

# JESMOND COMMUNITY FORUM

England & Wales · Charity number 1155999

## Details

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**Status** Registered

**Legal form** CIO

**Registered** 2014-03-04

**Register** [View on the Charity Commission register](#)

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## Activities

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**Objects:** 1 FOR THE PUBLIC BENEFIT,THE PROMOTION OF THE VOLUNTARY SECTOR IN NEWCASTLE UPON TYNE CITY AND SURROUNDING AREAS IN PARTICULAR BUT NOT EXCLUSIVELY,BY:- THE PROVISION OF SUPPORT AND REPRESENTATION FOR VOLUNTARY SECTOR ORGANISATIONS;-LIAISING BETWEEN CHARITIES,VOLUNTARY ORGANISATIONS,GOVERNMENT AGENCIES AND OTHER GROUPS ON RELEVANT ISSUES;-PROVIDING TRAINING,CONFERENCES AND SEMINARS ON SUBJECT RELEVANT TO THE EFFICIENCY OF THE VOLUNTARY SECTOR.WITHIN THIS WORDING,'THE VOLUNTARY SECTOR'MEANS CHARITIES AND VOLUNTARY ORGANISATIONS:- CHARITIES ARE ORGANISATIONS WHICH ARE ESTABLISHED FOR EXCLUSIVELY CHARITABLE PURPOSES IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE LAW OF ENGLAND AND WALES-VOLUNTARY ORGANISATIONS ARE INDEPENDENT ORGANISATIONS WHICH ARE ESTABLISHED FOR PURPOSES THAT ADD VALUE TO THE COMMUNITY AS A WHOLE OR A SIGNIFICANT SECTION OF THE COMMUNITY.2.TO FURTHER SUCH OTHER PURPOSES WHICH MAY BE CHARITABLE ACCORDING TO THE LAW OF ENGLAND AND WALES

**Activities:** (a) to support, promote and consolidate the work of community, residential and voluntary groups in the suburb of Jesmond in Newcastle upon Tyne; and (b) to provide a vehicle for such groups to observe and participate in issues affecting residents of Jesmond and their communities.

## Classification

- **How:** Provides Human Resources, Provides Services, Provides Advocacy/advice/information, Acts As An Umbrella Or Resource Body
- **What:** General Charitable Purposes, Education/training, Economic/community Development/employment
- **Who:** Children/young People, Elderly/old People, People With Disabilities, Other Charities Or Voluntary Bodies, Other Defined Groups

## Geography

- Newcastle Upon Tyne City

## Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-12-31	£2,784	£3,371	-	-
2023-12-31	£3,285	£3,475	-	-
2022-12-31	£3,919	£3,415	-	-
2021-12-31	£980	£1,715	-	-
2020-12-31	£3,172	£4,193	-	-

## Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
DAVID GORDON CROSS	Chair	2013-12-31
MARJORIE DODDS		2013-12-31
MR CHRISTOPHER JOHN LAWREY CLARKE		2013-12-31
Patricia Margaret Hughes		2022-09-20
WILLIAM DAVID HOUPT		2019-09-02

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**Jesmond Community Forum  
Annual Report & Minutes of Annual General Meeting  
Held at Jesmond Library on  
9 September 2025**

**Present:** Marjorie Dodds, Kay Plumley, Janet Wilson, David Houpt, Nils Clemmetsen, Richard Taylor, Lucien Clarke, Fiona Clarke, Paul Balmont, Peter Breakey, Debbie Loughran, Chris Clarke, Dave Cross, Pat Hughes

**1. Welcome**

The chair, Dave Cross, thanked everyone for coming this evening and introduced other Trustees Chris Clarke (Treasurer), Marjorie Dodds, David Houpt and Pat Hughes.

**2. Treasurer's Report**

Copies of the Financial Statement for the year ended 31 December 2024 were circulated and had been approved by Trustees earlier in the year.

**3. Appointment of Trustees**

Our Secretary, Felicity Mendelson and Tanya Pretswell both stood down as Trustees. Our thanks to both for their commitment. In accordance with the terms of the Constitution Trustees who reach the end of their term are permitted to stand again and Pat Hughes, who has reached the end of her term, agreed to stand again. Dave Cross proposed and Fiona Clarke seconded Pat and there were no objections. The current Trustees therefore are: Dave Cross, Chris Clarke, Marjorie Dodds, David Houpt and Pat Hughes.

