

Bert Jansch Foundation

Annual Report and Financial Statements

Year ended 31 December 2025

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Annual Report for the year 2025

The Bert Jansch Foundation addresses its aims of supporting acoustic musicians with education and early career opportunities. Here is a summary of the activities of the Bert Jansch Foundation in 2025.

In 2025, the Bert Jansch Foundation presented young artists in concert at the Frome Festival.



Managed by Charlotte Crofton Sleigh, this concert took place on Saturday 5 July at the prestigious Rook Lane Chapel. The featured artists were up and coming star Chris Brain and BJF young artist Ryan Deakin.

Chris Brain was fresh from a sell-out UK tour and had just released his third album 'New Light' this year supported by the Bert Jansch Foundation. He draws inspiration from the stunning landscapes in his native Yorkshire, and from songwriters like

Bert, Nick Drake and John Martyn. Chris recalls: *I soon learnt that all of my inspirers had been influenced in some way or another by the ability and innovation of Bert Jansch's songwriting and guitar playing.*



This concert introduced **Ryan Deakin**: another young Yorkshire man whom the foundation has supported. Ryan recorded this year at the Bert Jansch Studio and is becoming known for his multi-instrumental eclectic mix of folk rock, blues and ragtime.

Ryan said:

It's incredible how in this day and age of technology, Bert Jansch's minimal, earthy, early recordings still manage to stand out in their unique tone. His music gave me permission to find myself"

We had responses from local radio and the local paper and local radio station FromeFM asked for a live interview. We sent additional info and photos to the local paper for a feature and were well situated in the Frome Festival diary spread.

In our mission to help young artists we also endeavoured to get some sound engineering students involved shadowing our soundman, and some photography students too.

BJF supported our young artists with a grant and paid for their accommodation totalling £1200.

The costs of mounting the concert came to £1,168.55.

The income accruing to BJF from the concert was £1,004,30.

The trustees were satisfied that we had done our artists proud, presenting them in a prestigious festival at the cost to the foundation of just over £150. This was indeed money well spent and the trustees will be repeating this activity in subsequent years.

The poster is below

BERT INSPIRED



The Bert Jansch Foundation presents:
An evening of mesmerising contemporary folk music at Frome's stunning Rook Lane Chapel.

Chris Brain • Yorkshire's new star on the fingerpicking folk scene

Drawing inspiration from the outdoors and songwriters such as Bert Jansch, Nick Drake and John Martyn, Chris comes to Frome Festival fresh from a sell-out UK tour promoting his highly acclaimed third album **New Light**.

also introducing

Ryan Deakin • Talented multi-instrumentalist and singer songwriter

Bert Jansch Foundation Young Artist, who recently recorded his eclectic mix of folk rock, country blues and ragtime at Frome's Bert Jansch Studio.



Saturday 5 July 2025
Doors 7.00 pm
Concert 7.30 pm – 9.30 pm
Rook Lane Chapel
Frome BA11 1DN

£15
£13.50 Students & OAPs

Book here: fromefestival.co.uk/event/bert-jansch-foundation-presents-chris-brain

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Bert Jansch FOUNDATION

The Bert Jansch Foundation (BJF) was established in 2013 to celebrate the rich legacy of acoustic folk music in the UK and support the continuing creative artistry of young acoustic musicians. www.bertjanschfoundation.org



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Supporting young artists

BJF also continues to support our featured artists Sam Grassie and Dariush Kanani and follow their progress.

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Royalties from transcription books

BJF also continues to receive royalties from Hal Leonard pertaining to the two transcription books of Bert Transcribed that they published in 2017 and 2023.

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Bert Jansch Foundation Profit & Loss 2025

INCOME		
Frome Festival Tickets sales	£1,004.30	
TOTAL INCOME	**£1,004.30**	
EXPENSES		
Grants	-£1,200.00	
Website	-£84.00	
Frome Festival show	-£1,168.55	
Total Expenses	**-£2,452.55**	
Net Surplus	**-£1,448.25**	

Bert Jansch Foundation Balance sheet as at 31 December 2025

Fixed Assets	**£55.00**	
Current Assets		
Reserve a/c balance c/fwd at close of 2025	£19,899.98	
Current a/c balance c/fwd at close of 2025	£673.95	
Total Current Assets	**£20,573.93**	
Total Net Assets		**£20,628.93**
Represented by:		
Reserve a/c balance b/fwd from end of 2024	£20,732.16	
Current a/c balance b/fwd from end of 2024	£1,022.20	
Interest earned in 2025	£267.82	
Fixed Assets	**£55.00**	
Net Surplus	**-£1,448.25**	
Balance c/fwd to 2026		**£20,628.93**