

Nottinghamshire and
Derbyshire Area Quaker
Meeting of the Religious
Society of Friends
Annual Report and
Accounts 2024



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The annual report and accounts for Nottinghamshire and Derbyshire Area Quaker Meeting, usually abbreviated to Notts & Derby Area Quaker Meeting (N&DAQM), for the year 1 January 2024 to 31 December 2024.

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Quaker Meetings in Nottinghamshire and Derbyshire
Area Quaker Meeting: Details of Meetings for Worship ¹

Bakewell Friends Meeting House

Chapel Row, Matlock Street,

Bakewell DE45 1EL

Meeting for Worship: every Sunday at 10.30am

(remote access available on Zoom)

Beeston Meeting is held at

Chilwell Memorial Hall,

128 High Road, Chilwell NG9 4AT

Meeting for Worship: each Sunday at 10.30am

Chesterfield Friends Meeting House

27 Ashgate Road, Chesterfield S40 4AG

Meeting for Worship: every Sunday at 10.30am

(Tuesday evenings 7.30pm on Zoom)

Derby Friends Meeting House,

St Helen's Street, Derby DE1 3GY

Meeting for Worship: every Sunday at 10.45am

*(1st Sunday blended; 2nd & 4th Sundays in person only;
3rd & 5th 'parallel' in person with separate Zoom Meeting)*

Fritchley Friends Meeting House

Chapel Street, Fritchley, Belper DE56 2FR

Meeting for Worship: every Sunday at 11am

Mansfield Friends Meeting House

Rosemary Street, Mansfield NG19 6AB

Meeting for Worship: each Sunday at 10.30am

(Winter months also on Zoom; summer months on Zoom when requested)

Nottingham Friends Meeting House

25 Clarendon Street, Nottingham NG1 5JD

Meeting for Worship:

Each Sunday at 10.30am and each Thursday at 1pm.

(1st Sunday blended; Wednesdays 12 noon on Zoom; Thursdays 1pm in person)

Workshop Meeting is held in

The Onyx Room, Crossing Church and Centre,

Newcastle Street, Workshop S80 2AT

Meeting for Worship: 1st, 2nd and 4th Sundays at 10.15am

*(3rd and 5th Sundays: Friends observe 30 minutes silence in their homes,
and then exchange 'after -ministry' by email)*

¹ Details correct as of 31st December 2024. Please see the Area Meeting website for any updates, corrections, contact details etc.: nottsandderbyquakers.org.uk

**Annual Report Of Nottinghamshire and Derbyshire Area Quaker Meeting
of the Religious Society of Friends (Quakers)
1st January – 31st December 2024
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Introduction

Status and Objectives

The Religious Society of Friends in Britain is a Christian denomination established in the seventeenth century. In legal terms it is a charity for the advancement of religion.

Britain Yearly Meeting (BYM) is the final constitutional authority of the Religious Society of Friends in Great Britain. Its membership consists of all those who belong to its Area Meetings. To give guidance in conduct of both business and spiritual affairs, BYM publishes Quaker Faith and Practice (QF&P, which comprises extracts and quotations from Quakers since the Society's inception..²”

Nottinghamshire and Derbyshire Area Quaker Meeting is one of the constituent Area Meetings within Britain Yearly Meeting (BYM).

As a registered charity, its Object is “*the furtherance of the general religious and charitable purposes of the Religious Society of Friends (Quakers) in Britain in the area of Nottinghamshire and Derbyshire and beyond.*”

This report covers the year 1st January 2024 to 31st December 2024.

It sets out the charitable objectives in more detail and gives some examples of how they have been met. In it, trustees have sought to give as faithful as possible an account of the ways Nottinghamshire and Derbyshire Area Quaker Meeting has worked to these charitable objectives, and to meet its legal, financial, spiritual and social responsibilities.

² Quaker Faith and Practice: The book of Christian discipline of the Yearly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends (Quakers) in Britain
<https://qfp.quaker.org.uk/>

“....Discipline is not now a popular word. It has overtones of enforcement and correction but its roots lie in ideas of learning and discipleship. Discipline in our yearly meeting consists for the most part of advice and counsel, the encouragement of self-questioning, of hearing each other in humility and love.” <https://qfp.quaker.org.uk/introduction/>

Quaker Meeting for Worship (MfW) is the bedrock of Quakers' faith and practice ³. Details of meetings for worship held by our eight constituent Local Meetings (LMs) are set out on page 3.

This is followed by an outline of activities in our various local meetings – activities undertaken by meetings as a whole as well as individual Friends (the word 'Friend' is used interchangeably with 'Quaker'). This includes successes and achievements in 2024, and reflections on the difficulties and challenges faced.

Trustees are indebted to Local Meetings for providing reports from which a large part of this annual report is drawn.

While this annual report is drawn up to fulfil our obligations as a registered charity in England and Wales, we hope it may be both informative of the life and activities of our Religious Society of Friends in Nottinghamshire and Derbyshire, and of interest to Quakers, Enquirers, and the general reader alike.

Abbreviations used in this report are:

AM: Area Meetings

BYM: Britain Yearly Meeting

LM: Local Meeting

MfW: Meeting for Worship

MfWfB: Meeting for Worship for Business

QF&P: Quaker Faith and Practice. The book of Christian discipline of the Yearly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends (Quakers) in Britain
Fifth edition

Please note:

1. 'Quaker' and 'Friend' are used interchangeably in this report
2. BYM: Britain Yearly Meeting: 'Quakers in Britain' is also the name the organisation is commonly known by.
'Britain Yearly Meeting' refers to both the religious gathering and the organisation.
'Yearly Meeting', or 'Yearly Meeting Gathering' are also the names given to the annual gathering of British Quakers.

³ *"Meeting for worship brings Quakers together in silence so we can still our minds and open our hearts and lives to God."* <https://www.quaker.org.uk/meetings>

A Quaker meeting creates a space of gathered stillness or a silence of waiting and listening. Friends may feel moved to speak during a MfW, or a meeting may pass in complete silence. See also: <https://www.quaker.org.uk/faith/our-faith/how-quakers-worship>

Annual Report of Notts & Derby Area Quaker Meeting: **Setting out our seven charitable objectives and how they have been met**

A note on Quakers and sustainability

Quakers made ‘the Canterbury commitment’ at Britain Yearly Meeting in 2011 ⁴. This acknowledged that sustainability was (and remains) an urgent matter for our Quaker witness and is rooted in Quaker testimony ⁵:

“A concern for the Earth and the well-being of all who dwell in it is not new, and we have not now received new information which calls us to act. Rather we are renewing our commitment to a sense of the unity of creation which has always been part of Friends’ testimonies. Our actions have as yet been insufficient.”

BYM has now asked AMs to report based on the themes from Eco Church ⁶ to try to gather data that gives a better picture of how Quaker meetings and BYM is doing as a Church. The 5 Eco Church themes cover five key areas of church life. They are:

- i. Worship and teaching
- ii. Buildings and energy
- iii. Land and nature
- iv. Community and global engagement
- v. Lifestyle

These themes are implicit in the charitable object, and its seven objectives identified in the governing document:

The object of Notts & Derby Area Quaker Meeting is the furtherance of the general religious and charitable purposes of the Religious Society of Friends (Quakers) in Britain in the area of Notts & Derby Area Quaker Meeting and beyond.

This is achieved by

1: Strengthening the Life and Witness of Quaker Meetings both in the area of Notts and Derby Area Quaker Meeting and beyond.

- Sunday meetings for worship were held by each local meeting. Local meetings have experimented with various configurations of ‘in person’ and video conferencing worship – ‘in parallel’ and ‘blended’, with one (Worksop LM)

⁴ Minute 36 of Britain Yearly Meeting 2011

Quakers in Britain <https://www.quaker.org.uk> > [quakers-and-climate-justice](https://www.quaker.org.uk/quakers-and-climate-justice)

⁵ See for example John Woolman’s words (1772) which are also quoted in the minute: *“The produce of the earth is a gift from our gracious creator to the inhabitants, and to impoverish the earth now to support outward greatness appears to be an injury to the succeeding age.”* (QF&P 25.01)

⁶ *“Eco Church is a learning community of churches of all shapes and sizes open to all denominations. It provides a framework to support your church and its leadership to take practical action on caring for God’s earth, through the Eco Church survey. The survey covers five key areas of church life”* <https://ecochurch.arocha.org.uk/>

continuing with its practice of a shared period of worship followed by email ministry (often focussing on a chosen text) once a month.