Thanks were recorded to Pat for taking the minutes at recent meetings. The position of Secretary remains open and members were asked to let Dave or Chris know of anyone who would be interested in joining as a Trustee. The main attributes would be to attend meetings when possible and to offer their advice as the Forum considers its decisions.

**4. Chair's Report**

The Chair reviewed the Forum's activities over the past year. The main event was the successful Community Festival in May which included 80 events which were mostly well attended by the local community. Hopefully this will take place again next year. We held another photographic competition and the winners' pictures were featured in the Jesmond 2025 Calendar. The Forum had also been crucial in the dissemination of activities by member groups through the regular 'Jesmond Matters' emailings. Our last AGM featured presentations from the community to talk about volunteering, recruitment and retention. Our thanks to Matthew Brindley from Volunteering Matters, Ray Hayes, Friends of Jesmond Old Cemetery and Barbara Trevitt, Jesmond Library.

**5. Any Other Business**

None.

**6. Next Open Meeting**

Tuesday 11 November 2025

Dave Cross introduced our guest speaker, 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 river which runs through Jesmond Dene. Those present found it a fascinating talk, and many discovered new information about this area particularly where the river disappears underground and its other tributaries. It was agreed details of this project should be widely shared as there will be member organisations who may be able to volunteer or contribute as appropriate.

This website gives further details: [www.theouseburnway.co.uk](http://www.theouseburnway.co.uk)

PMH/10.9.2025

## **Jesmond Community Forum CIO**

**(Registered Charity Number 1155999)**

## **Financial Statements for the year ended 31 December 2024**

*Since its establishment in 2004 Jesmond Community Forum has used calendar years as its financial year, with its annual accounts covering periods from January 1<sup>st</sup> to December 31<sup>st</sup>. Recently the government has taken steps to require companies, individuals and partnerships to align their financial years to tax years, ie ending on 31 March or 4 April. At present there is a dispensation in place for the present year, applying to all companies, and in addition it appears that the reform will not apply to organisations (such as Jesmond Community Forum CIO) which do not pay tax.*

*Accordingly the trustees of the Forum have considered that the Jesmond Community Forum CIO is not currently required to align its year end with the Government year, under the Basic Period Reform, and has elected NOT to adopt the provisions for transition allowed in 2024.*

## Jesmond Community Forum CIO

### Income and Expenditure Account for the year ended 31 December 2024, compared with the year ended 31 December 2023

#### General Activities

<b>Income</b>	<b>Total Funds 2023</b>	<b>Total Funds 2024</b>
Sale of 2023 Calendars	£185.00	
Sale of 2024 Calendars	£645.00	£105.00
Sale of 2025 Calendars		£900.00
Other Income	£10.00	£0.00
<b>Total Income, General Activities</b>	<b>£840.00</b>	<b>£1,005.00</b>

<b>Expenditure</b>	<b>Total Funds 2023</b>	<b>Total Funds 2024</b>
Printing and production of Calendars, including photo competition prizes	£866.00	£830.98
Forum Website	£146.00	£148.00
Room Hire	£165.00	£90.00
Other Expenditure	£10.00	£0.00
<b>Total Expenditure, General Activities</b>	<b>£1,187.00</b>	<b>£1,068.98</b>

<b>Net Income (Deficit), General Activities</b>	<b>(£347.00)</b>	<b>(£63.98)</b>
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#### Jesmond Community Festival

<b>Income</b>	<b>Total Funds 2023</b>	<b>Total Funds 2024</b>
Grants and Donations, 2023 Festival	£1,945.00	
Grants and Donations, 2024 Festival	£500.00	£1,529.00
Grants and Donations, 2025 Festival		£250.00
<b>Total Income, Festivals</b>	<b>£2,445.00</b>	<b>£1,779.00</b>

<b>Expenditure</b>	<b>Total Funds 2023</b>	<b>Total Funds 2024</b>
Publicity, including Programmes, Posters and Website	£2,241.00	£2,248.00
Other Event Expenditure	£47.00	£65.00
<b>Total Expenditure, Festivals</b>	<b>£2,288.00</b>	<b>£2,313.00</b>

