



Jane Cameron National Archives Annual Report:

July 2025 – June 2026

The Jane Cameron National Archives (JCNA) has been pleased to see the continued engagement and use of the archival material and service by the local community, and those overseas. Improvements to our website over the year have provided more support to researchers. This year we have focused on improving information available via our outreach activities, collections development, and launching a volunteering programme to work on specific projects that benefit the service and our archival users.

Staffing & Development

The Corporate Records Management & National Archives Department has continued to manage and have oversight of the collections care and maintenance of the Jane Cameron National Archives and working across government to provide guidance and policy support on managing corporate information.

To support the wider work of the team, both Chloe and Helen have engaged with professional development webinars and opportunities to share knowledge with colleagues in the UK and abroad. Of the webinars attended these have included topics on working with AI in Archives, Data Protection law for Archives, charters and deeds, community and volunteer engagement, and software products for managing electronic records such as Microsoft 365 SharePoint and DROID.

On the 27-29 August 2025 they also remotely attended the UK and Ireland Archives & Records Association (ARA) Annual Conference to hear updates from archive institutions and development in the sector. At this event, also remotely, Chloe accepted the ARA Excellence Award as Record Keeper of the Year 2025. This award was in recognition of her work at the JCNA, to promote and manage the service, ongoing contribution to records management for FIG, and the volunteering roles she undertakes with ARA directly. As part of the team's ongoing connection and membership of ARA, Helen is pursuing her own professional development within ARA, to support the work she is already doing with the JCNA and acknowledge her developing skills and experience in this field.

The final celebration from the team, in a personal capacity, was Chloe completing her PhD with Dundee University. Chloe started her five-year studies in March 2021, part-time, and her thesis was accepted by examiners after an oral defence in April 2026. Chloe's research complements her role in the JCNA. The thesis itself engaged with debates and discussions on archival studies, nationalism, Britishness, imperialism, and BOTs, to study how the structures and records of the National Archives of the Falkland Islands constructs, carries and projects the evolving national identity of the Islands. The full title of the thesis was - An archival study into the evolution of British colonial identities: A case study of the national identity of the Falkland Islands 1840-2000.



Students working at the Archives

The Archives service was pleased to welcome back placement students throughout the year, to once again work with the team on projects and help digitise and catalogue records in the collection. Emma-Jayne Burston was back between 28 July to 16 September. Continuing on the natural history theme from her last placement and completing gaps in our collection, Emma-Jayne successfully digitised multiple series of records relating to: mineral resources (peat, and oil files), natural resources (relating to geographical surveys and reports) and additional records from media and broadcasting, and our early letter books. Whilst digitising the peat-records, the JCNA were asked to present a talk for the Peaty Pals Group – this opportunity allowed Emma-Jayne to take lead on this project, reviewing the material she had digitised to help create the presentation and participate in the public presentation on the day.



We also welcomed back Eirinn Murphy between 5 August 2025 to 27 January 2026, who also assisted digitising material. Her project focused on adding new material to the JCNA website relating to the Ajax Bay Freezer Plant, Defence files on visiting HM Vessels and naval staff visiting the Falkland Islands, Fuel (Utilities), and media and broadcasting files.

Phoebe Watson was the third student to return to the Archives service from 20 April 2026. With her interest in art and photography, she has assisted us cataloguing and improving collections information about the photographic collections. As part of this she measured photographs, scanned them to a higher quality, and box-listed new material. Furthermore, she has finished digitising whole series of records relating to natural history – fauna – and been involved cleaning letter books and assisting our service in day-to-day tasks. Phoebe remains with the service until the end of July when she prepares to start a Foundation Diploma in Art & Design with the University of Arts London.



Top Right: Emma-Jayne in front of the boxes she has digitised.

Right: Phoebe cleaning books with the low suction vacuum cleaner.

The team are always keen to hear from other students who would like to gain experience at the Archives or interested in pursuing this field of heritage as a career option.

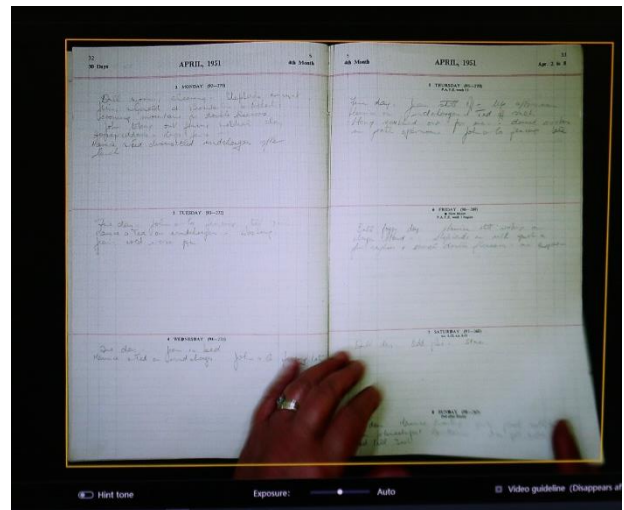


Volunteer Programme

In late 2025, the JCNA launched Archives Volunteer Programme. This offers those interested an opportunity to contribute and enrich our collections through specific projects, and chance to develop archival skills and knowledge – making it a rewarding experience for those who choose to get involved.

