



The Curzon Community Cinema 46 Old Church Road Clevedon North Somerset BS21 6NN

## **PRESS RELEASE**

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### **CURZON LAUNCHES ONLINE DONATIONS**

The Curzon Cinema has announced the news that it has launched its very own secure online donation facility – opening up the possibility of supporters to make donations from anywhere around the world.

The last couple of weeks have not been good news for the Curzon. Two weeks ago it heard that Clevedon Town Council had cut an annual grant of £3,000 and also a £50,000 donation to its Restoration Fund. Last week this was followed by reports that some of the masonry around the building was crumbling, landing The Curzon with a £5,000 bill.

Curzon Manager Jon Webber said, “We have been overwhelmed by the public response to our recent financial difficulties. The very supportive letters in the local press and comments that our patrons have made to us in person show that local people are right behind our project and want to do all that they can to help.

“Our new online donation facility gives our supporters yet another way of giving us their support, and with the help of internationally known online payment company World Pay, we know that the whole thing will be entirely secure. Donors can rest assured that all their personal details are as safe as they can be. Now our supporters can donate money from their own home – and all at the click of a mouse!

“In the longer term, and finances permitting, we would like to provide facilities for buying Curzon tickets, gift vouchers and merchandise online as well.”

**If you would like to support The Curzon by making a donation using the new online payment facility, simply visit their web site at [www.curzon.org.uk](http://www.curzon.org.uk).**

Notes to Editors:

1. The Curzon Community Cinema is believed to be the oldest purpose-built, continuously operated cinema in the world, having first opened its doors on 20<sup>th</sup> April 1912.
2. The Curzon has been operated as a Registered Charity since 1996, when it was saved from closure by overwhelming public subscription.
3. There are plans for a £4.7m restoration of the Curzon to bring it back to its art deco glory, which relies on a successful bid to Heritage Lottery Fund (HLF).

**If you require any further information regarding this press release please contact Chris Brain on 01275 341101**

The Curzon Clevedon Community Centre for the Arts is a Registered Charity No 1058389  
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