<b>Net Income (Deficit), Festivals</b>	<b>£157.00</b>	<b>(£534.00)</b>
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#### Summary of Income and Expenditure

	<b>Total Funds 2023</b>	<b>Total Funds 2024</b>
General Activities, Net Income (Deficit)	(£347.00)	(£63.98)
Community Festivals, Net Income	£157.00	(£534.00)
<b>Total Net Income (Deficit)</b>	<b>(£190.00)</b>	<b>(£597.98)</b>

**Jesmond Community Forum CIO**

**Balance Sheet, as at 31 December 2024, compared with 31 December 2023**

*Jesmond Community Forum has no Fixed Assets and all its Current Assets are all lodged in its bank accounts. At 31 December 2022 it held two current accounts, with Lloyds and Barclays, but during 2023 the Lloyds account was closed, and the total balance transferred to Barclays.*

<b>Current Assets</b>	<b>31/12/2023</b>	<b>31/12/2024</b>
Cash at Bank	£4,786.41	£4,188.43

<b>Represented by</b>	<b>2023</b>	<b>2024</b>
Balance brought forward from the previous year	£4,976.41	£4,786.41
Net income (deficit) for the year	(£190.00)	(£597.98)
<b>Total Funds at the end of the year</b>	<b>£4,786.41</b>	<b>£4,188.43</b>

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

Independently examined by Geoffrey Carter.....

28 January 2025

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**Jesmond Community Forum  
Annual Report & Minutes of Annual General Meeting  
Held at Jesmond Library on  
10 September 2024**

**Present:** Marjorie Dodds (St. Hilda's Church), Ray Hayes (Friends of Jesmond Old Cemetery), Fiona Clarke (Jesmond Community Orchard), David Houpt (Trustee), Dave Cross (Chair JCF), Chris Clarke (Treasurer JCF), Susan Carr (Holy Name Church), Richard Taylor (West Jesmond Allotments), Adam Wilkinson (Jesmond Methodist Church), Janet Wilson (St. George's Church), Alex Head (Resident), Peter Breakey (Jesmond Library/JCIC), Pat Hughes (Bell's Yard), Mathew Brindley (Volunteering Matters, Volunteer Centre Newcastle), Barbara Trevitt (Jesmond Library).

**Apologies:** Felicity Mendelson (Secretary JCF), Fr Campion (Holy Name Church), Pamela Denham (Elders Council); Tanya Pretswell, JCF Trustee.

**1. Welcome**

Dave Cross welcomed everyone to the meeting.

**2. Minutes of AGM held on 19 October 2023**

These were accepted as a correct record of the meeting.

**3. Chair's Report**

Dave Cross was proud of the Jesmond Community Festival and the way groups in the area came together to produce this event. This demonstrates how effective and successful the Forum is. We continue to disseminate and share information and this is undertaken by our Secretary, Felicity Mendelson, and is an important part of the work of the Forum. Felicity is unwell and is not able to attend this evening but we send her our best wishes and thanks for the hard work she does. We also produced our annual Jesmond Calendar and the photographs used came from local people in the community.

**4. Treasurer's Report**

Chris Clarke reported that financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2023 were circulated and approved earlier in the year. The current amount in our bank account is £4112.

**5. Appointment of Trustees**

In accordance with the terms of the JCF constitution, Felicity Mendelson and David Houpt stood down as Trustees, both were willing to continue and were re-elected as Trustees unanimously.

Our current Trustees are: David Houpt, Chris Clarke, Dave Cross, Pat Hughes, Marjorie Dodds, Felicity Mendelson and Tanya Pretswell.

Dave Cross informed the meeting that we are always interested in welcoming further Trustees and anyone interested should get in touch.