The JCNA offer both in-person and remote volunteering opportunities, including:

- **Cataloguing and digitising photograph albums:** measuring and scanning photographs, labelling photographs, and adding contextual information to the archives catalogue
- **Digitising, then transcribing farm diaries and correspondence:** creating digital scans of documents, using palaeography skills to create a typed transcription
- **Transcribing schedules of despatch and Letter books:** helping us to create an index of contents and topics that can be added to the JCNA catalogue.



The uptake has been very positive, with 6 active volunteers (in-person and remote) working on selected projects. Between January to June 2026, volunteers had contributed 110 hours.



All volunteers receive an induction and relevant training to carry out their chosen activities. In-person sessions take place at the JCNA weekly (though attendance can be flexible to accommodate individual's availability).

If you are keen to learn more about the volunteer projects, or would like to register your interest in volunteering, please contact us directly via email at: national.archives@sec.gov.fk

Our volunteer policy is also available to download from the JCNA website:
<https://nationalarchives.gov.fk/about-archives/volunteer-opportunities>



Research Services

The Archives have received the highest number of research queries over the 25/26 financial year (from 1 July 2025 to 30 June 2026) than any year since the service started collecting data in 2003! The team have surpassed 300 queries milestone and in the last quarter (April 2026 to end of June 2026) had answered 99 queries.

Research appointments have grown alongside research queries, with increased number attending tours that the archives have facilitated over the year. These are in part related to promotional or planned outreach projects but have also include ad-hoc visits from potential volunteers, those donating material, and for community projects that the Archives has hosted.

Queries Received	Local Researchers (individuals/organisations)	FIG Departments	Students	Remote Researchers
321	121	41	26	133

Research Appointments	Number attending tours	Other Visits (discuss accessions or ad-hoc)
33	99	21

Collections Information

Collections information remains an essential part of the service and researchers depend on this catalogued information being shared to either answer their questions, or to offer them the chance to visit the Archives to explore their topic further. To support this work, there have been two major developments. The first is the expansion of the existing Archives' policies and procedures to educate service users about the work of the team and what procedures they follow. In February 2026 the Collections Care and Conservation Policy was approved to set out how the team preserve and care for collections, and how some records may only be available digitally to best preserve and reduce damage through extensive handling. The partnership with the National Conservation Service strengthens, with the team receiving 1:2:1 support and have developed an Action Plan to identify areas that the JCNA can further safeguard their important collections.

The team launched their **Archives Collections Guide**. This has been developed to provide a detailed outline of the collections and records preserved by the Jane Cameron National Archives.

This information can be used by researchers and service users to understand the types of subjects, material, and records are accessible, and can be used to identify records that users may want to access in person from the Archives, or if a digital copy is available.

The comprehensive list will be active document and is intended to provide a useful starting point for anyone researching Falkland's history through the service. You can access this via the JCNA website or emailing directly.



New Acquisitions

The Archives are always identifying ways to expand the existing collection and have been fortunate to be gifted documents by individuals and organisations to expand our archival collections and add to the history we preserve and make accessible.

Among the new collections/items acquired these include:

- **transfers of government records from a department**
- **personal flying logbooks of Eddie Andersen (1978-2017 inclusive)**
- **personal notes of Edward Bernard Anderson (1916-1997) recording weather and daily activities onboard the following vessels (1951-1976 inclusive): *Golden Chance*, MV. *Protector*, MV. *Megrez-n*, AK *Ilen*, MV. *Philomel*, *Penelope*.**
- **personal photographic slides of Colin Davies, documenting his journey via sea to the Falkland Islands in September 1982 and experiences of Stanley and Camp post-conflict.**
- **photographs of KEMH staff, construction of MPA runway in 1984-85, girl guides troupe c.1930**
- **audio collection of oral history interviews regarding 1982**

Friends of the Falkland Islands Museum and Archives (FIMA Friends) also support the purchasing of acquisitions and relevant equipment. This year the group have supported the JCNA in acquiring the 13 remaining copies of the Blue Books from The National Archives, UK. These fill an existing gap in the collection and enable in-person researchers to view all these important statistical records from the 1840s.

