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World Fantasy Convention 2025

Progress Report 4

Thursday 30th October - Sunday 2nd November
Double Tree by Hilton Brighton Metropole
www.WorldFantasy2025.co.uk

“If the present world go astray, the cause is in Brighton, in Brighton it is to be sought.”

- Not Dante Alighieri.

Welcome to Progress Report 4 of World Fantasy Convention 2025.

If you have not already bought membership, please do so via our website:

<http://www.WorldFantasy2025.co.uk>

Prices will increase over time, so book soon for the best price.

PR1, PR2 and PR3 are linked to the front page of our website.

This is the final Progress Report before World Fantasy Convention 2025 aiming to ensure you have all the practical details you might need. There is also a lot of information on our website, so do, please, look there for information also.

Thank you to everyone who has registered to attend already. If you get the chance, do take a look at the Members List (<https://worldfantasy2025.co.uk/member-list/>). Everyone can post a public profile on the website after they have purchased a membership of the convention. If you need a little help filling in your own profile, please check the FAQ (<https://worldfantasy2025.co.uk/f-a-q/>) and if that doesn't solve the problem, get in touch and we'll be happy to assist.

This progress report includes information on:

- **Registration, Tickets and Badges.**
- **Food & Drink at the Convention**
- **Friday: Mass Autography Session**
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If you need to contact us, do email enquiries@WorldFantasy2025.co.uk or message us via social media.

We are looking forward to welcoming you to Brighton.

From Karen and all the WFC 2025 Team



Registration, Tickets and Badges

We do not send out tickets, electronic or physical, you collect your name badges from the Registration desk at the event. If we need proof of purchase we will ask for your email address or to see the confirmation email you should have received.

Registration open at 12noon on Thursday 30th October.

Details of how to check you have bought a membership, get a receipt, appear on the members list or other similar questions is on the FAQ page of our website:

<https://worldfantasy2025.co.uk/f-a-q/>

Your name badge will need to be visible at all times in the convention areas of the hotel, including the main room, panel rooms, art show, dealers room and Cambridge bar/social area. Badges are not transferable between individuals.



A welcoming community for all those who love, read, write, edit, publicise - and more! - in speculative fiction

Established in 1971 as the British Weird Fantasy Society, the British Fantasy Society (as we're now known) is dedicated to celebrating everything to do with speculative fiction from this country. Our members represent all aspects of the fantasy world (though we await our first dragon), and gather to meet, chat, share, help, debate, and create.

Community

We connect fantasy readers, writers, and industry professionals both online and IRL.

Promote

We offer members opportunities to promote themselves and their work, including through our weekly member profiles and guest post opportunities.

Celebrate

Fantasycon and the British Fantasy Awards help our community to connect, network & get recognition.

Inform

Members receive our regular publications, BFS Horizons and BFS Journal, plus our newsletter and access to our members-only Discord server.

Annual memberships start at just £25! Details at: www.britishfantasysociety.org

Food & Drink at the Convention

The venue is providing a number of options for food and drink for purchase, including burgers, jacket potatoes and sandwiches. They aim to have reasonably priced, meat, vegan and gluten free options, as well as all the allergy information you would expect, available in the Cambridge bar and social area of the convention.

Friday: Mass Autography Session

On Friday evening we have the Mass Autographing session. We would love all the Authors, Artists and Editors to take part.

The list of those already signed up is in the programme, to check if an individual is taking part, do have a look at their profile page.

To reserve your place, please email programme@worldfantasy2025.co.uk

WFC 2025

Discord

We have a Discord server for WFC members, this is available for all Attending and Online members. It is not available for supporting memberships or day attendance.

This gives members an opportunity to socialise online, find out about dealers and artists and receive event announcements/information. We hope to have programme items listed there with details of timing and rooms, but to view recorded or streaming programme items you will need to login to the website.

It would be incredibly helpful if people who would like to use our discord could login so we can approve your access prior to us getting onsite/setting up for the event. This will also help us to iron out any issues in plenty of time.

The link for the server is:

<https://discord.gg/enfUuvzk4b>

We will need to match your details with a membership before you get full access, if you have not yet purchased your event membership, you will need to do this first.

Thursday: Open Mic

Sign up to our Open Mic!

On Thursday evening at the convention, we will be running an open mic for attendees to read from their work. This will be in the main room (The Oxford).

Prose or poetry, flash fiction or a piece from your novel, all is welcome, as long as it's not longer than five minutes.

