

Ashington High School thefilmclub a brief history.

Thefilmclub was formed over five years ago as a project within the schools youth service department. All of the projects work is completed outside of the school time, weekend, after school and holidays.

The students began the project with a full length Agatha Christie remake "then there were none". The project took over nine months to complete, with filming taking place in a variety of locations across the north east of England and southern Scotland. The premiere of the movie attracted media interest, with the stars of the movie appearing on the front of the Newcastle Journal. Further media interest was generated with the second project, a Doctor Who tribute short movie "Infiltration" featuring a real live Dalek!

"Conversion" featuring the Cybermen was next movie to be produced by the project; the movie was premiered in the main school hall and raised over £400 for the charity Children in Need.

"When we were heroes" a World War One historically based project was the next movie completed by the participants, this time raising over £600 for the Help for Heroes charity. The filming for this movie involved four days on location at Beamish Museum and several other locations in the north east, proving to be an invaluable educational experience for thirty participants.

"thefilmclub" meets weekly in the annexe rooms A1/A2, working on several new projects at the present moment.

Funding from Media Box via the Northumberland Youth Service and the Northumberland Y fund has enabled the group to work on some issue based film projects and also experience visits to the likes of the Edinburgh Festival and Highlights shows.

New members welcome all year round.

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