

Our future

Yes please, I'd like to become a **Friend** and help restore and preserve the Abbeydale Picture House.

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One year individual membership £12

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Corporate donation

Please enter the amount you wish to donate

£ _____

One-off donation

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Please complete and return along with a cheque made payable to Friends of Abbeydale Picture House and an S.A.E. so we can send you your membership card to:

FAPH, Abbeydale Picture House
387 Abbeydale Road, Sheffield S7 1FA

GIFT AID IT!

Gift Aid lets the Abbeydale Picture House claim back the tax on your gift, making each £1 received worth an extra 28p – at no cost to our supporters.

To allow us to claim this, tick the box below:

YES, I am a UK taxpayer and would like the Abbeydale Picture House to benefit from Gift Aid on all my donations.

You can withdraw this gift aid declaration at any time but please remember to tell us if you no longer pay an amount of income tax or capital gain tax at least equal to the income tax we reclaim on your donations.

Signed _____



Your Picture House

The Abbeydale Picture House is a much loved, unique building that has become a landmark on the south side of Sheffield.

Please use this leaflet to become a Friend, and join our other friends and patrons, including Michael Palin, Peter Stringfellow, Paul Daniels, Debbie McGee, Sir Derek Jacobi and Dave Berry to restore and develop the picture house.

There are already many exciting performances throughout the year. Details of these, as well as our fundraisers and events, plus information about the restoration and history of the building can all be found on our website.

www.abbeydalepicturehouse.co.uk

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Friends



1920 – 2003: Back in the day

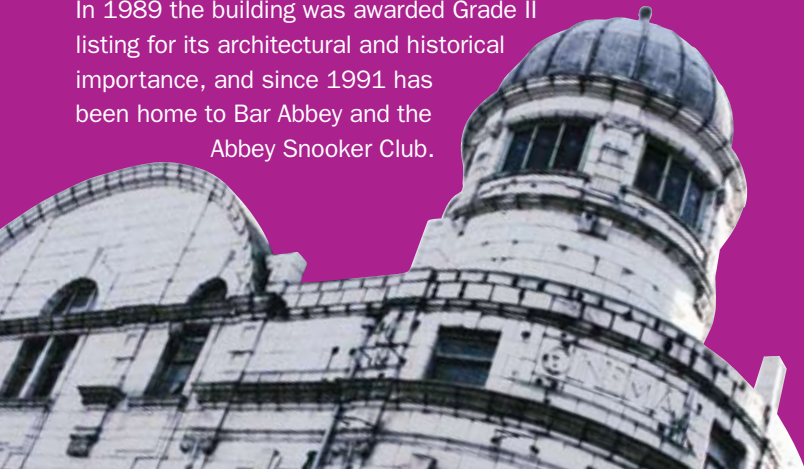
The Lord Mayor of Sheffield opened the Abbeydale Picture House on 20th December 1920. It was the largest and most luxurious cinema in Sheffield and a favourite place to meet, socialise and be entertained.

The Picture House had a lounge and café foyer on the ground floor, and a billiard hall and ballroom downstairs. Back then, cinema and theatre goers would queue round the block each night. Sheltered by a canopy they could admire the white faience tiles, domed tower and ornate balustrade above them whilst they waited.

The enormous auditorium could seat 1500 people, who were shown to their plush, green velvet and mahogany seats by a team of usherettes. Films were shown using state-of-the-art cinema projection equipment, a Clavorchester orchestral organ provided live music and the proscenium arch and fly-tower enabled fantastic theatrical performances to take place.

Silent movies and ciné-variety shows ended in 1930 with the arrival of the 'talkies'. In the mid 1950s wide-screen cinema was introduced. However, a few years later the audiences started to stay home and watch the latest trend – television.

With business in such decline the Abbeydale Picture House finally closed its doors as a cinema in 1975. In 1989 the building was awarded Grade II listing for its architectural and historical importance, and since 1991 has been home to Bar Abbey and the Abbey Snooker Club.



2003 – 2008: Saved by the Friends

We formed **Friends of the Abbeydale Picture House** in 2003 so that we could restore and re-open the Abbeydale as a unique community venue for performing arts and visual media, theatre, live music, and once again, cinema.

Since forming the **Friends** we've achieved quite a lot, including:

- buying the building
- opening Palin's Bar
- forming Abbeydale Picture House Leisure Limited which runs the Snooker Club and Bar Abbey
- establishing the Picture House Youth Theatre Group who meet on Wednesday evenings and perform on our stage two or three times each year
- providing a home to the 'Wednesday Club' – a group of Sheffield craftsmen who come together to produce props and scenery for productions across the city, as well as contributing to the renovation
- being used as a venue for art classes for local residents
- hosting live concerts for bands and various plays for other theatre groups
- welcoming the Home Farm Trust who enjoy our facilities for their drama club



2008 – 2012: Up and running

But we want to do a lot more, and to do it we need a little help from our **Friends**. Just £1 a month from you will make a difference – and if you tick the 'Gift Aid' box you'll be helping us even more!



Together with our **Friends**, we're committed to ensure that the restoration of the Abbeydale Picture House will create a range of economic, social and cultural benefits for the people of Sheffield and South Yorkshire, as well as preserving an important part of our national heritage, for the education and enjoyment of future generations.

If you'd like to help, please fill in the form overleaf.

Become a Friend

You'll be helping to preserve one of the city's finest buildings, you can find out all about the latest developments, receive news of forthcoming events and be invited to our Friends social events.

Lend a hand

It's not just money we're after. Do you have any skills or experience that you could offer us? We're always looking for volunteers to help with our fundraising, events and day to day running.

If you're interested, please get in touch.