- Bingham worshipping group ⁷ continued to meet once a month in members' homes and found nurturing fellowship within the group, drawing on Friends' experience in various spiritual traditions which enriched the life of the group.
- In addition to their regular Sunday meetings, Friends from Bakewell LM held meetings for worship in Buxton (twice monthly) and Wirksworth (monthly) as well as occasional children and young people's meetings which centred on preparing shared lunch at the Meeting House on the 3rd Sunday of each month.
- A small group of Chesterfield Friends met as a worship gathering group on a monthly basis. 'Being Friends Together' – a monthly group on Zoom – discussed Quaker spirituality and the 'Future of British Quakerism' ⁸ amongst other topics.
- A group of Worksope Friends started meeting as a 'listening group' on an occasional/monthly basis.
- Nottingham LM held Children's Meeting every 2nd and 4th Sunday of the month, as well as all age worship twice a year. A healing group met regularly through the year, and meetings for learning were held usually on a monthly basis, focussing on different topics: *"These meetings... allow us to come together as a community to learn and develop together in both practical and spiritual aspects of being Quakers."*
- Sustainability and the environment: LMs reported a variety of individual actions and practices by Friends. Examples included:
 - *".... having their own energy-saving methods, e.g. solar panels, careful attention to thermostats, etc."*
 - *"....buying Fair Trade goods; purchasing second hand and recycled goods from charity shops"*
 - *gardening: several Friends are keen gardeners; some make their own compost*
 - *".... using public transport and/or lift sharing"*
 - *one Friend has recently installed a heat pump in their home to reduce carbon emission*
 - *where they have been able, some Friends have changed to electric or hybrid cars*
 - *Zoom meetings – meetings for worship and discussion groups – have enabled greater participation and reduced car travel.*

Building and supporting a spiritual base for Friends within local meetings has provided a stronger foundation corporately and individually: *"Be patterns, be*

⁷ Worshipping groups are not open to the public. Bingham Friends are now recorded as individual unattached members of the Area Meeting.

⁸ The Future of British Quakerism' was the topic of a national conference held in October 2024 <https://www.quaker.org.uk/events/the-future-of-british-quakerism>

*examples in all countries, places, islands, nations, wherever you come, that your carriage and life may preach among all sorts of people, and to them; then you will come to walk cheerfully over the world, answering that of God in every one.*⁹”
(George Fox, 1656)

2. Spreading the message of Quakers and developing the thought and practice of the Religious Society of Friends

Local Meetings reported on various ecumenical and interdenominational initiatives they had taken part in.

- Bakewell LM continued its involvement in Churches Together, and hosted three successful days for refugees and asylum seekers (run in partnership with front line providers in Derby), and the Refugee and Asylum Group continued to seek ways to raise the profile of this issue.
- A Friend in Beeston LM ran four interdenominational Centering Prayer Groups as well as an Enneagram Support Group.
- A Chesterfield Friend joined Alfreton Churches Together, and two Friends were involved in preparations for the World Day of Prayer, whose theme was ‘I beg you to bear with one another in Love’ and focussed on the experiences of three Palestinian Christian women of different generations.
- Derby LM was a member of city centre churches, and had links with the Multi-Faith Centre in Derby ¹⁰.
- Fritchley LM reported that individual Friends participated in religious/spiritual activities such as visits to a Buddhist Centre, an East Midlands Bible Group, a residential retreat, Centering Prayer Groups. One Friend attended monthly services of the local Congregational Church when possible.
- Mansfield LM hosts Mansfield Christian Fellowship who worship in the meeting house.
- A Derby Friend and a Nottingham Friend were representatives on their respective SACREs ¹¹. Another Friend is a member of Nottingham Interfaith Council.
- Worksop Friends continued to hold meeting for MfW at The Crossing Church (Methodist and United Reformed Church) where they rent a room, and continued to enjoy good relations with the congregation and management there.

Friends also engaged in various outreach activities. These included:

- Meeting House open day at Bakewell (part of National Heritage Open Days).

⁹ Quaker Faith and Practice: <https://qfp.quaker.org.uk/passage/19-32/>

¹⁰ ‘Building stronger, positive relationships between faith communities and civic society in Derby and Derbyshire.’ <https://multifaithcentre.org/>

¹¹ Standing Advisory Council on Religious Education

- Beeston LM took part in a weekend of displays celebrating the anniversary of the Memorial Hall, where they meet.



Chesterfield LM display for George Fox 400 Celebration

- Chesterfield LM organised a display at Alferton and Chesterfield Libraries (throughout March, and then in December) on the theme of George Fox 400.
- Derby LM organised regular free film nights, open to all. They, and Worksop LM, joined the Discovering Quakers initiative, which puts anyone who contacts them in touch with their most local meeting ¹².
- Fritchley have a banner, which they displayed at vigils in neighbouring towns when weather permitted, and provided information and leaflets.
- A lot of outside groups hired Mansfield Meeting House for their activities. It was also used as an election polling station. Mansfield Friends used this as an opportunity to advertise their Sunday Meetings for Worship, with an open invitation for anyone to attend who wishes to.
- A Nottingham Friend served as Quaker prison chaplain, visiting prisons across the county, and another served as chaplain of a local university. The LM hosted a visiting group of year 6 children and their teachers, and a visit from Radcliffe on Trent U3A.

Friends were also aware of the importance of ‘in-reach’ and that spiritual renewal and exploration is an on-going process, both for Friends new to Quakers, and those who are long term members and attenders ¹³

- Bakewell LM ran a programme of on-line events with the aim of enriching Friends’ spiritual lives and building community; they also published a bi-monthly ‘Bakewell Quaker News’ on-line and printed for Friends who do not access the internet: Friends were invited to contribute their experiences on a theme.
- Chesterfield Friends read and discussed Quaker Faith and Practice monthly. They purchased new books which reflected Friends’ wide range of interests, and updated some old ones in their library.

¹² <https://www.discoveringquakers.org.uk/> Most of our LMs are now members of Discovering Quakers

¹³ “Take time to learn about other people’s experiences of the Light. Remember the importance of the Bible, the writings of Friends, and all writings that reveal the ways of God....” and “... Spiritual learning continues throughout life, and often in unexpected ways...” (Advices and queries, 3 and 5)

- Derby held a monthly devotional meeting, ‘Things Eternal’, on Zoom, and held conversations about contemporary Quakerism, offering teaching, reflection and spiritual understanding.
- Fritchley Friends started a series of sessions on Quaker testimonies, beginning with the Quaker peace testimony.
- Nottingham LM hosted a ‘Woodbrooke on the Road’ event on the history of the Quaker Way, led by Ben Pink Dandelion from the Quaker Study Centre. They also ran an evening session on the topic of gender.

There was a wide variety of courses and conference attended by Friends (some supported by their LM and some self funded). These included:

- the 2024 Quaker Universalist Group Conference.
- Quakers in Criminal Justice Gateways to Rehabilitation, and
- Quaker Action on Alcohol and Drugs.
- A workshop on simplicity, at Bakewell MH, led by The Kindlers.¹⁴
- Courses on Quaker history and on conflict resolution.
- Webinar sessions on outreach and ‘inreach’ held by Discovering Quakers,
- An online course in ‘Feminist Theology for Quakers’.
- The Yearly Meeting gathering – Friends attended both in person and by zoom.
- The weekend conference on ‘The Future of British Quakers’ organised by Woodbrooke and BYM. Several Friends attended in a personal capacity, online or in person. The AM also sent a representative.
- Two Friends attended the “Voices of the Earth” arts retreat at Glenthorne.
- One Friend organised the chamber music groups at the annual Choral and Chamber weekend (part of Quaker Music Network); another was a member of the Quaker Arts network.
- One Friend collected contributions, edited and circulated the ‘Appleseed’ newsletter to former members of Appleseed courses which were held at Woodbrooke.

3. Undertaking Quaker service for the relief of suffering at home and abroad

- In Chesterfield LM several Friends were involved in teaching English to refugees. One Friend was a trustee for Chesterfield and North Derbyshire Refugee Support Group, and provided Sunday morning transport so they were able to play football. Another Friend was registered with the Office of the Immigration Services Commission to give advice on asylum and protection working with the Doncaster Conversation Club.

¹⁴ “The Kindlers are volunteers who aim to deepen the spiritual life of Quaker groups by facilitating reflective workshops, and publishing” see <https://thekindlers.org.uk/>

- Other LMs in the our Area also supported refugees in practical ways (eg prepared food parcels, continued regular food and sundries collections etc) and acted as Quaker sanctuary meetings¹⁵.
- In Derby LM one Friend continued as secretary to Derby Stroke Club; another volunteered with Citizens Advice.
- A Bakewell Friend continued to serve as a Trustee of the Joseph Rowntree Reform Trust (JRRT). ¹⁶
- In their report, Bakewell LM also listed the different local, national and international charities which reflected Quaker testimonies and illustrated their faith into action which individual Friends were involved in. These included Amnesty International, Medecins sans Frontiers, Homeless and Rootless at Christmas, The Shannon Trust, Sheffield Young Carers, Ecumenical Accompaniment Programme, Refugee and Asylum Seekers projects in Derby and Sheffield, Help Refugees, Transition Chesterfield and Hope Valley Climate Action.

