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– www.ordnancesurvey.co.uk
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DVDs/VIDEOS

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The Third Age Trust has purchased a licence for all the production companies covered by MPLC, a list of which can be found on their website (www.themplc.co.uk). It will start on 1st February and cover you for 12 months to show films outside your homes for both educational and entertainment purposes.

With regard to Filmbank Media, a reduced licence fee of £61.80 has been negotiated and if you have a film club or use films in a public place, you are strongly recommended to take this out as you will then be totally covered and will not have to worry at all. For more information go to their website at www.filmbank.co.uk. The licence will commence on 1st May for 12 months so if you wish to take it, please send a cheque made payable to The Third Age Trust by 15th March.

PERFORMANCE – PRS LICENCE

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