

# paul thompson > lighting cameraman

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## My Profile >

I consider myself a professional, innovative and imaginative Features Cameraman, at home in any production environment from Dramas to Documentaries, Commercials to Current Affairs, both Network and Regional. I recently picked up a nomination for an RTS Award in recognition of my craft skills on ITV 1's primetime Countrywise Series.

I have over twenty-five years of Broadcast experience, primarily as a cameraman, beginning in 1983 with HTV, where I gained a wide and thorough training in all aspects of camerawork, from Studio and Outside Broadcasts to PSC and ENG. In addition, I also offer skills and experience as a Director/Cameraman, Steadicam Operator and Consultant.

During my career I have travelled extensively throughout the United Kingdom and Overseas, often filming in many challenging and hostile environments.

## My Career History >

Staff Cameraman with HTV · HTV Production Services · Central Television Facilities  
021 Television · Central Television · Carlton Television · ITV Central · Now Freelance

- > 2004 - Present - Freelance Lighting Cameraman
- > 2003 - 2004 - Director/Cameraman
- > 1994 - 2003 - Senior Features Lighting Cameraman
- > 1991 - 1994 - Senior Cameraman · Studio · OB · ENG · PSC
- > 1983 - 1991 - Cameraman · Studio · OB · ENG · PSC

## Additional Information >

(Dip) Television and Audio Production  
 Lighting Courses - BBC Wood Norton  
 Steadicam Course - BBC Wood Norton  
 High Definition Camera Course - Sony  
 Electrical Safety Course - ITV  
 Hazard Assessment Course - ITV  
 Current "I" Visa for USA  
 Full United Kingdom Driving Licence

## Trade union membership >

Broadcasting, Entertainment, Cinematograph & Theatre Union (BECTU)

## Guild Membership >

The Guild of Television Cameramen (GTC)

## Interests >

Films . Photography . Music . Art . Architecture . Walking . Countryside

## Philosophy >

Filmmaking is a collaborative process and my role is to creatively translate the scripts and performances into images that bring the stories to life.

## Specialist Experience >

### Director/Cameraman >

Waterworld – ITV (Award Winning Series)

### Consultant >

Landover's Special Vehicle Operations Unit, Gaydon, Warwickshire.

Involved in the design and development of two custom-built four-wheel drive tracking vehicles for Film and Television production.

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The following are just a flavour of my professional portfolio to date

## Programmes/Credits >

A wide range of Productions, Commercials and Promotions for BBC, ITV, C4, Sky, S4C & numerous Independent Production Companies.

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### **Factual Entertainment**

Dragons Den (BBC) . Gardeners' World (BBC) . Gardeners' World Specials (BBC)  
Countrywise (ITV) . Countryfile (BBC) . Countrywise Kitchen (ITV) . The One Show  
(BBC) . Neighbours From Hell (ITV) . History Detectives (ITV) . Waterworld (ITV)  
Bill Bailey's Birdwatching Bonanza (Fever/Sky One) . Do Fish Drink (BBC/NHU Pilot)

### **Daytime**

Bargain Hunt (BBC) . Flog It! (BBC) . Priceless Antiques Roadshow (BBC)  
To Buy Or Not To Buy (BBC) . Wanted Down Under (BBC)

### **Documentaries**

Trauma (ITV) . Baby Hospital (ITV) . Murder In Mind (ITV) . Joy Riders (ITV)  
Growing Out Of Trouble (BBC) . The Baby Borrowers (Love Productions/C4)  
Behind Closed Doors (ITV) . Bail Bandits (ITV) . Madam Speaker (ITV)  
Baby Abbey (ITV) . The Night The Lights Went Out (ITV)

### **Drama / Documentaries**

Real Crimes > Bindon (ITV) . Crime Case Book (ITV) .

### **Current Affairs**

The Cook Report (ITV) . Cook Report Specials (ITV) . Watchdog (BBC)

### **Commercials**

Daily Mirror . Jessops . Weatherseal . Fosters . Stowels of Chelsea

### **Promotions**

F1 . ITV Sport . CITV . News At Ten . The Bill . Medics . Gladiators

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**Light Entertainment**

Tom Jones > The Boy From Nowhere (ITV) · Mr & Mrs (ITV) · Shirley Bassey > My Life (ITV)

**Music**

Status Quo > The Anniversary Tour (Music/Doc) · Guitar Legends (Music/Doc)  
Kylie Minogue (Concert) · Big Country (Concert) · Billy Idol (Concert)  
The Scorpions Live In Berlin (Concert)

**Children's**

CITV · CBBC · CBeebies · Gimme a Break (BBC) · Beat the Boss (BBC) · Space Pirates (BBC) · Blue Peter

**Sport**

ITV Sport (Various Including The Premiership & Champions League)

**Religious**

Songs of Praise (BBC) · Christmas Voices (BBC) · Relative Values (ITV)

**Corporate & Non Broadcast**

Sainsbury's (DRP Group) · ITV PLC (ITV) · PwC (Pricewaterhouse Cooper)  
Landrover (X2 Productions) · Jaguar (X2 Productions) · Metropolitan Police  
NEC Group > NEC/NIA/ICC/Symphony Hall (Magenta Penguin Productions)

**Welsh Language Productions**

Ffermio (ITV Cymru/Wales) · Y Byd Ar Bedwar (ITV Cymru/Wales)  
Eisteddfod (ITV Cymru/Wales)

My contact details are as below and there is much more information about myself and my career to date available at: [www.thefilmunit.com](http://www.thefilmunit.com)

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