4. Funding the concerns that Quaker Meetings in the area have agreed to support

Friends across our local meetings made regular collections for many charitable organisations. Individual Friends frequently took the responsibility for these collections, in order to lessen the work load of treasurers, or Friends made direct donations to an agreed charity to enable them to gift aid their contribution, where they were able to. Collections (charities, and other non-profit organisations) included¹⁷:

- Amnesty International,
- ASSIST Sheffield (supporting asylum seekers)
- Campaign Against the Arms Trade
- Cape Town Quaker Peace Centre
- Compassion in World Farming
- CRESST (Conflict Resolution in Education)
- Discovering Quakers
- Ecumenical Accompaniment Programme in Palestine and Israel
- Elm Foundation (Chesterfield domestic abuse charity)
- Freedom from Torture
- Friends House Moscow

¹⁵ Nationally, over 100 Quaker meetings have become Sanctuary Meetings. Sanctuary Meetings are committed to joining local initiatives to build a culture of welcome. For further details, see <https://www.quaker.org.uk/action/resources/banners-booklets-posters-and-leaflets>

¹⁶ “JRRT works for democratic and political reform in the UK through our activities and the campaigns we fund. [It is] a limited company. We pay tax on our income and make grants for campaigns that are ineligible for charitable funding.” <https://www.jrрт.org.uk/what-we-do/>

¹⁷ Details of many of these charities and organisations can be found on line

- Help Refugees
- Homeless and Rootless at Christmas
- Hope House (for the homeless in Chesterfield)
- Hope Valley Climate Action.
- Howard League for Penal Reform
- LM financial support to the Area Meeting, and Britain Yearly Meeting
- Macmillan Cancer
- Medecins Sans Frontiers,
- Medical Aid for Palestinians
- Mines Advisory Group
- Northern Friends Peace Board
- Pathways (supporting the homeless)
- Practical Action
- Probation Service hostel
- Quaker Bolivia Link
- Quaker Social Action
- Ramallah Friends School Palestine,
- Refugee Action
- Refugee and Asylum Seekers projects in Derby and Sheffield,
- Scholarships for Street Kids Myanmar
- Sheffield Young Carers,
- The Shannon Trust
- Transition Chesterfield
- TSUMEB Namibia

5. Providing for the pastoral care of individual Friends, including assistance to those in need and for education

Elders and Pastoral Friends are appointed by the Area Meeting meeting in session. They therefore serve the Area Meeting whilst having a particular focus on their local meeting. Elders and Pastoral Friends, in keeping with other appointments, generally serve a three year 'triennium' which is renewable for a second term. Specific arrangements for pastoral care varied across our meeting.

- Bakewell LM had three appointed Pastoral Friends. In keeping with many of our LMs it saw pastoral care as a shared responsibility: *"As a result, individuals as well as Pastoral Friends provide help or support as needed: eg hospital visiting/lifts to Meeting for Worship /visits to home and residential homes."* This was the common practice amongst all our LMs, with Beeston LM for example reporting: *"We maintained good contact with anyone who cannot come to Meeting due to ill health, including visiting. We discussed the needs of Friends at each Local Business Meeting."*
- Chesterfield LM reported that their pastoral care was organised by the Eldership and Pastoral Care Group, comprising seven members. *"Friends were*

cared for throughout the year by visits including when in hospital, sending cards and staying connected via phone calls, emails etc.”

- Nottingham LM reported that they had a team of experienced Pastoral Friends, who amongst other things “*worked on the simplification of Quaker language, along with Elders, which may help those who do not have a background in Quakers*”. When the time is right, they speak to new attenders about the role of Pastoral Friends. They also spoke to local businesses to ask permission to use their parking spaces on Sundays for Friends who have difficulty walking (Nottingham MH has very little parking space and is situated a little distance up the hill from the nearest tram stop); and offered taxis to those regularly attending Meeting who were temporarily unable to travel their usual way.
- Whilst elders are responsible for the nurture of the spiritual life and the right holding of MfW and MfWfB, this responsibility, along with pastoral care, was seen as a collective responsibility by many of our smaller meetings, who did not seek individual appointments. Responsibility for eldership and pastoral care was taken by the whole meeting.
- Local Meetings also used a variety of other ways of making sure they maintained contact, by for example sending cards when someone was in hospital, staying connected via phone calls, emails, a WhatsApp group, arranging a visit to a local museum, etc.
- Bakewell LM reported “*We have a small annual fund of £300, to be used at the discretion of Pastoral Friends to address specific cases of hardship within the wider community.*”
- The Area Meeting also holds the ‘Matilda Rickman and Ashover Fund’ (referred to as the ‘Education Fund’) for individual Friends for education and training, and the ‘Notts and Derbyshire Fund for Poor Friends’ (referred to as the ‘Hardship Fund’) for individual Friends who may be experiencing hardship and in need of financial support. Both these funds are administered by the charity’s trustees, who issued an updated Grants Policy in 2024, including guidance on their application and how to access them.
- (See note on page 22 below for further reference regarding Elders and Pastoral Care in QF&P.)

6. Maintaining and developing our meeting houses as places for public worship and from which to carry out our witness to the world

- The Area Meeting owns six Meeting Houses (MHs): Bakewell, Chesterfield, Derby, Fritchley, Mansfield, and Nottingham. While the AM trustees hold overall responsibility for these premises, day to day running and maintenance



Bakewell MH is a focal point for community life. One of the regular users is the Old House Museum Sewing Circle.

is carried out by the local meetings. Without this delegation of responsibilities, the area meeting and its constituent local meetings would not be able to function. LMs appoint premises or stewardship committees from within their own meeting.



Less common was a private funeral at the Meeting House, reminding us of a bygone age.

- Bakewell LM reported that their

appointment of a paid part-time Meeting House manager was working well and had provided additional capacity for promotion of the Meeting House, managing bookings and the building. Hirings had grown and the Meeting House was more visible as a community resource. This had freed scarce Quaker time for nourishing the life of the Meeting.

- Chesterfield LM reported that no significant repairs had been carried out during 2024 but there continued to be ongoing issues with the meeting house flat roof leaking over the upstairs kitchen. A survey had been carried out as a step towards resolving this. Also, a paid gardener had been engaged (previously the Probation service had provided help). Significant work was needed on the large beech tree, which overhangs Ashgate Road.
- Fritchley LM reported they had updated their kitchen, and a redundant chimney had been removed.



Work in progress on Mansfield MH flat roof

- Mansfield LM had arranged for a Quinquennial Report on the Building in 2023. and since then had been working through the actions identified by the engineers. Especially important had been the successful replacement of the flat roof.

- Nottingham LM reported that following their quinquennial survey work had been carried out so the building complied with health and safety regulations. Issues regarding damp and drains had been seen to. A new fire alarm and emergency lighting had been installed following a Fire Service inspection, with new fire doors to be installed.
- Nottingham LM Stewardship Committee comprised only a very small group of two members and a part time warden, with other Friends being co-opted on occasion to carry out short-term pieces of work. They revamped the hiring leaflets, and completed a new Meeting House Handbook to facilitate running the premises.
- Sustainability and the environment:
 - Bakewell LM reported that *“we use electricity from renewable sources, recycle rainwater for flushing lavatories and sort and recycle waste.”*
 - Chesterfield LM reported: *“There was noticeable reduction in the meeting house energy costs following the installation of cavity wall insulation late in 2023.”* They further report: *“The Premises Committee will look to implement more recommendations from the energy survey when the issues related to the flat roof are resolved.”*
 - Fritchley LM reported: *“We try to set the Meeting House boiler to give adequate comfort without undue waste. A smart meter has recently been installed which may assist in identifying any scope for improvement.”* (Fritchley MH is a late nineteenth century building)
 - Nottingham LM reported about improvements made to their annexe (formerly a flat) as well as lagging to pipes in the boiler room and fitting a reliable timer, all of which will contribute to greater fuel efficiency. They also have an active gardening group which has identified and removed invasive species from for example the municipal cemetery, prepared ground for replanting, removed garden waste etc.

7. Administering and maintaining the organisation of Nottinghamshire and Derbyshire Area Quaker Meeting and contributing to the support of Britain Yearly Meeting

Finding Friends who were able to serve the Area Meeting was as ever problematic. Given this, LMs reported

- Chesterfield LM: one of their members combined the role of AM Correspondence Clerk and that of Website Administrator. A Chesterfield Friend was also AM Membership Clerk (the Correspondence clerk also took on this role during the year when the existing post holder had to ask to be released). A Friend served on the AM Nominations Committee; another (from September 2024) was the AM representative to Meeting for Sufferings. One of their members was a trustee to Bamford Quaker Community.
- A Derby Friend continued to act as AM treasurer.

- Bakewell LM: a Friend acted as an external adviser to a working group of Area Meeting trustees in Kent and Sussex about future collaboration and structural arrangements.
- Friends from various of our LMs attended Yearly Meeting, either in person or by zoom.
- A Nottingham Friend acted as clerk to trustees (it should be noted that the role of Clerk in a Quaker meeting combines that of chair/convenor with secretary and minute taker ¹⁸).
- Four of the LMs (Nottingham, Derby, Fritchley and Worksop) provided Friends to act as trustees. (Trustees are appointed by the Area Meeting meeting in session. See below page 23, for a list of trustees who served in 2024.)

Successes and Achievements.

