Jesmond Community Forum

Annual Report for 2025
13 October 2026

1. Trustees

The Trustees for the year were :

Dave Cross (Chair), Chris Clarke (Treasurer), Marjorie Dodds, David Houpt and Pat Hughes.
Felicity Mendelson and Tanya Pretswell both stood down as Trustees in 2025

2. Chair's Report

The main activity in 2025 was the successful Jesmond Community Festival in May which included over 80 events. The events were produced by member organisations.

We held another photographic competition in 2025 and the winning entries were printed in the Jesmond 2026 Calendar.

A presentation by Paul Balmont, to talk about The Ouse Burn Way, which is a project to improve water quality, well-being and the wildlife corridor along the Ouseburn river which runs through Jesmond Dene. This website gives further details: www.theouseburnway.co.uk

3. Accounts

Chris Clarke presented the accounts for year ended 31st Dec 2025.
These showed income of £2838 and expenditure of £3757. The lower income than in previous years is indicative on the pressures on the Local Authority's available cash for community activities.
The accounts were agreed by the Trustees on 3rd March 2026

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(Registered Charity Number 1155999)

Financial Statements for the year ended 31 December 2025

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Income and Expenditure Account for the year ended 31 December 2025, compared with the year ended 31 December 2024

General Activities

Income	**Total Funds 2024**	**Total Funds 2025**
Sale of 2024 Calendars	£105.00	
Sale of 2025 Calendars	£900.00	£50.00
Sale of 2026 Calendars		£670.00
Other Income (Interest on Savings Account)		£15.56
Total Income, General Activities	**£1,005.00**	**£735.56**

Expenditure	**Total Funds 2024**	**Total Funds 2025**
Printing and production of Calendars, including photo competition prizes	£830.98	£606.99
Forum Website	£148.00	£161.00
Room Hire	£90.00	£110.00
Total Expenditure, General Activities	**£1,068.98**	**£877.99**

Net Income (Deficit), General Activities	**(£63.98)**	**(£142.43)**

Jesmond Community Festival

Income	**Total Funds 2024**	**Total Funds 2025**
Grants and Donations, 2024 Festival	£1,529.00	
Grants and Donations, 2025 Festival	£250.00	£2,027.00
Grants and Donations, 2026 Festival		£75.00
Total Income, Festivals	**£1,779.00**	**£2,102.00**

Expenditure	**Total Funds 2024**	**Total Funds 2025**
Publicity, including Programmes, Posters and Website	£2,248.00	£2,681.20
Other Event Expenditure	£65.00	£198.00
Total Expenditure, Festivals	**£2,313.00**	**£2,879.20**

Net Income (Deficit), Festivals	**(£534.00)**	**(£777.20)**

Summary of Income and Expenditure

	Total Funds 2024	**Total Funds 2025**
General Activities, Net Income (Deficit)	(£63.98)	(£142.43)
Community Festivals, Net Income (Deficit)	(£534.00)	(£777.20)
Total Net Income (Deficit)	**(£597.98)**	**(£919.63)**

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Balance Sheet, as at 31 December 2025, compared with 31 December 2024

Jesmond Community Forum has no Fixed Assets and all its Current Assets are lodged in its Barclays bank accounts. During 2025 the Forum transferred some funds from its current account into a new, interest-bearing business savings account.

Current Assets	**31/12/2024**	**31/12/2025**
Current Account	£4,188.43	£1,053.24
Savings Account		£2,215.56
Total Cash at Bank	**£4,188.43**	**£3,268.80**

Represented by	**2024**	**2025**
Balance brought forward from the previous year	£4,786.41	£4,188.43
Net income (deficit) for the year	(£597.98)	(£919.63)
Total Funds at the end of the year	**£4,188.43**	**£3,268.80**

(Signed) Christopher Clarke (Treasurer).....

Independently examined by Geoffrey Carter……