



The Film & Video Institute

THE IAC BRITISH INTERNATIONAL AMATEUR FILM COMPETITION 2019

Judges' Comments

Title: 27177
Number: Bristol Downs
Award: 2 Stars

An intensive look at the Bristol Downs through the ages. A lot of historical material was packed into this film and we felt the author had researched proficiently. It was a different and unusual way of relating knowledge to the viewer.

The judges liked the beginning of the film with the animated animals and thought this gave a good start for a comedy. We found the information given in the voice over very enlightening and interesting to listen to and we thought the commentator used her voice well showing interest and enthusiasm. The man that kept popping up with the answers had some good facial expressions and the camera operator zoomed in to show this with close-ups. We liked the effects at the windmill and thought these were well done.

However, combining information as a documentary, comedy and animation in one go did not really work for us.

The script appeared somewhat bitty with too much information given too quickly. The judges found the early drone shots and zooms in and out rather jumpy and not easy on the eye. A large part of the film was the two main characters speeded up to apparently be running from one location to another. We thought this was rather overdone but was this included to allow to allow the film to fit the commentary? We felt that if some of this had been cut it may have enabled the maker to produce a shorter film which in our opinion would have been more effective.

Overall the judges thought that mixing a documentary into a comedy was a good idea but a difficult thing to do. In their opinion, the film needed to be a lot shorter with less flicking from one point to another. We felt the comedy effect could have been created well without the speeded-up sections which were in places repeated. It was a good try at something different.

Jackie Williams on behalf of:

Judging Panel:

Paul Kittel Hon FACI : Jackie Williams FACI : Alan Colegrave ARPS FACI