

BBC Charter Review,  
Department for Culture, Media and Sport,  
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Dear Sir,

My wife and I have noted your recent advert concerning the BBC Royal Charter review due shortly.

We have been concerned about the way the BBC has gone. We were fortunate enough to express our feelings about the amount of Sport and the poor quality of alternative viewing for women on Point of View a couple of years ago. It does not seem to be very much better, with a constant barrage of uninteresting facts being highlighted on virtually every news bulletin.

The recent publicity over the broadcasting of the Jerry Springer Show didn't show the Corporation in a very good light. Surely, there are far more entertaining West End Musical shows and Plays or Concerts which would have given more pleasure to more people without all the bitterness. Variety and Entertainment Shows used to be looked forward to at the weekend, but the present day quality leaves a lot to be desired. We aren't particularly fond of some of the present generation of comedy programmes, but enjoy Last of the Summer Wine and the repeats of Ronnie Barker's fine series and Keeping up Appearances. Musical concerts by any of your fine Orchestras or other well-known ones or Group could be equally enjoyable.

The standard of Plays being broadcast doesn't seem as good as it used to be. The recent introduction of daytime plays was quite innovative and enjoyable, but short-lived. We are pleased with the standard of informative documentaries being maintained.

Yours faithfully.



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