

Finance report June 2025

Transactions in main account in May 2025

Transaction Date	Transaction Description	Debit Amount	Credit Amount	Balance
01/05/2025	FPI DCC COUNTY FUND P3 Footpath 20 funds		£ 3,000.00	£ 38,803.85
02/05/2025	DD BRITISH GAS	£ 76.00		£ 38,727.85
07/05/2025	FPI YCA - balance of room rental		£ 82.34	£ 38,810.19
08/05/2025	TFR INTER ACC TRANSFER (to savings)	£ 35,000.00		£ 3,810.19
14/05/2025	TFR INTER ACC TRANSFER (for payments)		£ 11,390.81	£ 15,201.00
15/05/2025	FPO COMMUNITY FIRST INSURANCE	£ 732.79		£ 3,810.19
15/05/2025	FPO CATHERINE HOPKINS Cherry Trees	£ 153.50		£ 4,542.98
15/05/2025	FPO ART SOFTWARE Parish Accounts	£ 9.99		£ 4,696.48
15/05/2025	FPO R MACKAY PADLOCK (speed sign)	£ 45.00		£ 4,706.47
15/05/2025	FPO GEOFFREY CRADDOCK SCREWS AND SIGN (PI	£ 147.08		£ 4,751.47
15/05/2025	FPO YCA - Yealmpton Press spon. and printing	£ 8,725.00		£ 4,898.55
15/05/2025	FPO CLERK SALARY AND EXPENSES	£ 727.45		£ 13,623.55
15/05/2025	FPO SOUTH HAMS GARDEN - GRASS CUTTING	£ 370.00		£ 14,351.00
15/05/2025	FPO JASON FRANCIS - maintenace	£ 480.00		£ 14,721.00
19/05/2025	PAY SERVICE CHARGES	£ 5.25		£ 3,804.94
23/05/2025	FPO FORDBROOK NURSERIES	£ 310.00		£ 3,494.94
28/05/2025	DD TALKTALK	£ 35.21		£ 3,459.73

Closing balances May 25	Main Account	£ 3,459.73
	Instance access savings acc	£ 44,293.12
	Fixed term deposit	£ 40,000.00
	TOTAL	£ 87,752.85

Payments to be made in June 2025		net	VAT	gross
Grade 1 Internet solution	Hosting for website and email addresses	£ 125.00	£ 25.00	£ 150.00
Art Software (Parish Accounts)				£ 9.99
Clerk Salary and contractual expenses				£ 727.45
Resident paint for post boxes				£ 113.08
South Hams Garden and Property Services				£ 675.00
TRAYE - Youth Club provision				£ 3,500.00
TOTAL				£ 5,175.52

YEG report May 2025

River Yealm

The spring Riverfly Survey took place on 19 May and identification of the invertebrates began in the Parish Room, Bakery Square on 20-21 May. After such a dry few months the river and its tributaries are low allowing us easy access and a very different river profile from Autumn 2024 when flow and turbidity prevented some of the samples been taken for a few weeks. We are seeking one more volunteer to be trained to identify invertebrates. Please make contact if you know anyone who may be interested. Cllr Julia Bertram reported a number of pollution incidents to the EA in April and May: on the Piall on 28 April 2025 with water running cloudy. The Yealm at Worston was also seen to be very white/cloudy; and 29 April an incident report made for Quick Bridge. Sat 17 May, a dead fish (reason for mortality not known) was observed at Yondercott, reported to EA and related to previous EA reports on 28 and 29 April.

Trees

Towards the end of the planting season a wildlife corridor hedge 275-metres long consisting of 1,500 trees was planted by volunteers under the supervision of ParkLife SW CIC at Torr Farm south of Yealmpton. Trees for the planting were lifted from the Kitley Community Tree Nursery by volunteers, supervised by Liz Tutty, who manages the nursery. These include hazel, hawthorne, dog rose, spindle, hornbeam and wyche elm, from seeds gathered at previous Tree Seed Sundays. Additional trees were provided for the planting from the YEM Tree nurseries at Noss Mayo and Newton Ferrers and from the Devon Wildlife Trust. Volunteers also planted mixed woodland of approximately 650 trees in a field of circa 2,020 square metres at Trap House, Yealmpton.

In the last planting of the season volunteers dug in an incredible 1500 whips, predominantly alder and willow, at Worston Farm, to prevent the loss of an existing habitat through river bank erosion with the benefit of creating a new and joined up habitat. In addition:

- 110m hedge at Worston Farm
- 2,000 trees planted at Ewells Wood, Kitley
- 80 low density hedge trees at Long Meadow by Steps River Lane.
- holly trees planted last season in the wood beside the Yealmpton sewage works that had not survived were removed and a number were replanted in gaps
- orchard and other trees in Stray Park were pruned.

Biodiversity

Ruby's wood biodiversity surveys with ICC continue this spring funded from a locality grant. Volunteer bird, mammal and bat surveys are planned, which will form part of an ongoing monitoring programme to assess change along the Yealm corridor. DWT had a field mice habitat survey and capture cameras in place but none were seen. A new pond for invertebrates is planned at a location beside Steps river Lane. A nasty invasive black flat worm from Australia has appeared all over the country next to Garden Centres. The worms are carrion eating, but they are adapting to eating anything too slow to move: snails slugs worms even snakes. They are voracious and attack en mass. We are hoping not to find them in Rubies Wood .

Control of Invasive species

A Himalayan Balsam and Japanese Knotweed eradication programme is currently being planned for three sections of the Yealm river, the middle and lower sections being in the Yealmpton parish. This will involve volunteers 'pulling' the Himalayan Balsam out but large stand where it grows amongst brambles and ferns, it will require professional 'brush cutting'. There are also two large stands for Japanese Knotweed, which will require professional spraying.

Yealm Erme Species Survival (YESS) includes six non farming landowners within the Yealmpton parish. The programme involves tree and hedgerow planting, stream realignment with leaky dams, fencing to protect the watercourse from poaching and preparation works for wildflower meadow creation. LD, YEG