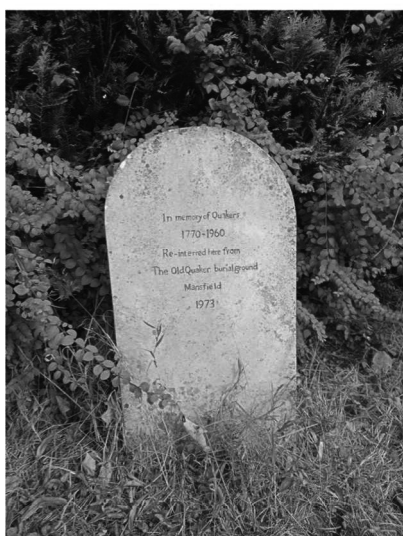
Amongst those identified were

- Bakewell LM: Communications through Quaker News and a weekly bulletin. Development of the MH as a meeting place for the local community, through the efforts of the MH manager; use of Zoom for committees and small ad hoc groups; blended worship enabled people with transport and/or mobility problems to participate. *“We have a strong sense of being a Quaker community, celebrating the contribution that each person makes to the Meeting.”*
- Beeston LM commented: *“We are still here and we are growing still. We have some younger members.”* Average attendance at MfW was between 13 – 16.
- Chesterfield LM identified good attendance at MfW as a success. They welcomed two new attenders to the meeting. They also identified a new approach to eldership and pastoral care as a success, in which 7 Friends with a mixture of experience and skills were formally appointed. They met every 5 to 6 weeks to look at any issues as well as the pastoral care needs of Friends.
- Derby LM reported they had continued with a mixture of blended and parallel meetings which proved invaluable for Friends unable to attend MfW in person. Numbers at MfW had remained fairly stable, with some new attenders. ‘Friendship Lunches’ proved popular. The MH itself was well used by outside groups, including U3A, NCT and the Probation Service.
- Fritchley mentioned visitors from other meetings as being particularly pleasing, including two from Canada,. They were pleased to see their numbers growing. They rejoiced in the enlivening presence of their very youngest attender. They also add: *“We have enjoyed activities that have brought us closer, in particular a discussion on Assisted Dying which enabled people to*

¹⁸ Jocelyn Burnell summed up the role of Quaker clerk well in her 1989 Swarthmore Lecture: *“an official whose role lies somewhere between chairperson, secretary, and servant!”*
[The clerk drafts a minute during the meeting, at such a point as they sense the topic has had sufficient discussion; they then read the draft back to the meeting to see if it is acceptable. See QF&P chapter 3 §3.12ff for more detailed explanation of the clerk’s role in a Quaker meeting

unburden themselves about personal experiences. We found this particularly moving."

- Mansfield LM identified their major success as re-establishing the Meeting House as a centre for many worthy organisations to hold their meetings and events. They also established the MH as a Polling Station.
- They successfully moved from having an employed Warden to establishing the role of Resident Friend. They also reported:



Mansfield Cemetery: "In memory of Quakers 1770-1960 Re-interred here from The Old Quaker burial ground Mansfield 1973"

"In September we held a mushroom foray (in a local cemetery). This event was regarded by all as a great success and we intend to repeat it."



Mushroom Foray at Mansfield Cemetery

- Nottingham LM identified raising £2300 for the Friary homelessness charity as an important achievement.



Stall for the Friary homelessness project at Nottingham Meeting House

- Workshop reported that despite attendance being as low as 3 on occasion (it varied between 3 and 9) they had not cancelled any meetings in 2024. Several Friends had visited other meetings – Doncaster, Newark, Sheffield, and Mansfield. One Friend is an active member at Doncaster LM (part of Sheffield and Scrooby AM), as well as attending Workshop.

Difficulties and Challenges

- Bakewell LM reported they have fewer active Friends to undertake roles. They miss having a regular group of children and young people in the meeting. The LM's contribution to the life of the AM has diminished during the year and they have held memorial meetings to give thanks for the lives of Friends who have died. *"We have felt the loss of each of these members of our community."*
- Beeston also reported one Friend had died, and a number had had ill health in one form or another.
- Chesterfield LM reported:
 - "We are an ageing meeting with only a small number of Friends able to take on roles."* They have a large MH and grounds to manage, and necessary repairs to the MH flat roof, all of which required and will require significant financial resources. Against this, income from room hire has still not returned to pre-pandemic levels.
 - "We held 'Looking to the Future' meetings in 2024 in January, April and September. We reflected on where we want to hold our meetings for worship and other meetings and activities. In the September meeting we heard much thoughtful ministry but were unable to reach unity about the way forward."*
- Derby LM identified effective protest against the conflict in Gaza as a major challenge. Two Friends also met with their local MP but *"were disappointed with his dismissive attitude and lack of interest in the issue."*
- In similar vein Fritchley LM reported: *"These dark times are a challenge for all of us. Playing our part in keeping hope alive sustains us."* They also reported: *"During the year we said goodbye to a much-loved Friend. Our sorrow at this was mitigated a little by the moving, even joyful experience of a woodland burial."* And on a very practical level: *"The lack of a Sunday bus service is not helpful."*
- Mansfield LM reported very low attendance at MfW and MfWfB being a main challenge. Another particular difficulty had been the level of admin work

around invoicing; this had been alleviated by purchasing a “sum-up” machine. They also reported lack of resources relating to archiving as being a difficulty.

- Nottingham LM reported: *“We have a very small group of dedicated Friends who are performing numerous functions across our Meeting and are burdened with multiple roles.... It is a real challenge to find Friends/attenders to fill roles in all our committees.”* A further challenge is having enough Pastoral Friends to meet the needs of a large meeting and *“to avoid people ‘falling through the net’”*.
- Worksop is our smallest LM, but the challenges are not dissimilar to those of larger meetings: *“We share the difficulties and challenges experienced by many meetings in appointing Friends to the roles local meetings are recommended and expected to have.”*

Looking Forward

- Bakewell LM: *“We aim to continue to strengthen and deepen our Meeting community and its spiritual life, recognising that Quaker values and witness to the wider world are more important than ever.”*
- Beeston LM: *“There are mixed feelings, but in general we feel positively towards the future of our Meeting. We are planning to try and develop an inter-spiritual group locally.”*
- Chesterfield LM: *“We will explore holding some ‘pop-up’ meetings in Chesterfield..... In November Michael Mears will present his one man play ‘The Priest’s Tale’¹⁹ We will also explore if the burden of the meeting house, as it is seen, could be reduced by changing how it is managed.... [and] if there is a suitable alternative venue in Chesterfield where we could hire a room.”*
- Derby LM: *“We hope to provide effective wi-fi facilities at our Meeting House. [and] ... continue to develop our proposals for Simpler Meetings and to manage nominations in this context.”*
- Fritchley LM: *“We hope to continue to ‘grow’ our Meeting both with outreach and with activities that bring us together in order to know one another in ‘the things that are eternal’”*.
- Mansfield LM’s concerns for the future are around the meeting’s future viability: *“We have frequent and ongoing discussions about possibilities for simplifying the way in which the Meeting conducts its affairs.”*
- Nottingham LM *“is currently engaged in a collaborative review of our shared goals and purposes through Meetings for Learning.... with a view to building knowledge and relationships within our community. We hope this will trigger interest and generate offers of practical involvement....”*

¹⁹ For more details about Michael’s work and his one man shows, see <https://michaelmears.org/about/>

- “We hope that the Lilya Lighthouse Education Trust ²⁰ will begin running alternative teaching provision [based in our MH].” This will also provide a welcome source of rental income . They also hope to continue to raise funds, subject to contributions and volunteer support for fundraising activities; and plan to use monthly Friendship Lunches through out 2025 to raise awareness of and funds for several charities.
- Worksop LM will be engaging in the questions focusing on ‘the Future of British Quakerism’ in preparation for the Area Meeting Day in 2025: ‘What do we love about Quakerism? What do we find challenging or difficult? What ideas do we have to go forward?’ as well as continuing their monthly meetings for learning, and meetings for listening.

Area Meeting for Worship for Business the Area Meeting ‘meeting in Session’

The Area Meeting met in session 4 times in 2024:

- 9th March 2024, at Mansfield MH and by Zoom
- 8th June 2024 by Zoom
- 14th September 2024 at Chesterfield MH
- 7th December 2024 at Chesterfield MH and on Zoom

The AM MfWfB is responsible for making key appointments, including

- Area Meeting clerk, co-clerk, correspondence and/or assistant clerk
- membership clerk
- Area Meeting treasurer, and assistant treasurer
- Trustees, and clerk to trustees
- Elders
- Pastoral Friends
- the AM Nomination Committee, who are tasked with bringing forward Friends’ names for appointments.

It should be noted that the Area Meeting has been unable to appoint a clerk or assistant treasurer. In the absence of an Area Meeting clerk, the correspondence clerk has clerked all meetings.

In 2024, the area meeting received reports from the AM representative to Meeting for Sufferings, from Northern Friends’ Peace Board, from GRYYM²¹ and from two Friends who attended a weekend conference on the Future of British Quakerism. The meeting set a date in 2025 for a follow up area conference on the Future of

²⁰ Lilya is a locally based charity. See <https://www.lilyalighthouse-trust.co.uk/> for details of its work with children and young people

²¹ GRYYM: The Group to Review Yearly Meeting, Yearly Meeting Gathering & Meeting for Sufferings. <https://www.quaker.org.uk/search?query=GRYYM&sort=date>

Quakerism. It received reports from the Records Group who have been working on Quaker records and archival material stored in the AM records room at Nottingham MH.

In her report for 2024 AM correspondence clerk writes:

“AM MfB at last is blended and not just on Zoom. It is hoped that this means that we will come together more often as an Area since we have lost touch with each other after Covid.

“The Tabular statement for 2024 shows that the number of people coming to LMs has grown from 232 to 247. There has been confusion in some Meetings between Members and Attenders. The growth may be slight but it is positive.

