

Cumbria Local History Federation
Annual General Meeting 2025

Chairman's Report

Over the past year we have continued to hold our popular 'How-to' days around the county, focussing on guidance for researching different subjects, with talks from respected experts. Thanks to June Hill for organising these. We are planning more for the coming year.

Thanks to Nigel Mills for keeping the Archive project active with the six member groups developing their archives. We have also allowed the archives of the defunct Lazonby group to be held on the system, both to prevent these records from being lost and in the event a successor group is formed.

At the moment our Treasurer is managing to get the Newsletter out every other week after updating the Web Site with event details. However this is proving difficult for Graham to fit in around other commitments. The Federation is still looking for a volunteer who can keep our Website up to date, especially with Group programmes. If you know or are willing to learn WordPress then a place on the Committee will come with the role. Also if you may be able to share the role of Newsletter preparation then we will be willing to hear from you.

One thing that continues to be a success is our Bulletin. Thanks to Ruth Lawley for continuing to put this together. We hope you are able to share the Bulletins among your individual societies, especially in electronic format.

One of the strength of the Federation is to provide guidance for member groups and act as a focus when members of the public are unsure who to approach regarding local history in specific areas. Thus we can provide contacts relevant to their enquiries or research. We aim to also be a focal point for our members and groups.


Yet another year has passed and we hear of groups folding, usually after the event. without our realising or that they are struggling to survive. We realise that it isn't the lack of members but willing volunteers to organise the groups. The Federation Committee continue to investigate how we can advise on Best Practice.

However, to end on a positive note, we have a fantastic convention here for you which I, and the whole committee, hope you will enjoy!

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Les Gilpin
Chair, Cumbria Local History Federation

CUMBRIA LOCAL HISTORY FEDERATION					CHARITY NUMBER 1183924		
Accounts for year ending 30th June 2025					EXPENDITURE		
INCOME							
Balance brought forward at 1st July 2024					£ 3,821.09		
Subscriptions:	Groups		£ 1,240.00				
	Individuals		£ 406.00	£ 1,646.00			
					Bulletin 94	£ 301.15	
					Bulletin 95	£ 335.60	
					Bulletin 96	£ 249.85	£ 886.60
	Convention	income	£ 607.50				
		costs	£ (592.50)	£ 15.00	Room hire		£ 92.00
	how to Days census	income	£ 232.60		miscellaneous		£ 75.00
		costs	£ (128.00)	£ 104.60			
	How to Days newspaper	income	£ 285.00		Website		£ 15.00
		costs	£ (82.85)	£ 202.15			
	Total Profit How to Days			£ 306.75			
	Archives	income	£ 205.00				
		costs	£ (120.00)	£ 85.00			
	Interest & Donations			£ 99.40			
	Total Net Income in Year			£ 2,152.15	Total Expenditure		£ 1,068.60
				£ 5,973.24	Balance carried forward 30th June 2025		£ 4,904.64
					Bank balances		
					Deposit account		£ 2,728.29
					Cheque account		£ 2,176.35
					Total Bank Accounts		£ 4,904.64



Graham Brooks

Treasurer

Date 29th September 2025

Based on cash book and bank statements supported by appropriate explanations from the Treasurer I can confirm that the CLHF accounts for year end 30th June 2025 are correct and the Federation has a proven surplus to carry forward of £4,904.64

Auditor

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Date 29/9/25