**6. Any Other Business**

None

**7. Next Open Meeting**

12 November 2024.

**8. Presentations**

Dave Cross introduced the following who will talk about volunteering, recruitment and retention:-

- Matthew Brindley from Volunteering Matters, Volunteer Centre, Newcastle
- Ray Hayes – Friends of Jesmond Old Cemetery
- Barbara Trevitt – Jesmond Library

**Jesmond Community Forum CIO**

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**Financial Statements for the year ended 31 December 2023**

**Jesmond Community Forum CIO**

**Income and Expenditure Account for the year ended 31 December 2023,  
compared with the year ended 31 December 2022**

**General Activities**

<b>Income</b>	<b>Total Funds 2023</b>	<b>Total Funds 2022</b>
Sale of 2022 Calendars		£50.00
Sale of 2023 Calendars	£185.00	£655.00
Sale of 2024 Calendars	£645.00	
Other Income	£10.00	£3.00
<b>Total Income, General Activities</b>	<b>£840.00</b>	<b>£708.00</b>

<b>Expenditure</b>	<b>Total Funds 2023</b>	<b>Total Funds 2022</b>
Printing and production of Calendars, including photo competition prizes	£866.00	£822.00
Forum Website	£146.00	£156.00
Room Hire	£165.00	£210.00
Other Expenditure	£10.00	£30.90
<b>Total Expenditure, General Activities</b>	<b>£1,187.00</b>	<b>£1,220.90</b>

<b>Net Income (Deficit), General Activities</b>	<b>(£347.00)</b>	<b>(£512.00)</b>
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**Jesmond Community Festival**

<b>Income</b>	<b>Total Funds 2023</b>	<b>Total Funds 2022</b>
Grants and Donations, 2022 Festival		£3,211.00
Grants and Donations, 2023 Festival	£1,945.00	
Grants and Donations, 2024 Festival	£500.00	
<b>Total Income, Festivals</b>	<b>£2,445.00</b>	<b>£3,211.00</b>

<b>Expenditure</b>	<b>Total Funds 2023</b>	<b>Total Funds 2022</b>
Publicity, including Programmes, Posters and Website	£2,241.00	£2,158.40
Other Event Expenditure	£47.00	£35.50
<b>Total Expenditure, Festivals</b>	<b>£2,288.00</b>	<b>£2,193.90</b>

<b>Net Income, Festivals</b>	<b>£157.00</b>	<b>£1,017.10</b>
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**Summary of Income and Expenditure**

	<b>Total Funds 2023</b>	<b>Total Funds 2022</b>
General Activities, Net Income (Deficit)	(£347.00)	(£512.90)
Community Festivals, Net Income	£157.00	£1,017.10
<b>Total Net Income (Deficit)</b>	<b>(£190.00)</b>	<b>£504.20</b>

**Jesmond Community Forum CIO**

**Balance Sheet, as at 31 December 2023, compared with 31 December 2022**

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<b>Current Assets</b>	<b>31/12/2023</b>	<b>31/12/2022</b>
Cash at Bank	£4,786.41	£4,976.41

<b>Represented by</b>	<b>2023</b>	<b>2022</b>
Balance brought forward from the previous year	£4,976.41	£4,472.21
Net income (deficit) for the year	(£190.00)	£504.20
<b>Total Funds at the end of the year</b>	<b>£4,786.41</b>	<b>£4,976.41</b>

**(Signed) Christopher Clarke (Treasurer).....9 January 2024**

**Independently examined by Geoffrey Carter..... 9 January 2024**

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**Jesmond Community Forum**  
**Summary of Accounts for 2022, compared with 2021**

**General Activities**

<u>Income</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>
Sale of 2022 Calendars	£50.00	£870.00
Sale of 2023 Calendars	£655.00	
Other Income	£3.00	
<b>Total Income, General Activities</b>	<b>£708.00</b>	<b>£870.00</b>
 <u>Expenditure</u>		
Printing and production of Calendars, including photo competition prizes	£824.00	£698.58
Forum Website	£156.00	£424.99
Room Hire	£210.00	£55.00
Sundry Expenditure	£30.90	£10.00
<b>Total Expenditure, General Activities</b>	<b>£1,220.90</b>	<b>£1,188.57</b>
 <b>Net Income, General Activities</b>	 <b>-£512.90</b>	 <b>-£318.57</b>

**Jesmond Community Festival**

<u>Income</u>		
Donations, 2021 Festival		£110.00
Grants and Donations, 2022 Festival	£3,211.00	
<b>Total Income, Festivals</b>	<b>£3,211.00</b>	<b>£110.00</b>
 <u>Expenditure</u>		
Publicity, including Programmes, Posters and Website	£2,158.40	£525.99
Other event expenditure	£35.50	
<b>Total Expenditure, Festivals</b>	<b>£2,193.90</b>	<b>£525.99</b>
 <b>Net Income, Festivals</b>	 <b>£1,017.10</b>	 <b>-£415.99</b>

