

Wavelength

WaveLength highly value the comfort, companionship and joy that public service broadcasting brings to lonely and isolated people.

WaveLength recognise that a strong and financially stable BBC is important if not essential to the sector as a whole.

We recognise that there are many people who's impairment means high quality vital and auditory presentation of information by broadcast is the most accesible way of them being informed and entertained. Yet they receive no reduction in their license fee or extra help that may go towards it (for example income tax reduction or PIP, DLA support). Wavelength also appreciates that many younger people have restricted incomes that make it difficult for them to pay the TV Licence as well. Considering these factors, we feel that means testing the reductions granted to indivdals would be the best way forward and the reductions that are granted due to impairment should be reviewed. The government should also consider taxing stream services such as Netflix, Amazon and Sky to provide a review to invest in public service broadcasting so to reduce to license fee for all as well to increase the accessibility of broadcasting service to other groups how are particly reliant on it such is disabled people who have Specific Learning Difficulties and Disabilities as well as blind and hearing impairments. WaveLength would also support the return of the money that Government took from the BBC which had been set aside for the Digital Switchover Help Scheme.