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Dear Sir,

B.B.C. Charter Review.

I do believe in a licence fee for B.B.C. as many years ago I lived in Australia and was very irritated by constant breaks for advertising.

I think that the dropping of a fee for the radio made it appear that all we get is B.B.C. 1 & 2 on T.V. Not having digital or internet etc. many of us can't get all the new channels - nor do we want them.

The licence should list all the services you provide to ensure that the public doesn't think it is only for T.V.

Looking at the list of Radio Services ^{it} does appear to be excessive as 90% of them are music and chat. I listen to Radio 4 because the speech and diction are clear - usually they keep to good grammar and not use today's common language which I believe should NOT be used ~~either~~ on any channel. (I am particularly thinking of 4 letter words and sexual innuendo)

You should uphold standards to help everyone to aspire to better things and hopefully assist young people to see how we should interact with one another.

Parents today do not seem to know what is decent so if you don't provide alternatives things will get worse.

Perhaps when the licence renewal comes, the fee could be stated as two parts 1) Radio & 2) T.V. Many young people use radios outside and may be unaware that you are providing that service.

As we can only hear one thing at a time I find that ^{by having} too many sources of material good things can be missed. We cannot be aware

of all that is available and most people keep to one station.
That is why I am not keen on digital channels.

The way I hear things is often by chance but if I only listen to plays, sport etc. I will miss the variety.

Religion is usually not covered well and I think we should have all forms given some time, instead of cutting it out, so as not to offend people. Only when we can allow everyone to tolerate each other's beliefs can we learn to live together in peace.

Thought for the day does have Jewish, Islam, Christian and other speakers BUT there is no place for non-believers because they have no belief.

Personally I am not keen on digital or internet T.V. because poorer people are sidelined. Older people can't always get to a library and ~~or~~ anyway going for a walk and having 2 Dminis is not the same as being able to turn on at your leisure. New technology moves too fast and we can't afford to keep updating.

Costs of taxes - local and national, water, CH. repairs etc. etc keep rising and these are essentials.

We can't afford many extras as time goes on and pension values drop.

Lastly you should keep accountability and the old standards of decency and less use of violence and bad language. I believe that pre-viewing should come back, instead of waiting for complaints after something has been shown, and more notice should be taken of people's complaints.

We now have so much violence, thuggery, shooting and rape that we cannot close our eyes to the fact that this generation has been brought up watching T.V. most of their waking hours. This proves that if we gave better examples they would sub-consciously acquire positive attitudes.

Yours sincerely
Sally