<b><u>Summary of Income and Expenditure</u></b>	<b><u>2022</u></b>	<b><u>2021</u></b>
General Activities, Net Income	-£512.90	-£318.57
Community Festivals, Net Income	£1,017.10	-£415.99
<b><u>Total Net Income</u></b>	<b>£504.20</b>	<b>-£734.56</b>

**Represented by**

Opening Balance 1 January 2022	£4,472.21
Closing Balance 31 December 2022	£4,976.41
<b>Excess of Income over Expenditure, 2022</b>	<b>£504.20</b>

**(Signed) Christopher Clarke (Treasurer).....Date: 17 January 2023**

**Independently examined by Geoffrey Carter, 17 January 2023**

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## Jesmond Community Forum CIO Charity No 1155999

### Annual Report for 2021 and Annual General Meeting held in Jesmond Library 20 September 2022

#### Present

Dave Cross: Jesmond Network  
Felicity Mendelson: JDAA/Jes Library  
Tanya Pretswell: Keep Jesmond Clean  
Shiela Manley: NEPA  
Fiona Clarke: Jes Community Orchard  
Adam Wilkinson: Jes Methodist Church  
Nathaniel Poole: Pegasus Jes Assembly  
Bobbie Harding: Jes Community Orchard

Chris Clarke: Jes Library/Jes Pool & Gym  
Marjorie Dodds: St Hilda's Church  
Pat Hughes: Bells Yard  
Diane Walton: Jesmond WI  
Hilary Pitkethly: Friends of St George's  
Suzanne Sharkey: Fern Ave Res Group  
Nils Clemmetsen: Jesmond Residents Assn

Olwyn Hocking: Panel Chair  
Alison Reece: Panellist  
Despoina Papadopoulou: Panellist

Jennie Steele: Panellist  
Elaine Philbrick: Panellist  
Evelyn Morrison: panellist

#### Present via Zoom

Susan Carr: Holy Name Church

1. **Apologies:** D. Houpt, R. Taylor, P. Denham, Fr Campion, F. Mogg, B. Fitchett, J. Foster, J. MacIver.

2. **Minutes of AGM 12 October 2021** were approved.

#### 3. Chair's Address

Dave Cross reflected on the activities undertaken by JCF over the course of the past year, noting that although it had been responsible for coordinating Jesmond Community Festival 2022, the Festival's resounding success was thanks to the hard work of all local organisations which produced the events – and that this celebration demonstrated their resilience in coping so well with the restrictive effects of Covid over the past couple of years.

JCF has continued to support the network of local organisations by providing an information exchange and promoting members' events via regular emailed newsletters.

The annual Jesmond Photographic Competition drew, as always, a high standard of entries with unusual, thoughtful and quirky images of Jesmond.

#### 4. Treasurer's Report

Copies of JCF accounts for 2021 were provided; Chris Clarke pointed out that JCF's financial year ends on December 31<sup>st</sup>. Due to healthy financial reserves and despite a loss of around £700 from the Festival, the year ended with a little under £4,500 in credit. Sales of Jesmond Calendar help to defray the JCF's low administration costs.

The accounts were formally accepted by the meeting and will be submitted to the Charity Commission. A vote of thanks was made to Geoffrey Carter for his work in auditing them.

#### 5. Election of Trustees

Dave paid tribute to Sandra Hind, Trustee of Jesmond Community Forum who sadly died in July. Current Trustees Dave Cross, Chris Clarke, Felicity Mendelson, David Houpt, Marjorie Dodds and Bobbie Harding have confirmed they are willing to continue: in accordance with the terms of JCF constitution, Marjorie and Bobbie stood down as Trustees. Expressions of interest were received from Tanya Pretswell and Pat Hughes: they were elected, and Marjorie and Bobbie were re-elected, unanimously.

6. **Any other business:** none.

#### 7. Date of next meeting

Tuesday 22 November at 7pm in Jesmond Library, which will focus on Jesmond Festival 2023.