JCNA Website

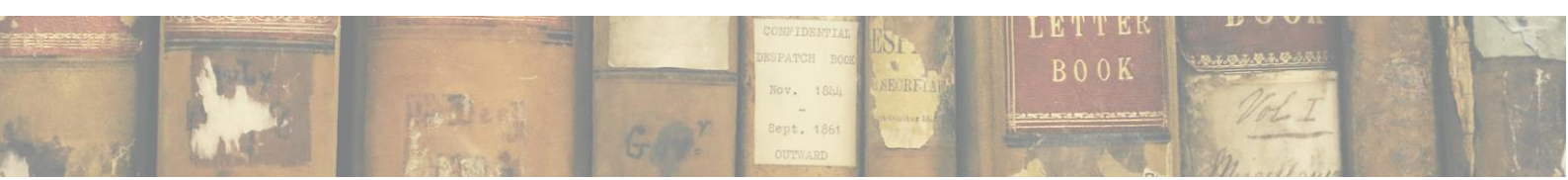
The JCNA website is a key resource that we use to make available our extensive digital collections and provide information about our service.

The website was officially redeveloped in August 2025 with amended navigation pages, and the addition of a search bar to enable researchers to locate relevant records by keyword. We have introduced analytics to our webpage to help us understand how users are accessing our online collections and which pages are the most popular. This information will also give us useful data that we can use to improve our website.

Number of Visits	Number of documents downloaded	Used search bar function	Most popular page
15,480 (10,702 active users)	15,399	3,756	People (560 active users)

The online content allows people from across the world to access our material and research about Falklands' history. Popular pages are those that are connected to genealogical research, such as the 19th and 20th century family pages, and photographic collections that show life in the Islands.

The majority of visits to the JCNA website have been through direct link to the website, or otherwise through our Facebook page and posts online. The top 5 countries that have visited our website through the year have been: Falkland Islands, UK (London), Chile (Santiago), USA, (Virginia) and Argentina.



Expanding our Online Collections

The JCNA have digitised and uploaded the following collections and records to the website. If marked with an * these have been digitised either in part or entirely by our workplace students.

- Agriculture – Ajax Bay Freezer Plant*
[See Agriculture: Ajax Bay Freezer Plant]
- Churches – Tabernacle Registers (for the period 1882-1958)
[See: Churches]
- Defence & War – Naval & Admiralty – Visiting Ships (for the period 1952-1971) (Boxes 3-4)*
[See: Defence & War: Naval and Admiralty]
- Defence & War – Naval & Admiralty – Navy Staff (Box 1)
[See: Defence & War: Naval and Admiralty]
- Government Letter book - D2 - Miscellaneous Letters from Government - Governor Moody - 1844-09-23 to 1847-04-19
[See Government: Despatch Books: Outward]
- Minerals – Oil (for the period 1916-1976) (Boxes 1-2)*
[See: Natural History & Mineral Resources: Peat & Oil]
- Natural History – Geography (for the period 1958-1972) (Box 2)*
[See: Natural History & Mineral Resources: Geography]
- Natural History – Sealing (for the period 1927-1956) (Boxes 3, 5, 6)*
[See Natural History & Mineral Resources: Seals & Sealing]
- Natural History – Flora & Fauna (Box 1-5)*
[See: See Natural History & Mineral Resources: Flora & Fauna]
- People Culture & Early History – Broadcasting (for the period 1920-1978) (Box 1-5)*:
[See: People: Culture: Broadcasting]
- Periodicals - The Falklands Listener (1949):
[See: Periodicals: FI Weekly News]
- Periodicals – The Falkland Islands Times (issue 3/78 of 1978):
[See Periodicals: FI Times & FI Monthly Review]
- Shipping – Log Books and Crew Agreements for ‘Falkland’ (for the period 1922-1935)*
[See: Shipping: A-F Vessels]
- Shipping – Log Books and Crew Agreements for ‘Fitzroy’ (for the period 1936-1957)*
[See: Shipping: A-F Vessels]
- South Georgia & Dependencies – Meteorological records (for the period 1916-1965) (Box 1)
[See: Dependencies: General: Miscellaneous]
- Utilities- Fuel (for the period 1921-1973) (Box 1-2)*
[See: Utilities: General]

A reminder that all records are digitised with OCR (Optical Character Recognition) so you can search by key words throughout any records that you download or open.

If you are interested in donating material to the Archives, please contact us to book an appointment to discuss your items. The team are happy to undertake home visits or speak online with donors.



Promotion & Social Media

JCNA Newsletter & Mailing List

The JCNA team publish their newsletter twice a year in January/February and August. Upon release, hard copies of the JCNA newsletter are placed around Stanley, with electronic copies uploaded to the website and distributed to those in our email list. You can access all newsletters via the JCNA website: <https://www.nationalarchives.gov.fk/online-collections/newsletters>

A mailing list and email update on service activities continues to be sent to those who have subscribed. There are over 150 people subscribed to the list, across the Falklands and overseas. The updates issued include a detailed list of all individual records uploaded to the website and an overview of what the service has been up to.

