

Paula Wynne checks over the script for her short film *Dare to Fly*

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High hopes held for local movie-maker's *Dare to Fly*

A LOCAL writer and movie-maker is hoping to fly high with an uplifting new film project.

Paula Wynne, who runs the Chapel Row Post Office with her husband Grant, is seeking an investor to help bring her short film *Dare to Fly* to fruition.

The touching eight-minute digital film tells the story of two brothers who eventually bond through a shared love of flying, and Mrs Wynne is confident of award success.

She needs financial backing to the tune of £12,000 to get the cameras rolling, but says that, at a squeeze, it could be done for half of that figure. An investor would be given the option of a minor role in the film and a credit as executive producer.

The film would be directed by Chantelle De Carvalho, and a cast and crew have already been assembled.

"It's a lovely story," Mrs Wynne said, revealing that it was inspired by the vapour trails in a clear November sky.

"We have got a good chance of winning an award at the festivals, so an investor would be paid back if we won an award. We really need to prove ourselves and, at the same time, bring attention to our feature film *The Knowing*.

"We are looking for about £12,000 to produce a really good film. A lot of companies can use financing a film as a tax write-off."

Mrs Wynne, aged 42, of Cold Ash, has been writing for many years and is close to getting *The Knowing*, a full-length supernatural thriller, financed by a

London production company, meaning that it could hit cinema screens in about two years.

The story is based on an incident in her home country of South Africa, when her three-year-old son Kent, now aged 15, warned her to scream if anything happened to her. Later that day, she was confronted by a man with a knife.

She also set up World Friend Films last year with a view to producing her own work, but hopes that *Dare to Fly* will gain her recognition within the industry.

She is trying to keep the film as local as possible, and is now looking for a working airfield that could be used as a location, as well as an editor.

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