a fee and longer lead in time – normally 6-8 weeks depending on the length and nature of the closure

\*\*Note: It will be the film/production company’s responsibility to ensure all of the above is present and correct; Ceredigion County Council takes no responsibility in ensuring that policies, licences and documentation are accurate and up to date.

What we’ll do on receipt of the information:

1. Keep a record of the production, contact details and other documentation provided on file for future reference
2. We will share with internal services who will be asked to contact you directly with any comments/concerns or requisite application forms.