“There is a need for Outreach activities since when they occur we meet with a good reception.

“The website itself is fairly static since we do not hold many events and there are 2 of us who can maintain them. The mailing lists that are used by many are not visible to anyone. It would be useful to have another person who could share that role.

“We made contact with Leicestershire and Lincolnshire and hope for more discussions and interchange of ideas.”

Supporting Friends Co-ordinator

This is an area meeting appointment. The co-ordinator assists Friends and Enquirers who wish to enter into membership. Applicants meet with a Friend from their local meeting (a ‘nurturing Friend’) and, when they feel ready, also with a ‘supporting Friend’ from another LM. Together they will submit a letter (signed by the applicant, the nurturing Friend, and the supporting Friend) for consideration by Area Meeting meeting in session.

The Supporting Friends’ Co-ordinator writes:

“During 2024, three people have been accepted into Membership – one from Bakewell Quaker Meeting, one living in London but connected to Bakewell, and one who is a serving prisoner. The serving prisoner’s details are kept confidentially in accordance with the advice received from the Recording Clerk’s office. A Circle of Support will be created at the time of the person’s release until the Probation service and/or Police confirm that the person is considered to be no risk to the public.

“During 2024 we have also accepted one transfer of Membership from West Wilshire and East Somerset Area Meeting.

“Thanks are due to those experienced Friends who continue to be willing to take on this joyful and rewarding role.”

Safeguarding

The Area Meeting Safeguarding Co-ordinator worked closely with the Clerk to Trustees to keep the Trustee Body informed of any significant developments. With

the support of local Meeting Safeguarding Friends, they ensured the effective implementation of the AM safeguarding policy across all Meetings. The Area Meeting Safeguarding Co-ordinator has been in contact with Local Meetings to provide advice and guidance on safeguarding matters, reinforcing best practices. Additionally, Local Meetings have been encouraged to appraise their safeguarding arrangements in line with the AM policy and to reach out to the Area Meeting Safeguarding Co-ordinator for support where needed.

A recent review of the safeguarding policy resulted in minor updates to maintain its relevance. A comprehensive review is planned next year to ensure it remains robust and responsive to evolving needs. While some Local Meetings have few (or no) children in attendance, consistent adherence to our policy remains essential to ensure their safety during Meetings, activities, and events. Additionally, we recognise our growing responsibility for safeguarding adults, particularly as our membership ages.

We continued our membership with Thirtyone:eight [31:8] in 2024. 31:8 is a leading organisation providing safeguarding advice and training. Where appropriate and in line with our policy, we also used Due Diligence Checking Ltd for DBS checks to ensure proper safeguarding measures were in place

Quaker Prison Chaplaincy

In 2024 the Area Meeting supported 3 prisons:

Nottingham Prison, a men's local B category prison

Lowdham Grange Prison, a long-term men's prison, B category

Whatton Prison, a men's prison, C category, near Bingham.

The AM Prison Chaplain reports that

“All prisoners have a statutory right to have religious service and there are chaplains of various Christian denominations, Imams, Buddhist and Pagan in each prison. The chaplains work together to provide a multi-faith chaplaincy. They take services, see prisoners who are in distress, see prisoners when they first move into a prison etc. Sadly, they may have to speak at an inquest if a man has taken his life.”

The AM chaplain further explains that her interest started over 20 years ago when she began writing to a prisoner on Death Row in America ²², and that *“...there is a marvellous conference every year for those interested in this general area called Quakers in Criminal Justice. It covers a very wide range of topics, and those who attend include people who have taught in prisons, probation officers, lecturers in criminology, a retired prison governor and people who are just interested in this field.*

²² There is an organisation, started by a Quaker, called 'Lifelines' for writing to prisoners on Death Row: <https://lifelines-uk.org.uk>

People with lived experience of prisons (ex-prisoners) also attend. There is also an excellent course called Going Inside for those who are interested in becoming a chaplain.”

There is a need for more prison chaplaincy volunteers, and Friends interested in this work are encouraged to contact the prison chaplain, in the first instance through the trustees.

Eldership and Pastoral Care²³

Elders and Pastoral Friends from across the Area Meeting hold twice yearly meetings, to discuss any common issues and give mutual support. They reported: *“We had an open discussion about things which were going well in our meeting and also any problems We all found it hard to fill roles at times.... We agreed that having young people in meeting [was] a blessing [because] on the whole we are an ageing population.”*

²³ See Quaker Faith and Practice 12.06 <https://qfp.quaker.org.uk/passage/12-06/>, amongst other references, for details about Eldership and Pastoral Care. Note that pastoral care was formerly called ‘oversight’ with the appointment of ‘overseers’ to carry out these duties. Use of the word ‘overseer’ has been dropped because of its association with slavery and the cruelty employed in the running of plantation slavery.

List of Trustees

Trustees serving the Nottinghamshire and Derbyshire Area Quaker Meeting in 2024 were

Name	Date appointed (and re-appointed)	Served/serving until
David King	19 th May 2018 (Re-appointed 19 th May 2021)	18 th May 2024
Gwen Schaffer	10 th September 2022	10 th September 2025.
Roger Ibbett	12 th September 2020 (Re-appointed 11 th September 2023)	11 th September 2026
<i>Clerk to Trustees²⁴</i>	<i>11th December 2023</i>	<i>11th September 2025</i>
Ian Forrester	12 th February 2022	12 th February 2025
Paul Nicholas	10 th June 2023	10 th June 2026
Hugh McLeod	14 th September 2024	13 th September 2027

Holding Trustees

Friends Trusts Limited, Friends House, 173 -177 Euston Road, London, NW1 2BJ

Trustees' Report

Trustees are appointed by the Area Meeting meeting in session. The governing document allows for “not fewer than five or more than fifteen persons” to be appointed, normally from the organisation’s membership. Are AM Nominations Committee has been actively seeking more Friends able to serve as trustees.

Trustees met on nine occasions in 2024, by zoom. In addition to the trustees, the Area Meeting treasurer attended meetings in an ex-officio capacity. Minutes of trustees’ meetings are circulated to local meetings.

Matters discussed over the year included

- Area Policies: the need to draft a health and Safety Policy for the Area was agreed, ready for consultation with LMs before being formally adopted. Other Area policies which are regularly reviewed and disseminated by trustees include the Grants Policy and Procedures; the Safeguarding Policy and Procedures (see also the Area Meeting Safeguarding Co-ordinator’s report, page 21 above); and the Area Room Hire Policy.

²⁴ Note that the Clerk is a fully functioning member of the trustees’ body as well as its servant, See note on page 15 above for more information about the role of the clerk in Quaker meetings.

- Property: as well as the six Meeting Houses, the Area owns the flat (formerly the warden's flat) at Chesterfield MH and, for historical reasons, three cottages in Fritchley. In the course of the year the trustees engaged a new property management agency to oversee management of these properties.
- The trustees commissioned quinquennial surveys to report on the condition of Bakewell and Chesterfield meeting houses. The quinquennial survey on Mansfield MH (carried out the previous year) had reported a number of issues, including the need for extensive repair or replacement of the meeting house flat roof, and this was approved and completed in 2024.
- Other urgent repairs that needed attention were the installation of new fire alarm system and additional lighting at Nottingham Meeting. Nottingham LM also entered negotiations with Lilya Lighthouse Education Trust with a view to a long term let. Trustees have been active in providing support to local Friends and ensuring due diligence in these negotiations.
- Trustees discussed the possible setting up of an informal Stewardship/Premises contact group within the Area. They referred this to Area Meeting for Business, who agreed the creation of a Property Maintenance support group with a website page ²⁵ and noted that BYM now has a Property Adviser.
- As ever, the need for more trustees was present in trustees' minds, and in April the clerk wrote to Friends:

"Ever considered becoming a trustee?"

"We urgently need new trustees for Notts and Derby Area Quakers. The role of a Quaker trustee is both interesting and rewarding, being very much concerned with the life and well-being of our local meetings and our Area as a whole. Trustees are defined legally through our charitable status as having oversight of our activities, including such things as our financial and employee affairs, safeguarding, care of assets and good governance. This may all sound a bit daunting! However many of these functions are devolved to local meetings through our various policy commitments, where trustees' role is about providing support and guidance where needed. Trustees are not expected to be expert in every field and we often tap into government advice and professional advice from other bodies, including BYM. Much of the reward in being a trustee is in developing greater knowledge and experience of the functioning of our Quaker Area within the complexities of our modern world. We hold meetings approximately every 5-6 weeks, currently via Zoom, and conduct business in between by email and phone. We are a friendly group and we hope we would provide a welcoming environment for those who might consider taking up the trustee role."

- Gender imbalance in the trustee body is also likely to become increasingly an issue.

²⁵ <https://nottsandderbyquakers.org.uk/property-maintenance/>

Governance

The charity is run in accordance with our governing document, adopted on 19th July 2008, updated May 2022 and a Charity Commission Scheme dated 8th June 2015.

The AM in session appoints trustees, after nomination by the AM Nominations Committee. We encourage new trustees to attend the “Being a Quaker Trustee” course held by Woodbrooke Quaker Study Centre, unless they have recent relevant Quaker trustee experience.