To subscribe to the mailing list, please contact us with your details to national.archives@sec.gov.fk

Social Media Accounts

Presence on social media allows users to see highlights from our collections and our participation with wider social media campaigns from the archive's community and profession.

Facebook: 620 followers | **Twitter/X:** 126 followers | **BlueSky:** 754 followers

Some of the annual social media campaigns we have taken part in and posted content based on archive-based themes include #ExploreYour Archives Week from 29 November to 7 December 2025, and #Archive30 in April 2026.

All of our posts have now been uploaded to our website, so if you missed them you can see what items from our collections we showcased: <https://nationalarchives.gov.fk/about-archives/advocacy-and-outreach/advocacy-material>

The National Archives UK – A Year In Archives 2025

The JCNA has been featured in The National Archives (TNA) UK publication, 'A Year in Archives'. 'A Year in Archives' is the TNA's annual publication about and for the UK archives sector. It brings together stories and case studies from across the sector, showcasing and celebrating archives and their work.

The Falkland Islands entry focuses on the outreach activities and community engagement undertaken over 2025, including social media content, student placements and presentations. You can catch up on this publication and the Falklands entry at: <https://www.nationalarchives.gov.uk/archives-sector/our-archives-sector-role/celebrating-archives/a-year-in-archives/a-year-in-archives-2025/highlights>

Outreach & Advocacy

The Archives have been taking part in a several in-person outreach activities to help promote the service and advocate for service and its collections. This is important work to raise the profile of the JCNA both locally and internationally, supporting the accessibility of the records through engaging with people and encouraging them to get involved.

Peaty Pals – 26 August 2025

The JCNA were invited to give a talk to the community-group Peaty Pals. Coincidentally, with the assistance of our placement student Emma-Jayne, a series of files related to peat had been digitised, meaning that this information could be easily utilised for the purposes of the event.

On Tuesday 26 August the team delivered a presentation highlighting records in the collection that related to peat. Though not a subject matter-experts, the team presented visual snippets of peat records, ranging from the recently digitised government files and correspondence from 1916-1993, to photographs and periodicals. These records enabled the team to provide a narrative on the use and development of peat over the years.

The talk, entitled ‘Rickles in Time: Peat in the Archives’, had over 30 in-person and online attendees, with positive feedback received. A recording of the presentation can be viewed on the Peaty Pals YouTube page at: https://youtu.be/7L7j_hKWbpY



Jane & Alastair Cameron Memorial Trust (J&ACMT)

The National Archives has continued to support the organisation, marking and promotion of the J&ACMT History Project across both schools. The 2026 schedule enabled the Archives to undertake:

- Visit to FICS to introduce the topic on 1 October 2026 (with follow up session in February 2026)
- FICS tour of the Archives on 16 October 2026
- IJS tour of the archives on 2 February 2026
- IJS Parents Evening to talk about the project on 2 February 2026

Marking for the 2026 cohort was completed in May 2026 and awards presented at the end-of-year prize giving events at both schools. The standard was very high, with several students also choosing to submit practical projects that demonstrated their creative research and take on history!

FICS Careers Day – 9 October 2025

The Archives hosted the JCNA hosted a small group of students from FICS for their Careers Day experience as Archives Assistants for a two-hour session on Thursday 9 October. The students took part in a variety of practical activities, working together to transcribe some of Thomas Giltruth's letters, and take part on Condition Surveys and cleaning of letter books.

Farmers Week – June/July 2026

The JCNA took part in Farmers Week for the first time this year to reach out and engage with the rural community. The team attended the Expo event held at the FIDF Hall on Sunday 28 June 2026, and offered two drop-in sessions during the week, speaking with farmers and members of the public about the variety of archival collections, showcased photographs and extracts of farming records, and spoke about opportunities to donate material and volunteer with the service.



Other Group Visits:

The JCNA have also facilitated the following smaller visits, separate to research appointment or planned outreach events.

- MoD Year 5 students
- FIC Ltd Senior Management team
- South Georgia Museum team
- Elena Lewendon, CEO Falkland Islands Maritime Heritage Trust
- Governor's Induction Programme

The JCNA are thankful to all who have taken part and engaged with the Archives service over the year and are looking forward to welcoming more people into the JCNA. The forthcoming year, the service will be focusing on audio collections and cataloguing material to make more available to the public.

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Research Service Opening Times

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday: 9am – 4pm (available 12 noon to 1pm on request)

Wednesday: Closed

Saturday: 1– 4pm (on request)