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**THE DOCTOR BURSTS BACK ONTO SCREENS – FEATURING  
SOME OF BRISTOL’S BEST LOCATIONS  
SERIES TEN STARTS SAT 15 APRIL, BBC ONE**

BRISTOL, 11 April 2017: Bristol filming locations will once again take the primetime television spot when the Time Lord returns to our screens from Saturday 15 April with the new series of Doctor Who.

The tenth series of the sci-fi smash hit caused a major buzz in Bristol when it filmed at Kings Weston House during the 2016 August bank holiday weekend. It returned to the city to film in January 2017, this time for a two-day shoot in Redcliffe Caves facilitated by Bristol Film Office. Peter Capaldi and Matt Lucas shot scenes featuring the Tardis in the tunnels, and Redcliffe Wharf was used as unit base.

Series ten is the third series starring Peter Capaldi as the Twelfth Doctor, and will introduce Pearl Mackie as Bill Potts, the Doctor's newest travelling companion. It will also feature Matt Lucas as Nardole, who has appeared in the two previous Christmas specials.

**Natalie Moore of Bristol Film Office** said: “Doctor Who is an iconic example of the best in British TV with a large and loyal audience, so it’s fantastic to have supported the latest series with our city’s locations. This isn’t the first encounter we’ve had with the Doctor and his TARDIS - Peter Capaldi filmed series nine at Leigh Court in 2015 and Matt Smith filmed series seven at Tyntesfield House in 2012, as well as Tyndall Avenue and Royal Fort House in central Bristol. Most recently of course we facilitated filming at Redcliffe Caves for last year’s spin-off series *Class*, starring Capaldi alongside a cast of new talent.”

This year is the final chance to enjoy Peter Capaldi’s performance as the most recent incarnation of the alien Time Lord, after he announced earlier this year that he would be stepping down from the role after the tenth series and 2017 Christmas special.

Other Bristol locations used by the BBC’s flagship series include: Portland Square, Corn Street, All Saints Lane and St Nicholas Market area which doubled as Victorian London in the 2012 Christmas special starring Matt Smith; Waring House in Bedminster which played centre stage in series 6 (2011) and Hengrove’s Imperial Park which featured in the season 15 starring Tom Baker in 1977.

*Doctor Who* is the latest in a number of titles to have been filmed in Bristol including recent feature film *Another Mother’s Son*, ITV drama *Broadchurch* (airing now), Starz upcoming *The White Princess* (due to premiere in the US in April), E4 comedy horror *Crazyhead* and BBC dramas *Poldark*, *The Living and the Dead* and *Thirteen*.

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## NOTES TO EDITORS

### **Bristol Film Office**

Bristol Film Office, a division of Bristol City Council, is a free service to all productions planning to film in the city. Dedicated to making film, television or commercial photography shoots run as smoothly as possible when on location in Bristol, it is the one-stop-shop for all filming enquiries. It can assist at all stages of production, from initial location and crewing advice to reces and logistical support.

In 2015-16, Bristol Film Office issued 370 filming permits and recorded a total of 943 filming days (up by 65% from 2014 -15) in the city. Inward investment from productions working in Bristol continued to remain high with a total figure of £16,674,000 continuing the strong levels recorded in 2014-2015.

Bristol Film Office's inward investment figures are calculated using national average production spend figures that have been compiled by Creative England with contribution from all national Film Offices' data.

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