Public Benefit

Our charitable aims and public benefit are set out in this report, along with examples of how we met them in 2024.

Trustees’ Statement

The trustees confirm that they have complied with the requirements of section 4 of the Charities Act 2011 to have due regard to the public benefit guidance published by the Charity Commission for England and Wales to the best of their ability.

As an AM we offer public religious worship and maintain buildings for this purpose. This fulfils our central charitable purpose of advancing religion. We work to create Quaker communities where learning, pastoral care and other activities enrich our lives. This enables us to serve society on local, national and international levels.

Structure of the AM

As stated above, we have eight constituent LMs: Bakewell, Beeston, Chesterfield, Derby, Fritchley, Mansfield, Nottingham and Worksop. Six of these use Meeting Houses owned by the AM.

Though Trustees and the AM hold overall responsibility, much of the day-to-day running of our LMs and Meeting Houses is done by LMs. This is in line with our Equality testimony. Each LM works to fulfil our charitable aims as they feel led through Meetings for Worship for Business.

Financial Management

Our Area Meeting Treasurer has undertaken the day-to-day management of the Area Meeting’s finances and the five Area Meeting funds, which they carried out on behalf of the trustees. The Treasurer regularly attended trustees’ meetings and prepared the Area Meeting budget and collation of the annual accounts.

Specific aspects of our financial management have included:

- The use of the QuickBooks cloud accounting system, which has enabled an accurate oversight of our Area Meeting and Local Meeting finances throughout the year.*
- QuickBooks facilitates the production of frequent and detailed reports. It is also a useful tool for producing budgets and enables us to monitor trends, particularly as we now have seven years of easily accessible data.*

- *Further support has continued to be provided to Local Meeting treasurers, where needed. Good liaison has been maintained between our meetings with employees and our payroll provider.*
- *The Area Meeting Treasurer and Area trustees work together to ensure that the management of our Area Meeting funds and our finances are well understood.*
- *The Area Meeting Grants Policy continues to have a positive impact increasing the understanding of the process required for grant applications.*
- *We continue to monitor the interest rates on our bank accounts and returns on our investments. We aim to balance optimal returns while maintaining an ethical stance both in terms of the banks we use and the funds we invest in*

Financial Review

The Area Meeting's total resources include cash, investment funds and some investment properties. This excludes the value of our meeting houses. In 2024 the total funds decreased to £2,036,748 from £2,069,090 in 2023, of which 33% was held in unrestricted funds, 8% in restricted funds and 59% in endowed funds.

The level of contributions (donations) from individuals for our Area and Local Meetings showed a decrease to £63,367 from £87,565 in 2023.

Our COIF charity ethical investment fund units increased in value over the year to £764,615 from £744,193 in 2023. The £48,002 (£46,378 in 2023) received in dividends from these units provided income for our Education, Hardship and Property Maintenance Restricted Funds and our Unrestricted Building Maintenance Reserve Fund.

Room hire income at our six meeting houses continued to recover from the impact of the pandemic and increased to £58,786 (£57,172 in 2023).

Expenditure on maintaining our meeting houses increased by 60% in 2024 compared to 2023.

Reserves Policy

Trustees split reserves into general reserves and building maintenance reserves. Local Meetings and Area Meeting are advised to maintain a general reserve equal to a year's anticipated expenditure.

Those Local Meetings responsible for maintaining property are advised to hold an additional building maintenance reserve of 2% of the insured value of the relevant properties.

To support Local Meetings, Area Meeting tries to maintain a central building maintenance fund of up to 7% of the insured value of all properties.

Trustees have reviewed our reserves. The Area Meeting general reserve at £37,027 represents around 54 months of normal expenditure. Trustees consider the reserve to be within our policy. The Area Meeting unrestricted building maintenance reserve at £209,751 represents around 2% of the insured value of our functional property. There is a further £41,202 in restricted building funds, which together represents £0.05% of insured value. This compares with a policy of holding 7%, however trustees recognise that the 7% is a long-term goal rather than an urgent target therefore they consider no action is required.

Nottinghamshire & Derbyshire Area Quaker Meeting

Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities

The trustees are responsible for preparing the trustees' report and the financial statements in accordance with the United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice) and applicable law and regulations.

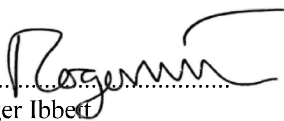
The law applicable to charities requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources of the charity for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in business.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008, and the provisions of the constitution. The trustees are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

The trustees are responsible for the maintenance and integrity of the corporate and financial information included on the charitable company's website. Legislation governing the preparation and dissemination of financial statements may differ from legislation in other jurisdictions.

Approved by the trustees of the charity on 26/10/25 and signed on its behalf by:

.....
Roger Ibbett
Trustee

Nottinghamshire & Derbyshire Area Quaker Meeting

Independent Examiner's Report to the trustees of Nottinghamshire & Derbyshire Area Quaker Meeting

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Nottinghamshire & Derbyshire Area Quaker Meeting

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of Nottinghamshire & Derbyshire Area Quaker Meeting (the Charity) for the year ended 31 December 2024.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the trustees of the charity you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

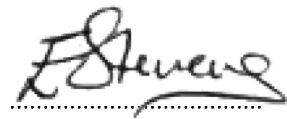
I report in respect of my examination of the Charity's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Charity as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



Eva Stevens, BSc, CPFA, employee of Community Accounting Plus
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Date: 27/10/25.....

Nottinghamshire & Derbyshire Area Quaker Meeting

Statement of Financial Activities for the Year Ended 31 December 2024

	Note	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	Endowment £	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
Income and Endowments from:						
Donations and legacies	2	52,944	10,423	-	63,367	87,565
Charitable activities	3	60,684	-	-	60,684	59,681
Other trading activities	4	33	-	-	33	55
Investment income	5	<u>22,968</u>	<u>35,796</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>58,764</u>	<u>53,702</u>
Total Income		<u>136,629</u>	<u>46,219</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>182,848</u>	<u>201,003</u>
Expenditure on:						
Raising funds	6	(1,295)	(15,672)	-	(16,967)	(11,609)
Charitable activities	7	<u>(189,532)</u>	<u>(29,113)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(218,645)</u>	<u>(160,895)</u>
Total Expenditure		<u>(190,827)</u>	<u>(44,785)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(235,612)</u>	<u>(172,504)</u>
Gains/losses on investment assets		<u>4,047</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>16,375</u>	<u>20,422</u>	<u>66,557</u>
Net movement in funds		(50,151)	1,434	16,375	(32,342)	95,056
Reconciliation of funds						
Total funds brought forward		<u>728,266</u>	<u>170,110</u>	<u>1,170,714</u>	<u>2,069,090</u>	<u>1,974,034</u>
Total funds carried forward	14	<u>678,115</u>	<u>171,544</u>	<u>1,187,089</u>	<u>2,036,748</u>	<u>2,069,090</u>

All of the charity's activities derive from continuing operations during the above two periods.

The funds breakdown for the period is shown in note 14.

Nottinghamshire & Derbyshire Area Quaker Meeting

Statement of Financial Activities for the Year Ended 31 December 2024 (continued)

These are the figures for the previous accounting period and are included for comparative purposes

	Note	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	Endowment £	Total 2023 £
Income and Endowments from:					
Donations and legacies	2	77,195	10,370	-	87,565
Charitable activities	3	59,681	-	-	59,681
Other trading activities	4	55	-	-	55
Investment income	5	19,789	33,913	-	53,702
Total Income		<u>156,720</u>	<u>44,283</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>201,003</u>
Expenditure on:					
Raising funds	6	(2,552)	(9,057)	-	(11,609)
Charitable activities	7	<u>(137,815)</u>	<u>(23,080)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(160,895)</u>
Total Expenditure		<u>(140,367)</u>	<u>(32,137)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(172,504)</u>
Gains/losses on investment assets		<u>13,190</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>53,367</u>	<u>66,557</u>
Net movement in funds		29,543	12,146	53,367	95,056
Reconciliation of funds					
Total funds brought forward		<u>698,723</u>	<u>157,964</u>	<u>1,117,347</u>	<u>1,974,034</u>
Total funds carried forward	14	<u><u>728,266</u></u>	<u><u>170,110</u></u>	<u><u>1,170,714</u></u>	<u><u>2,069,090</u></u>

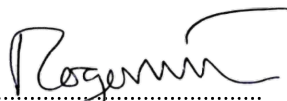
The notes on pages 34 to 48 form an integral part of these financial statements.

Nottinghamshire & Derbyshire Area Quaker Meeting

(Registration number: 1134531)
Balance Sheet as at 31 December 2024

	Note	2024 £	2023 £
Fixed assets			
Investments	10	1,418,615	1,398,193
Current assets			
Debtors	11	10,827	8,306
Cash at bank and in hand	12	<u>611,908</u>	<u>666,357</u>
		622,735	674,663
Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year	13	<u>(4,602)</u>	<u>(3,766)</u>
Net current assets		<u>618,133</u>	<u>670,897</u>
Net assets		<u><u>2,036,748</u></u>	<u><u>2,069,090</u></u>
Funds of the charity:			
Endowment funds		1,187,089	1,170,714
Restricted income funds			
Restricted funds	14	171,544	170,110
Unrestricted income funds			
Unrestricted funds		<u>678,115</u>	<u>728,266</u>
Total funds	14	<u><u>2,036,748</u></u>	<u><u>2,069,090</u></u>

The financial statements on pages 31 to 48 were approved by the trustees, and authorised for issue on ~~26/10/25~~ 26/10/25.
and signed on their behalf by:


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Roger Ibbett
Trustee

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Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 December 2024

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1 Accounting policies

Statement of compliance

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the second edition of the Charities Statement of Recommended Practice issued in October 2019, the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Charities Act 2011.

