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RIVER CITY STAR STEPHEN PURDON CAST IN A KEY ROLE IN THE UPCOMING SECOND SERIES OF ACCLAIMED INDIE WEB SERIES COPS AND MONSTERS

Inspired by popular programmes like **Buffy the Vampire Slayer**, **Angel** and **Being Human**, **Cops and Monsters** is an innovative spin on the hallmarks of a much-loved genre, updating them for a new era - and setting it all in Scotland.

Now in pre-production for its second series, **Cops and Monsters: Uprising**, the team is pleased to announce that Stephen Purdon (best known as Bob O'Hara in BBC Scotland's **River City**) has been cast in a pivotal role, playing Private Bissett. Described in the **Cops and Monsters** series bible as a "reliable sharpshooter" and a "foul-mouthed, laddish soldier", there's a stark contrast between Bissett's love for his daughter Becca and his contempt for the supernatural communities of Scotland – hence his dedication to SPIDERS, the militant group that have taken over the Paranormal Investigation Team (Scotland) to which our heroes belong.

Stephen commented that *"Since Cops and Monsters first started I've always kept a keen eye on it; over time it really has went from strength to strength and as soon as Fraser approached me to be involved, it was a no-brainer - to be honest, I was flattered! The finished product is a credit to the extremely hard work the cast and crew put in on such a tight budget, and I honestly just can't wait to be involved!"*

Stephen joins a star-studded cast of familiar faces from British television and experienced genre veterans. Guest stars include **Doctor Who** companions Sophie Aldred & Caitlin Blackwood, **Marvel & Harry Potter** actor James Payton and **Wolfblood** stars Rachel Teate & Leona Kate Vaughan.

A cult success on YouTube that has received several prestigious international film awards and was recently picked up by Amazon Prime, **Cops and Monsters** is currently crowdfunding for a second series. In its first series, eight episodes were produced with a total budget of £15 000, raised through a succession of concerted Kickstarter campaigns – a testament not only to **Cops and Monsters'** popularity, but also the passion and dedication of its fans and supporters.

Now, the team intend to raise the bar once again, not only in terms of their storytelling but also the production, hoping their current Kickstarter campaign will reach £3890 to cover a three-day shoot (?) to film series opener **Remembrance**, written by the BAFTA winning head writer of **Wolfblood**, Debbie Moon. Over the course of the series, the **Cops and Monsters** team hope to raise £30 000 to produce 6 twenty-minute episodes.

Fraser Coull, the writer/director spearheading Cops and Monsters, says *"We are so grateful for everybody that comes back again and again to our Kickstarters and support our show. It always amazes me when we get people pledging to our new episodes and it's a very humbling experience. The scripts for series 2 are incredible and the show is going from strength to strength. With your help we will fund all of our episodes for everyone to enjoy."*

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Kickstarter link: <https://www.kickstarter.com/projects/nightisdaymovie/cops-and-monsters-uprising-episode-1-remembrance>