

Abi Thomas

Camera Operator and Drone Pilot

🚗 Full clean driving licence

🛩️ CAA drone certified

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Drone Pilot and Camera Operator with extensive experience in high-end broadcast productions, from blue-chip natural history to factual series. Expert in specialist camera systems and capturing striking visuals in remote and challenging locations. Versatile across sync, studio, tank and on-location shoots, bringing creativity, technical precision, and a collaborative spirit to every production.

Credits

Freelance Camera Technician for Flir Thermal Vision
Thermal Cameras and Drones (Ongoing)

Freeborne | Disney+ – *The Real Finding Nemo: Crown of Thorns Starfish*
Camera Op (Jan 2026)

Chris Packam | *Operation Dead Air campaign*
Live Editing (Sep 2025)

Freeborne | Disney+ – *The Real Finding Nemo: Turtles and Mudskippers*
Drone Pilot & Second Camera (June 2025)

Plimsoll Productions | BBC One – *Secret Garden: Forest*
Drone Pilot & Camera Op (June 2025)

Plimsoll Productions | BBC One – *Secret Garden: Country*
Drone Pilot & Camera Op (May 2025)

BBC | BBC One – *Blue Planet III: Sharks*
Drone Pilot & Second Camera (Jan 2025)

Humblebee | Sky Nature – *Airborne: Butterflies*
2nd Camera (Flex) / Camera Assistant (July 2024)

Humblebee | Sky Nature – *Airborne: Draco Lizards
& Paradise Tree Snakes*
Drone Pilot & Camera Assistant (Apr 2024)

BBC | BBC One – *Asia: Bengal Tigers*
Drone Pilot (Jan 2024)

BBC | BBC One – *Asia: Oman Seasonal Change*
2nd Camera (Oct 2023)

BBC | BBC One – *Planet Earth III: Columbus Crab BTS*
Drone Pilot & Camera Op (June 2023)

BBC | BBC One – *Asia: Giant Flying Squirrels*
2nd Camera - Long Lens & Remote Cameras (Apr 2023)

BBC | BBC One – *Asia: Vultures*
Drone Pilot (Mar 2023)

Offspring Films | Apple TV – *Earthsounds: Canadian Elk*
Drone Pilot & Camera Assistant (Dec 2022)

Offspring Films | Apple TV – *Earthsounds: Pistol Shrimp*
Camera Assistant (June 2022)

Offspring Films | Apple TV – *Earthsounds: Club winged Manakins*
Camera Assistant (Nov 2021)

BBC | BBC One – *Countryfile*
In-house Drone Pilot & Camera Assistant (2019–2021)

Technical Skills

Cinema Cameras:
RED Raptor, Gemini, Helium, Komodo
Z-Cam: E2 F6 / S6
Sony: FX6, FX9, Alpha Series, Venice
Phantom High-Speed: Flex, Veo, Onyx
Flir thermal cameras

Specialist Lenses:
CN20, CN7, CN8, Sigma Primes, Infiniprobe, Laowa
Probes

Drones:
Inspire 3, Mavic 3/4 Pro, FPV Holybro Kopsis, DJI Avata 2

Timelapse Systems:
Emotimo, Syrp Genie, Camblock, Bixicon Unit,
harbortronics long term TL

Camera Traps:
Cognisys Scoutcam, Metafilms Cambush Cubes

Jibs:
E-Jib, Intel-A-Jib, Cinekinetic MCJib, Jimmy Jib, GF 9
Crane

Sliders:
Prosup Tango, Ronford Baker Lightweight, Dana Dolly,
Sk8plate Slider, Waterbird

Gimbals:
Ronin 2, RS2, RS3, Ronin 4D

Cable Dollies:
Wirral, Noxon

Sound:
Mixpre 3/6, Tascam, Zoom recorder, Aquarian
hydrophones, JR contact mics, DPA mics, Radio mics

Qualifications

GVC Qualified
REDucation Trained
GSS Trained
BCAP Canopy Access Trained
Offroad Driving UTV/ATV Trained

BA (Hons) Filmmaking – Plymouth University, 2017