Basis of preparation

Nottinghamshire & Derbyshire Area Quaker Meeting meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy notes.

Exemption from preparing a cash flow statement

Under the exemption available to smaller charities the Board of Trustees has chosen not to include a Statement of Cash Flows within the financial statements.

Going concern

The financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis.

The trustees assess whether the use of going concern is appropriate i.e. whether there are any material uncertainties related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the ability of the charity to continue as a going concern. The trustees make this assessment in respect of a period of one year from the date of approval of the financial statements.

Income and endowments

Voluntary income including donations, gifts, legacies and grants that provide core funding or are of a general nature is recognised when the charity has entitlement to the income, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured with sufficient reliability.

Donations and legacies

Donations and legacies are recognised on a receivable basis when receipt is probable and the amount can be reliably measured.

Expenditure

All expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to that expenditure, it is probable settlement is required and the amount can be measured reliably. All costs are allocated to the applicable expenditure heading that aggregates similar costs to that category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated on a basis consistent with the use of resources, with central staff costs allocated on the basis of time spent, and depreciation charges allocated on the portion of the asset's use. Other support costs are allocated based on the spread of staff costs.

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Raising funds

These are costs incurred in attracting voluntary income, the management of investments and those incurred in trading activities that raise funds.

Charitable activities

Charitable expenditure comprises those costs incurred by the charity in the delivery of its activities and services for its beneficiaries. It includes both costs that can be allocated directly to such activities and those costs of an indirect nature necessary to support them.

Taxation

The charity is considered to pass the tests set out in Paragraph 1 Schedule 6 of the Finance Act 2010 and therefore it meets the definition of a charitable company for UK corporation tax purposes. Accordingly, the charity is potentially exempt from taxation in respect of income or capital gains received within categories covered by Chapter 3 Part 11 of the Corporation Tax Act 2010 or Section 256 of the Taxation of Chargeable Gains Act 1992, to the extent that such income or gains are applied exclusively to charitable purposes.

Tangible fixed assets

Furniture and equipment.

These are written off at the time of purchase.

Functional properties.

These are integral to our charitable purposes and are unlikely to be sold. As they comprise the meeting houses and burial grounds, they are not included in the Balance Sheet and not depreciated. Details of these properties are set out below.

Investment properties

Investment property is carried at fair value, derived from the current market prices for comparable real estate determined annually by external valuers. The valuers use observable market prices, adjusted if necessary for any difference in the nature, location or condition of the specific asset. Changes in fair value are recognised in profit or loss. The market values of the investment properties were ascertained by professional valuations dated the 8th June 2015 for the three MR&A properties and 20th February 2020 for 25A Ashgate Road.

Fixed asset investments

Fixed asset investments, other than programme related investments, are included at market value at the balance sheet date. Realised gains and losses on investments are calculated as the difference between sales proceeds and their market value at the start of the year, or their subsequent cost, and are charged or credited to the Statement of Financial Activities in the period of disposal.

Unrealised gains and losses represent the movement in market values during the year and are credited or charged to the Statement of Financial Activities based on the market value at the year end.

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Trade debtors

Trade debtors are amounts due from customers for merchandise sold or services performed in the ordinary course of business.

Trade debtors are recognised initially at the transaction price. They are subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method, less provision for impairment. A provision for the impairment of debtors is established when there is objective evidence that the charity will not be able to collect all amounts due according to the original terms of the receivables.

Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents comprise cash on hand and call deposits, and other short-term highly liquid investments that are readily convertible to a known amount of cash and are subject to an insignificant risk of change in value.

Trade creditors

Trade creditors are obligations to pay for goods or services that have been acquired in the ordinary course of business from suppliers. Accounts payable are classified as current liabilities if the charity does not have an unconditional right, at the end of the reporting period, to defer settlement of the creditor for at least twelve months after the reporting date. If there is an unconditional right to defer settlement for at least twelve months after the reporting date, they are presented as non-current liabilities.

Trade creditors are recognised initially at the transaction price and subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

Borrowings

Interest-bearing borrowings are initially recorded at fair value, net of transaction costs. Interest-bearing borrowings are subsequently carried at amortised cost, with the difference between the proceeds, net of transaction costs, and the amount due on redemption being recognised as a charge to the over the period of the relevant borrowing.

Interest expense is recognised on the basis of the effective interest method and is included in interest payable and similar charges.

Borrowings are classified as current liabilities unless the has an unconditional right to defer settlement of the liability for at least twelve months after the reporting date.

Fund structure

Unrestricted income funds are general funds that are available for use at the trustees' discretion in furtherance of the objectives of the charity.

Restricted income funds are those donated for use in a particular area or for specific purposes, the use of which is restricted to that area or purpose.

Pensions and other post retirement obligations

The charity operates a defined contribution pension scheme for employees. The assets of the scheme are held separately from those of the charity. Pension costs charges in the Statement of Financial Activities represent the contributions payable by the charity during the year.

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Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 December 2024 (continued)

2 Income from donations and legacies

	Unrestricted funds General £	Restricted funds £	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
Donations and legacies;				
Donations from individuals	52,944	10,423	63,367	87,565
	<u>52,944</u>	<u>10,423</u>	<u>63,367</u>	<u>87,565</u>

3 Income from charitable activities

	Unrestricted funds Designated £	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
Catering income	1,054	1,054	824
Meeting house hiring	58,786	58,786	57,172
Feed in tariff (Nottingham)	-	-	260
Events	-	-	7
Insurance claim	-	-	1,418
Other income	844	844	-
	<u>60,684</u>	<u>60,684</u>	<u>59,681</u>

4 Income from other trading activities

	Unrestricted funds General £	Total funds £	Total 2023 £
Local fundraising and street collection income	33	33	55
	<u>33</u>	<u>33</u>	<u>55</u>

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Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 December 2024 (continued)

5 Investment income

	Unrestricted funds General £	Restricted funds £	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
Interest receivable and similar income;				
Interest receivable on bank deposits	7,767	2,995	10,762	7,324
Other income from fixed asset investments	15,201	32,801	48,002	46,378
	<u>22,968</u>	<u>35,796</u>	<u>58,764</u>	<u>53,702</u>

6 Expenditure on raising funds

a) Investment management costs

Note	Unrestricted funds General £	Restricted funds £	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
Other investment management costs;				
Amounts payable to property managers	1,205	6,088	7,293	5,396
Property repairs	90	9,584	9,674	6,213
	<u>1,295</u>	<u>15,672</u>	<u>16,967</u>	<u>11,609</u>

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7 Expenditure on charitable activities

	Unrestricted		Total 2024	Total 2023
	General £	Restricted £	£	£
Administration	7,131	-	7,131	4,120
Governance costs	3,996	-	3,996	5,930
Life of meeting costs	13,425	15,343	28,768	39,812
Maintaining meeting houses	164,980	13,770	178,750	111,033
	<u>189,532</u>	<u>29,113</u>	<u>218,645</u>	<u>160,895</u>

8 Staff costs

The aggregate payroll costs were as follows:

	2024 £	2023 £
Staff costs during the year were:		
Wages and salaries	44,331	36,731
Pension costs	<u>1,564</u>	<u>1,208</u>
	<u>45,895</u>	<u>37,939</u>

The monthly average number of persons (including senior management team) employed by the charity during the year was as follows:

	2024 No	2023 No
Staff	<u>7</u>	<u>7</u>

5 (2023 - 4) of the above employees participated in the Defined Contribution Pension Schemes.

Contributions to the employee pension schemes for the year totalled £1,564 (2023 - £1,208).

No employee received emoluments of more than £60,000 during the year

9 Taxation

The charity is a registered charity and is therefore exempt from taxation.

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10 Fixed asset investments

	2024 £	2023 £
Investment properties	654,000	654,000
Other investments	764,615	744,193
	<u>1,418,615</u>	<u>1,398,193</u>

Investment properties

	Investment properties £
Cost or Valuation	
At 1 January 2024	<u>654,000</u>
Provision	
At 31 December 2024	<u>-</u>
Net book value	
At 31 December 2024	<u>654,000</u>
At 31 December 2023	<u>654,000</u>
There has been no valuation of investment property by an independent valuer since June 2015.	

Restricted Endowment Investment Properties:

These investment properties are administered by a professional estate and lettings agency and form part of the expendable endowment capital of the Matilda Rickman's Gift.

