Information for the professional news media

The GLA recognises that as an iconic site of national importance Trafalgar Square and Parliament Square Garden will regularly be the focal point of local, national and international news events.

In recognition of the role that the professional news media plays in our society and to facilitate news crews and photo-journalists in their news gathering activities the GLA has put in place a pre-authorisation scheme for members of the press operating in the Squares. The scheme allows UKPCA Press Card holders to take photographs and film in the Squares without prior authorisation from the GLA, provided they display their Press Card when requested and it is for current affairs coverage only. This means that, unlike other forms of commercial photography and filming, they do not need to seek consent from the GLA in advance of carrying out those activities in the Squares. There are no restrictions on amateur or private photography on the Squares.