The business element of the meeting was followed by a panel discussion 'Inclusive Jesmond: engaging residents new and old'.



## **Treasurer's Report**

### **Jesmond Community Forum, January 2022**

Attached to this report are Income and Expenditure figures for the Forum's 2021 Calendar year, compared with the previous year. The accounts have been checked and agreed by our Independent Examiner, Geoffrey Carter.

Both years were heavily affected by the pandemic. In 2020 Jesmond Community Festival was cancelled after a number of grants had been received and some expenditure incurred. The remaining grants towards the 2020 festival, received towards the end of 2019 as well as early in 2020, were therefore transferred to fund the 2021 Jesmond Community Festival, which took place with a reduced programme restricted largely to open air and online events.

Net income generated by sales of the Forum's Jesmond Calendars covered our relatively small administrative expenses, including room hire for meetings.

In 2020 and early 2021 a new website for the festival was developed, and later in 2021 a companion website was designed and implemented, once again by John Peace of Big Purple Box.

Although the Forum has recorded financial losses in both 2020 and 2021, as a result of the pandemic's effects on the festivals, it is worth noting that our closing balance at the end of 2021 was still over £4,400, slightly more than the balance at the beginning of 2019 (£4,197.64). So reserves built up prior to 2019 ensured that we remained solvent through 2020 and 2021.

Chris Clarke

Treasurer, Jesmond Community Forum

**Jesmond Community Forum**  
**Summary of Accounts for 2021, compared with 2020**

**General Activities**

<u>Income</u>		<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>
Sale of 2022 Calendars	£870.00		
Total Income, General Activities		£870.00	£847.24
 <u>Expenditure</u>			
Printing and production of 2022 calendars, including photo competition prizes	£698.58		
New Forum website	£424.99		
Administration, mainly room hire	£65.00		
Total Expenditure, General Activities		£1,188.57	£709.64
<b>Net Income, General Activities</b>		<b>-£318.57</b>	<b>£137.60</b>

**Jesmond Community Festival**

<u>Income</u>			
Donations, 2021 Festival	£110.00		
Total Income, Festivals		£110.00	£2,325.00
 <u>Expenditure</u>			
Publicity, 2021 Festival, including new logo and posters	£341.99		
Festival website	£184.00		
Total Expenditure, Festivals		£525.99	£3,483.10
<b>Net Income, Festivals</b>		<b>- £415.99</b>	<b>-£1,158.10</b>

<b><u>Summary of Income and Expenditure</u></b>	<b><u>2021</u></b>	<b><u>2020</u></b>
General Activities, Net Income	-£318.57	£137.60
Community Festivals, Net Income	-£415.99	-£1,158.10
<b><u>Total Net Income</u></b>	<b>-£734.56</b>	<b>-£1,020.50</b>

**Represented by**

Opening Balance 1 January 2021	£5,206.77
Closing Balance 31 December 2021	£4,472.21
<b>Excess of Income over Expenditure, 2021</b>	<b>- £734.56</b>

(Signed) Christopher Clarke (Treasurer).....Date: 4 January 2022

Independently examined by Geoffrey Carter, 4 January 2022

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# Jesmond Community Forum CIO Charity No 1155999

## Annual Report for 2020 and Annual General Meeting 12 October 2021

(The meeting was held live in Jesmond Library and via Zoom)

### **Present** in person

C. Clarke: Jes Library/Jes Pool & Gym	B. Fitchett: Elders Council
D. Cross: Jes Network	A. Wilkinson: Jes Methodist Church
M. Dodds: St Hilda's Church	Rev A. Wilkinson: ditto
F. Clarke: Jes Community Orchard	F. Mogg: G'forth & Jes Comm Minibus
Cllr F. Mendelson: JDAA/NCC	E. Gibson: St George's Church
D. Perry: Elders council	S. Klenka: ditto
B. Harding: Jes Community Orchard	

### **Attendees** via Zoom

Cllr T. Pretswell: Keep Jesmond Clean/NCC	D. Walton: Jesmond WI
P. Denham: Elders Council	S. Carr: Holy Name Church
S. Manley: NEPA	P. Drape: Jes Pool & Gym
A. Hames: Semitones	

1. **Apologies:** R. Taylor, Y. Wanke, Fr. Campion, S. Hind, H. Pitkethly, D. Houpt.
2. **Minutes of last AGM** 20.10.10: were accepted
3. **Matters arising:** none
4. **Chair's address: Dave Cross.**

Despite continued difficulties over the year relating to Covid 19, Dave noted that community groups had remained intact and had connected with others in the community by sharing news of activities through emailed circulations by JCF. Jesmond Community Festival 2021 was produced with a programme comprising members' events virtually - or in person, where possible -and the annual Jesmond Photographic competition had gone ahead. Thanks were made to Chris Clarke for his organisation of both.

