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## WOULD YOU BE A PATRON?

The Berwick Literary Festival (first held in 2014) is 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 workshops and writing competitions in all the town's schools; even (when possible) by poetry reading in care homes; and through a four-day schedule of talks and workshops by well-known authors and speakers. It is one of the few literary festivals that makes a feature of poetry.

The pandemic meant that we had to hold online festivals in 2020 and 2021, both of which were a great success, drawing audiences from far beyond our usual hinterland; but in 2022 we returned to live events, with great success. The programmes of previous Festivals can be seen on our website, where there are links to our YouTube channel that hosts recordings of most of the Zoom talks from previous years.

The financial support of our 140 Patrons is crucial in enabling the Festival to run. It is a charity attracting 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. We seek to recruit new Patrons to help provide the core income upon which the Festival depends. The cost is £30 (more if you wish!) per individual Patron and your name would be included on our website: see [Patrons - Berwick Literary Festival](#)

Currently there are Patrons-only talks throughout the year, a summer social event to launch the programme, and Patrons have priority booking for Festival events: a review of further benefits is in hand.

I very much hope that you can support the Festival by becoming a Patron: if so, please contact me by e-mail or using the reply slip below, and I will look forward to welcoming you at events. Thank you.

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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 £30 per person (£ ..... ) payable to 'Berwick Literary Festival' (or *preferably* I have paid to TSB 77-20-05 a/c 04563368, a/c name Berwick Literary Festival).

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

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

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: \_\_\_\_\_