

Finance Report October 2025

Transactions in September

Transaction Date	Transaction Description	Debit Amount	Credit Amount	Balance
01/09/2025	BRITISH GAS	£ 29.91		£ 1,859.57
08/09/2025	YCA rental income		£ 242.40	£ 2,101.97
09/09/2025	Inter acc transfer		£ 4,000.00	£ 6,101.97
10/09/2025	SHDC	£ 360.00		£ 2,021.86
10/09/2025	YCA rental and post box	£ 159.66		£ 2,381.86
10/09/2025	ALDERMORE (signs)	£ 43.20		£ 2,541.52
10/09/2025	LUSCOMBE MAYE	£ 570.00		£ 2,584.72
10/09/2025	X2 CONNECT LIMITED (signs for Book Box)	£ 120.00		£ 3,154.72
10/09/2025	JAMES FRIEND (pavement clearing)	£ 170.60		£ 3,274.72
10/09/2025	K K CONTROLS & EQU (fire alarm servicing)	£ 105.60		£ 3,445.32
10/09/2025	SOUTH HAMS GARDEN SERVICES (grass cutting)	£ 1,398.00		£ 3,550.92
10/09/2025	PKF LITTLEJOHN LLP (Audit fees)	£ 378.00		£ 4,948.92
10/09/2025	Clerk salary and expenses	£ 775.05		£ 5,326.92
12/09/2025	SUZANNE'S GARDENING SERVICES	£ 250.00		£ 1,771.86
16/09/2025	SHDC (precept)		£ 32,110.00	£ 33,881.86
18/09/2025	Inter acc transfer	£ 30,000.00		£ 3,881.86
19/09/2025	SERVICE CHARGES (lloyds bank)	£ 4.25		£ 3,877.61
25/09/2025	Inter acc transfer		£ 6,200.00	£ 10,077.61
26/09/2025	TALKTALK (Parish Room internet)	£ 35.21		£ 10,042.40
29/09/2025	YEALM BROWNIES Donation	£ 250.00		£ 9,792.40
29/09/2025	DEMENTIA FRIENDLY Donation	£ 500.00		£ 9,292.40
29/09/2025	YCA (building donation and Befriending)	£ 4,250.00		£ 5,042.40
29/09/2025	Athletics association	£ 500.00		£ 4,542.40
29/09/2025	IVYBRIDGE AND DIST RING & RIDE Donation	£ 300.00		£ 4,242.40
29/09/2025	SOUTH HAMS CITIZEN Donation	£ 200.00		£ 4,042.40
29/09/2025	SAMARITANS OF PLYM Donation	£ 200.00		£ 3,842.40

Closing balances for September 2025

Main Account	£	3,842.40
Instant Access Acc	£	38,752.72
Fixed term investr	£	60,000.00
Total	£	102,595.12

Payments to approve October 2025

Paish Accounts (pay to end of financial year)			£	79.92
RYWQ - Yealmpton's contribution			£	442.00
Park Life Ruby's Wood allocation	£	2,300.00	£	460.00
Stephen Holley (speed sign adjustments)			£	49.50
Clerk payment (salary and expenses)			£	1,151.54
Bill Joce receipt for footpath sign post			£	14.98
Suzanne's Gardening Services			£	220.00
Fordbrook Nurseries Authorised up to £500 for flower tubs			£	500.00
Tree Risk Survey	£	395.00	£	79.00
Total				5217.94

Water pollution

Tackling run-off

Five new volunteers were recruited this summer for Mudspotter training. We are only the second area trialling this system for West Country Rivers Trust. It became clear that the system does not address the source of run-off and is therefore unlikely to deliver the impactful change we need locally. An alternative system is being developed that includes mapping the sources of run-off. This will enable remediation attempts through existing contacts (Charles W-B). Brixton and other volunteers are developing a high resolution terrain map for this purpose. The EA still wants people to report in their incident hotline 0800 807060 as well.

Measuring water quality

In August our CSI volunteers took part in a low-cost nitrate test comparison study. This involved assessing the performance of the different kits used by citizen scientists across the UK, compared with lab analysis of four different nitrate samples from six selected sites. All samples will be analysed by Bristol University School of Geographical Sciences – report on results due Spring 2026. This focus on accuracy builds trust in CSI data sets. Our existing **Sonde** measures temperature, pH levels, dissolved oxygen and turbidity and enables real-time data collection and transmission. This is working well but doesn't tell us which tributary of the Yealm is the source of pollution. Fortunately, an additional Sonde has been funded by **SHDC** to improve information on the source of pollution in real time. It will be located on the Piall. This Sonde will include a sensor that measures an amino acid diagnostic of sewage and farm waste.

Fish

A recent EA catch count exercise on the Yealm showed a considerable improvement against earlier surveys. Current planning is under way to support a programme to bring Salmon back to par and hopefully we will see smolts leaving the Yealm to begin a recreational cycle and the return of a healthy fish stock back to our river.

Air pollution

Inadequate capacity at Yealmpton Sewage Plant remains a problem for air quality with ongoing obnoxious smells. Cllr Barton has added a link on the YPC website in the 'REPORT IT' section.

Trees

There are 1,600 trees in the Yealmpton Tree Nursery at the moment ready for planting this year and 1700 that will be ready for next year. Tree Seed Sunday on 5th October this year was a great success. There is higher demand for hedging plants than for trees at the moment. Wasps' nests are a problem at the tree nursery, having swarmed and stung three volunteers badly this year. An improved water supply has also been installed. Seven additional volunteers were recruited during the summer. Tree planting Our section of the river is now completely lined with trees and shrubs, preventing animal access and limiting run-off. Cllr Thomas has supported our application for an award of £1665 from SHDC from the sustainable communities locality green fund for a **Woodland enrichment programme**. Three sites have been selected for a trial: Lotherton Wood, Treby Wood and Torr Farm. Where this system is in place (Dendles Wood and Dartmoor) the results are impressive. The system involves use of hurdles and fencing to keep deer and rabbits out until trees are established. Two professional advisers are involved.

Noxious weeds. There have been six episodes of 'Balsam bashing' this summer and the big stands from two years ago are much diminished, especially that near Puslinch Bridge. One new area of growth has been found. We are waiting for result for a trial along the Tamar of rust that kills Himalayan Balsam. Japanese Knotweed in the DWT nature reserve by New England Quarry has been cut to ground level. There is funding for injecting this to kill it off.

Linda Durman Chair YEG