### 5. **Treasurer's report: Chris Clarke**

Chris confirmed that due to the low costs associated with managing Jesmond Community Forum and the style in which Jesmond Community Festival needed to be produced this year, JCF is in a highly solvent position with current funds of £4,300, mainly accrued from previous years. It is likely, however, that applications will need to be made for Ward Grants in respect of a traditional Festival next year. Thanks were made to Geoffrey Carter for verifying the accounts.

### 6. **Election of Trustees**

Current Trustees, Chris Clarke, Dave Cross, Marjorie Dodds, Felicity Mendelson, David Houpt, Sandra Hinds and Bobbie Harding had confirmed they were willing to continue. In accordance with the terms of the Constitution, Felicity and David (in his absence) stood down and were re-elected unanimously.

Expressions of interest from others to become Trustees had been invited, but no

one had come forward or been nominated.

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The formal element of the meeting was followed by presentations from 3 local organisations, and an open discussion on the topic of: -

**'Widening Participation: being relevant to a younger, more diverse Jesmond'.**

## **Treasurer's Report to the Annual Meeting of**

### **Jesmond Community Forum, October 2021**

Attached to this report is a summary of our formal financial accounts for 2020. The accounts were independently examined by Mr Geoffrey Carter.

This is now largely of historic interest, as so much has changed since the end of 2020.

The 2020 Festival was cancelled, after some expenditure had been incurred, but fortunately all the organisations who had pledged money towards the 2020 festival allowed their contributions to be carried over until 2021. In addition, the reserves previously built up over a number of years helped carry us through the financial problems of the pandemic.

Although strictly speaking not part of the year reported on here, it can be said that we managed to hold a 2021 festival, with many online events, well within the finances available.

Chris Clarke

Treasurer, Jesmond Community Forum

**Jesmond Community Forum**  
**Summary of Accounts for 2020, compared with 2019**

**General Activities**

<u>Income</u>		<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>
Sale of 2020 Calendars	£25.00		
Sale of 2021 Calendars	£775.00		
Other Income	£47.24		
<b>Total Income (General Activities)</b>		<b>£847.24</b>	<b>£805.00</b>
<u>Expenditure</u>			
2021 Calendars	£702.40		
Administration	£7.24		
<b>Total Expenditure (General Activities)</b>		<b>£709.64</b>	<b>£717.74</b>
<b>Net Income, General Activities</b>		<b>£137.60</b>	<b>£87.26</b>

**Jesmond Community Festival**

<u>Income</u>			
Income (2020 Festival)	£2,325.00		
<b>Total Income (Festivals)</b>		<b>£2,325.00</b>	<b>£6,246.70</b>
<u>Expenditure</u>			
Publicity (2020 Festival)	£2,473.00		
Overheads (2020 Festival)	£1,010.10		
<b>Total Expenditure (Festivals)</b>		<b>£3,483.10</b>	<b>£4,304.33</b>
<b>Net Income, Festivals</b>		<b>- £1,158.10</b>	<b>£1,942.37</b>

**Summary of Income and Expenditure**

	<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>
General Activities, Net Income	£137.60	£87.26
Community Festivals, Net Income	-£1,158.10	£1,942.37
<b><u>Total Net Income</u></b>	<b>-£1,020.50</b>	<b>£2,029.63</b>

**Represented by**

Opening Balance 1 January 2020	£6,227.27
Closing Balance 31 December 2020	£5,206.77
<b>Excess of Income over Expenditure, 2020</b>	<b>- £1,020.50</b>

(Signed) Christopher Clarke (Treasurer).....Date: 11 January 2021

Independently verified by Geoffrey Carter, 11 January 2021