Please use this form to sign up :

<https://forms.gle/bgkTxVMPpNvhsyKRA>

Please note, this is in addition reading to slots and other programme content.

Online Programme

We are streaming selected content for attending and online members. This is not available to those who have only purchased a day attendance.

Following the event we will be editing these into specific panels to be viewed later.

To access this you will need to login to the website using the details you created when you bought your membership. If you wish to access the content during the event you will need to login prior to the event starting in case you need one of our team to reset your login. There may be a delay in implementing this if you email after the event has started, as our team will be busy on site.

Thursday Workshops

You can sign up for Thursday workshops on our website. These can be found on the programme page - <https://worldfantasy2025.co.uk/programme/>

Reserving a space for workshops and other limited space activities on other days of the event can be done at Registration. Please speak to the people on the desk about the event you want to sign up for.

F. A. Q.

We have an F.A.Q. page on our website covering topics such as; "How do I get my name on the member list?" and "how do I volunteer to be on a panel?" It can be found here:

<https://worldfantasy2025.co.uk/f-a-q/>

Quieter Space

We have designated the Oxford Balcony on the Mezzanine floor as a Quieter Space. It's not going to be silent as it is open to the social area and main room below. It is an area that is intended to allow people to decompress, catch up on emails, read, take a quiet phonecall, write, talk quietly with friends, draw or other similar activities. We would ask that you don't approach others in this space unless they have invited you to do so and that you keep the noise at a low level.





Member list, Profile, Programme & Receipts

If you need to check your payment went through correctly or get a record of this; firstly you should receive a confirmation email. Secondly, use your chosen user name and password (created when you bought your membership) to login to the website. In the Member Center, on the Subscriptions tab you will see your membership type (Attending, Online, etc.) listed as a Subscription and the status should be listed as active. If it is listed as inactive or you can't login then it is likely that it has not gone through, but do drop us an email, enquiries@WorldFantasy2025.co.uk if you are not sure.

If you would like to appear on the list of members on our website. After you have bought your membership, please go to the Member Centre option and click on Edit Profile. Here you can fill in the name you would like displayed on the website. If you do not want your name on the website, please tick the Hide Me from Member listing option. If your badge name reads as "Please Update" then it will not be displayed on the website, so please do ensure this is updated.

The member list can be found on our website:

<https://worldfantasy2025.co.uk/member-list/>

You can update your profile in Member Centre, add a photo, bio and a link to your website. You can also indicate if you would like a signing space at the Mass Autographing session and any accessibility and dietary needs which we use to plan the event and refreshments.

Virtual Book Bag

Your virtual book bag will soon be available in your members area on the website. We have received a generous selection of ebooks from authors and publishers. Please do log in to access these from the start of the convention.

Infectious Disease Policy

The UK is currently a place where covid and other infectious diseases are not generally mitigated for, which makes putting in place strict rules about masking or distancing really difficult.

We require our attendees to:

Respect other attendees' space. If there is no reason to stand or sit close to them, please don't. Our panel rooms are quite large: please do spread out if possible, only moving closer if numbers in the room increase. Not physically touch people without consent (e.g. to hug them).

Respect others' right to wear a mask.

Not to attend if they are unwell.

Understand that people may have allergies or non-infectious conditions.

We ask our attendees:

To be vaccinated for Covid 19 and seasonal Flu where possible.

To wash hands with soap or hand sanitizer regularly.

To consider wearing a mask or face covering in close or crowded spaces. We will have spare masks if anyone would like one.

Not to linger in corridors or close spaces. There are better areas to stop and chat. Our social area is in a very large room, so is a better place to socialise than corridors and smaller function rooms.

Not to have or attend parties in small spaces, such as hotel bedrooms.

To test for Covid 19 before the event - tests are available cheaply from UK pharmacies.

If you are using public transport to get to the event, please do consider wearing a mask or face-covering for the duration of your journey and in crowded transport hubs.

Arriving at the Convention

We will not be sending a physical ticket to you prior to the convention. However, we have a list of all people who have booked.

When you arrive at the convention, please come to the registration desk to collect your badges and other items from our Red Cloak team.

The Red Cloaks are here to assist you throughout the event.

If you are arriving early, there will be a British Fantasy Society meetup on Wednesday Evening at 7pm in the hotel bar.

Gender Neutral Toilets

Gender neutral toilets will be available at the event.

Recycling Lanyards

We provide laminated name badges and a lanyard at Registration. However, you are welcome to provide your own lanyard if you prefer. Any lanyards returned to the Registration desk at the end of the event will be used at future conventions.



