We are having a fantastic year of filming in the borough – thank you everyone for all your business – it’s great having you and we’re always happy to help and offer advice as you know.

We cannot quite believe that November is upon us. We are a tad late with our newsletter this quarter but only because the last few months have been so busy – however our thoughts are now turning to Christmas with commercials figuring out where best to sprinkle their snow this year.

This month’s newsletter features a new privately owned property that has just registered with us. It’s a fantastic, large, empty property in Ham.

The 18th century building has lots of rooms of varying sizes with huge windows overlooking parkland to the rear and Ham Common at the front.

The rooms vary from bedroom size to grand drawing room size. There are modern industrial kitchens and old style pantries with lots of staircases and corridors together with fantastic mirrors and fireplaces in almost all of the larger rooms. There is also a good size hall with a balcony at one end.

It would suit a huge variety of briefs and when you consider that the Ham area has unrestricted parking plus our fabulous riverside unit base is on the doorstep – what more could you want!
Richmond Stars

The last few months have been some of our busiest ever with a huge mix of stills shoots, TV dramas, comedies, documentaries, feature films and student shoots.

Downton Abbey came back to see us and filmed around Richmond Green in July and TV comedy drama Crims based themselves at Twickenham Studios and filmed around Twickenham and Ham. Toast of London filmed at Orleans House Gallery in Twickenham and TV film Valentine’s Kiss filmed all over Richmond. Matches Fashion chose the ever popular Richmond Riverside as the location for their AW fashion stills shoot.

August saw Toast of London return to the borough and film at Richmond Theatre and the wonderful Victorian Theatre at the Langdon Down Centre in Teddington. Hidden camera show Off their Rockers visited Richmond Green and Richmond Riverside and Horrible Histories filmed at Ham House.

September saw the arrival of feature film ‘Urban Hymn’ starring Shirley Henderson, Ian Hart and Steven Mackintosh. Written by Nick Moorcroft and directed by Michael Caton-Jones, the film is set against the backdrop of the 2011 UK summer riots and follows a young female offender who possesses a remarkable voice and a determined social worker who inspires her to use it. Filmrlichmond assisted in securing empty offices on Twickenham Green as a production base. Council locations York House, Heatham House and Teddington and East Sheen cemeteries all featured in what we are sure will be a cracking film. We thoroughly enjoyed working with location manager Andy Buckley and his team on this production and look forward to his return!

In other news, ‘The Special One’ popped down to Barn Elms and put some young aspiring footballers through their paces as winners of a Yahoo football competition. Much less energetically, Katherine Jenkins filmed on the towpath in Ham.

TV comedy ‘Birds of a Feather’ landed in Richmond and filmed in various shops in the town centre over two days (and very kindly donated to the Richmond town centre Christmas lights fund) and Charlie Brooker’s Black Mirror series came to Twickenham Studios and had fun filming all around Twickenham and St Margarets.
filmrichmond’s photo library is ready and waiting for you.

Need some ideas for locations? Don’t forget to check out filmrichmond’s online photo library. Amongst other things it has lots of photos of all nine of our secondary schools (and some of our primary schools) and great photos of our most interesting privately owned properties too.

Visit www.richmond.gov.uk/filminrichmond. Go to photo library. The username is locationmanager and the password is richmond.

And

Don’t forget we have a wonderful unit base at Barn Elms so if you’re filming in Barnes and need to park, please give us a call.

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