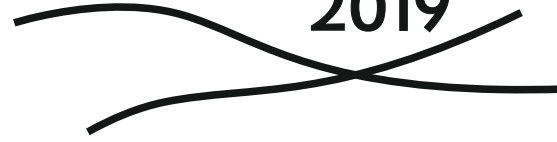


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THE DEPOT, LEWES



Depot Lewes in East Sussex, built on the site of the former Harvey's Brewery depot, shows feature and independent arthouse films, as well as hosting events, exhibitions and festivals. It also provides facilities for film education and community activities and a café/bar and restaurant for filmgoers, residents and visitors to Lewes. The site lies within Lewes Conservation Area and is surrounded by listed buildings of a variety of architectural styles and ages.

Burrell Foley Fischer were commissioned by Lewes Community Screen, who built and operate the new venue, to design the cinema. The existing warehouse building was retained and the three screens (140, 129 and 37 seats) inserted within it. A new glazed extension houses the box office, café/bar, restaurant, and film education and training facilities, giving a contemporary setting to the former industrial building in a prominent location close to the town's railway station. The former tarmacked service yard is landscaped to provide a new public realm, and includes native plant species providing seasonal colour and a small orchard and wildflower meadow, reflecting the historic site layout of orchards and meadows.