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## Jarrow Brewery

### Yorkshire corporate financier appointed to lead brewery's expansion



Harrogate and London-based corporate financier Tim Cottier has been appointed chairman of Jarrow Brewery in South Tyneside.

Mr Cottier was appointed by brewery CEO and founder Jess McConnell who has built the business since its launch ten years ago. Jarrow Brewery now boasts a number of award-winning real ales including the popular 'Rivet Catcher' and 'McConnells Irish Stout'.

"We have grown into one of the North's leading real ale breweries and, in order to take a serious step up in scale, we realised we needed to strengthen our board and take a strategic look at acquisition and diversification in order to reach the next stage in our development," said Jess McConnell.

“Tim has a great track record in helping firms expand and maximise their potential as well as being very well connected through his London and Yorkshire corporate finance firm, and it’s great to have him at the helm,” he added.

Jarrow Brewery currently produces 12,000 barrels of cask and keg ale and distributes through outlets across the North East, Yorkshire, Cumbria and Lincolnshire. Already larger than the majority of its rivals and with a growing following nationally, the company is poised to expand further following a recent move into a £500,000 state-of-the-art brewing facility on Bede Industrial Estate in Jarrow.

Cottier, based in Harrogate, will be leading the firm’s strategy for expansion and acquisitions. “Jess and his team have built a real gem of a business that has grown as far as it currently could. Jarrow Brewery now wants to take a big leap forward on the back of its great products, recipes and intellectual property around some award-winning ales.

“I am excited to see how far we can take this business over the coming years, and we are already in advanced acquisition discussions with several smaller craft breweries in the North as well as securing additional distribution channels for our award winning ales,” he said.

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**Photography:**

**Shot 1 (L to R):** Founder of Jarrow Brewery, Jess McConnell, with new chairman, Tim Cottier

**Shot 2 & 3:** Tim Cottier, chairman of Jarrow Brewery in South Tyneside

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