



## COULD YOU BE A PATRON?

The Berwick Literary Festival (first held in 2014) is now an established part of the town's cultural life, taking place each October. The Festival promotes the written and spoken word in all forms, through an extensive free programme of work in all the town's schools; by a schools' short story competition and poetry reading in care homes; and through a three-day schedule of talks and workshops in local venues by well-known authors and speakers. It is also one of the few literary festivals that makes a feature of poetry. More information and a flavour of previous Festivals can be seen on our website.

The financial support of our Patrons is crucial in enabling the Festival to run. It is a charity and attracts grants and sponsorship, but it is run by volunteers and is deliberately not profit-making. There is no college or museum in Berwick to support it, unlike Carlisle or Durham. To develop the Festival we are seeking to recruit new Patrons to help provide core income. The cost is £25 (more if you wish!) per individual Patron. In return, your name will, unless stated otherwise, be included in the Festival's website and any printed programme.

Covid has forced some changes in our usual practice: the 2020 Festival will be held entirely online and free and there will be a Patrons-only online talk in the summer to launch the 2020 programme. (Normally, Patrons have priority booking before the box office opens to the public. All Patrons are offered two free tickets for one of the talks for which there is a charge and receive a discount on a weekend pass). When 'normality' returns we hope to widen the Patrons scheme with new events.

I very much hope that you can support the Festival by becoming a Patron. If you are willing to do so, please contact me by e-mail or using the reply slip below, and I will look forward to meeting you.

Thank you.

**Michael Gallico** Chairman, BLF Steering Group

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I/we would like to become a Patron(s) of the Berwick Literary Festival.

I/we enclose a cheque or cash for £25 (£ .....) payable to 'Berwick Literary Festival'; or

I have made payment to the Festival's TSB account sort code 77-20-05, account number 04563368

(please give your name as reference)

Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

I/we are/are not willing to have my/our name(s) included in the Festival website and printed programme.

The Festival is a registered charity and can reclaim income tax on your donation through Gift Aid. If appropriate we would be grateful if you could sign this declaration:

*I wish to Gift Aid my donation and any future donations I make. I am a UK taxpayer and understand that if I pay less income or capital gains tax in the current tax year than the amount of Gift Aid claimed on all my donations it is my responsibility to pay any difference.*

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_