

Report on the Tostock Chronicle 2025/26

Kim Mars retired as the editor of the Chronicle in December 2025.

Kim sent an email in January 2026 thanking everyone involved for their help and encouragement over the three and a half years that he was the editor. A thank you to all the distributors for distributing, all the contributors for contributing (and on time ... mostly), and with the hope that they would continue to give support to the new editor.

Up to then nobody had come forward to take on the role of Editor so Kat Baully and I took it on jointly. I met with Kim and he ran me through the procedure.

Kat and I knew that we had to keep it to 16 pages and we sat down with that first edition on a steep learning curve. We are still learning but it does not take long. The biggest problem is making sure that we include everything that has been sent to us or the Clerk.

The Parish Clerk administers the finances for the Chronicle and as the financial year has closed, he has sent an update on the Chronicle income/costs for 2025-2026.

With two issues being 20 pages long the anticipated cost for the year was expected to be £1,640 against advertising receipts of £1,310.

With the new joint editors able to keep to 16-page issues and further advertising emerging in recent months, the final cost was £1,640 as expected, but income reached £1,610. A deficit of just £30. Any deficit is met at a cost to the Parish Council and therefore the residents of Tostock through their Council Tax bill.

When the current Council took office in 2023 the deficit was £1,558. He noted that if current advertisers can be encouraged to continue then we are hoping that 2026-2027 financial year will see a break-even or even a 'profit'.

If anyone would like to volunteer to distribute in their area then that would be most useful. Any village organisation that wants to include a notice or advertisement please get in touch.

Please remember that from now on all your articles and correspondence should now be addressed to Jane Storey at -

jane-storey@btconnect.com

Thanks again, and good luck to you all.