Brook Cottage £185,000

Chestnut Bank Cottage £125,000

Woodland Cottage £160,000

Unrestricted Investment Property:

Mansfield Bungalow £100,000

Permanent Endowment Investment Property:

25A Ashgate Road £84,000

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Other investments

	Unlisted investments £	Total £
Cost or Valuation		
At 1 January 2024	744,193	744,193
Revaluation	<u>20,422</u>	<u>20,422</u>
At 31 December 2024	<u>764,615</u>	<u>764,615</u>
Net book value		
At 31 December 2024	<u>764,615</u>	<u>764,615</u>
At 31 December 2023	<u>744,193</u>	<u>744,193</u>

Ethical Investment Fund:

Investments are held in the COIF Charities Ethical Investment Fund managed by CCLA Fund Managers Limited and are considered to be Alternative Investment Funds under the European Alternative Investment Fund Managers Directive operative from July 2013.

11 Debtors

	2024 £	2023 £
Trade debtors	1,086	1,537
Prepayments	-	113
Other debtors	<u>9,741</u>	<u>6,656</u>
	<u>10,827</u>	<u>8,306</u>

12 Cash and cash equivalents

	2024 £	2023 £
Cash at bank	<u>611,908</u>	<u>666,357</u>

13 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2024 £	2023 £
Trade creditors	104	78
Other creditors	<u>4,498</u>	<u>3,688</u>
	<u>4,602</u>	<u>3,766</u>

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14 Funds

	Balance at 1 January 2024 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Transfers £	Other recognised gains/(losses) £	Balance at 31 December 2024 £
Unrestricted funds						
<i>General</i>						
Area General Fund	34,490	8,096	(5,559)	-	-	37,027
<i>Designated</i>						
Area Building Maintenance	195,437	11,827	(1,560)	-	4,047	209,751
Area Property Fund	100,000	-	-	-	-	100,000
Bakewell Meeting	53,089	21,437	(28,432)	-	-	46,094
Beeston Meeting	357	2,088	(1,681)	-	-	764
Chesterfield Meeting	52,988	35,320	(31,789)	-	-	56,519
Derby Meeting	90,028	23,096	(6,464)	(2,567)	-	104,093
Fritchley Meeting	7,107	2,312	(2,441)	-	-	6,978
Mansfield Meeting	13,818	7,365	(6,484)	-	-	14,699
Nottingham Meeting	157,473	24,360	(96,241)	-	-	85,592
Worksop Meeting	804	728	(816)	-	-	716
Bakewell Building Maintenance Fund	15,882	-	-	-	-	15,882
Derby Building Maintenance Fund	6,793	-	(9,360)	2,567	-	-
	<u>693,776</u>	<u>128,533</u>	<u>(185,268)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>4,047</u>	<u>641,088</u>
Total unrestricted funds	<u>728,266</u>	<u>136,629</u>	<u>(190,827)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>4,047</u>	<u>678,115</u>

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	Balance at 1 January 2024 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Transfers £	Other recognised gains/(losses) £	Balance at 31 December 2024 £
Restricted funds						
N&D Property Maintenance	49,294	5,678	(13,770)	-	-	41,202
N&D Poor Friends	46,031	6,485	(3,500)	-	-	49,016
MR&A Education	74,785	23,633	(17,092)	-	-	81,326
Acting as Agent (BYM)	-	10,423	(10,423)	-	-	-
Total restricted funds	170,110	46,219	(44,785)	-	-	171,544
Endowment funds						
<i>Permanent</i>						
25A Ashgate Road	84,000	-	-	-	-	84,000
Monyash MH & BG Capital	142,700	-	-	-	3,916	146,616
	226,700	-	-	-	3,916	230,616
<i>Expendable</i>						
Ladybrook Poor Friends	6,821	-	-	-	187	7,008
MR&A Education	562,179	-	-	-	1,981	564,160
N&D Poor Friends	35,069	-	-	-	962	36,031
N&D Property Maintenance	2,701	-	-	-	74	2,775
Richardson Capital	336,077	-	-	-	9,223	345,300
Toadhole Property	1,167	-	-	-	32	1,199
	944,014	-	-	-	12,459	956,473
Total endowment funds	1,170,714	-	-	-	16,375	1,187,089
Total funds	2,069,090	182,848	(235,612)	-	20,422	2,036,748

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Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 December 2024 (continued)

	Balance at 1 January 2023 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Transfers £	Other recognised gains/(losses) £	Balance at 31 December 2023 £
Unrestricted funds						
<i>General</i>						
Area General Fund	27,376	13,617	(7,903)	1,400	-	34,490
<i>Designated</i>						
Area Building Maintenance	183,841	9,066	(10,660)	-	13,190	195,437
Area Property Fund	100,000	-	-	-	-	100,000
Bakewell Meeting	49,997	24,283	(19,791)	(1,400)	-	53,089
Beeston Meeting	621	1,416	(1,680)	-	-	357
Chesterfield Meeting	51,789	39,436	(38,237)	-	-	52,988
Derby Meeting	83,512	23,183	(16,667)	-	-	90,028
Fritchley Meeting	6,817	1,705	(1,415)	-	-	7,107
Mansfield Meeting	14,009	7,674	(7,865)	-	-	13,818
Nottingham Meeting	156,902	35,928	(35,357)	-	-	157,473
Worksop Meeting	1,195	401	(792)	-	-	804
Bakewell Building Maintenance Fund	15,882	-	-	-	-	15,882
Derby Building Maintenance Fund	6,782	11	-	-	-	6,793
	<u>671,347</u>	<u>143,103</u>	<u>(132,464)</u>	<u>(1,400)</u>	<u>13,190</u>	<u>693,776</u>
Total unrestricted funds	<u>698,723</u>	<u>156,720</u>	<u>(140,367)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>13,190</u>	<u>728,266</u>

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	Balance at 1 January 2023 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Transfers £	Other recognised gains/(losses) £	Balance at 31 December 2023 £
Restricted funds						
N&D Property Maintenance	51,758	5,295	(7,759)	-	-	49,294
N&D Poor Friends	44,035	6,297	(4,301)	-	-	46,031
MR&A Education	62,171	22,321	(9,707)	-	-	74,785
Acting as Agent (BYM)	-	10,370	(10,370)	-	-	-
Total restricted funds	157,964	44,283	(32,137)	-	-	170,110
Endowment funds						
<i>Permanent</i>						
25A Ashgate Road	84,000	-	-	-	-	84,000
Monyash MH & BG Capital	129,938	-	-	-	12,762	142,700
	213,938	-	-	-	12,762	226,700
<i>Expendable</i>						
Ladybrook Poor Friends	6,211	-	-	-	610	6,821
MR&A Education	555,724	-	-	-	6,455	562,179
N&D Poor Friends	31,933	-	-	-	3,136	35,069
N&D Property Maintenance	2,459	-	-	-	242	2,701
Richardson Capital	306,020	-	-	-	30,057	336,077
Toadhole Property	1,062	-	-	-	105	1,167
	903,409	-	-	-	40,605	944,014
Total endowment funds	1,117,347	-	-	-	53,367	1,170,714
Total funds	1,974,034	201,003	(172,504)	-	66,557	2,069,090

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The specific purposes for which the funds are to be applied are as follows:

Unrestricted funds:

The Area Meeting General Fund can be used for any of N&DAQM charitable purposes;

The Area Meeting Building Maintenance Fund is to help Local Meetings maintain and administer their Meeting Houses and can be used for any of N&DAQM charitable purposes;

Local Meeting funds can be used for any of N&DAQM charitable purposes in the area covered by each Local Meeting;

Both Derby and Bakewell Local Meetings have designated building funds to help maintain their Meeting Houses.

Restricted and Endowment funds:

The N&D Property Maintenance Fund is used for maintaining Meeting Houses and Burial Grounds;

The N&D fund for Poor Friends is used for the relief of Poor Friends and attenders of meetings linked to the Area Meeting;

The MR&A (Matilda Rickman & Ashover) Education fund is used for education in recognised Quaker educational institutions or the education of Friends in general;

The Acting as Agent (BYM) Fund covers funds, including gift aid, collected on behalf of Britain Yearly Meeting;

The income from the Richardson Capital Fund can either be used for Poor Friends and attenders of meetings linked to the Area Meeting or maintaining Meeting Houses and Burial Grounds at trustees discretion. The income is split between the N&D Fund for Poor Friends and the N&D Property Maintenance Fund. (the 2022 basis was allocated 50:50 between each fund);

The income from the Ladybrook Fund is merged into the N&D fund for Poor Friends and can be used for the relief of Poor Friends and attenders of meetings linked to the Area Meeting;

The income from the Toadhole Property Fund is merged into the N&D Property Maintenance Fund and used for maintaining Meeting Houses and Burial Grounds.

Permanent Endowment funds:

25A Ashgate Road is let as a private dwelling. The property, now treated as an investment property, forms part of the endowed Local Meeting House. Income from the fund is applied to the Chesterfield Local Meeting;

The Monyash Meeting House and Burial Ground Capital Fund, was formed with the proceeds of the sale of this endowed property. Income from the fund is applied to the Area Meeting Building Maintenance Fund.

The transfer from the Derby LM fund to the Derby Building Maintenance fund is to clear the deficit on this fund.

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15 Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted		Endowment		2024
	General	Restricted	Permanent	Expendable	Total funds
	£	£	£	£	£
Fixed asset investments	251,526	-	230,617	936,472	1,418,615
Current assets	429,129	173,606	-	20,000	622,735
Current liabilities	(2,540)	(2,062)	-	-	(4,602)
Total net assets	<u>678,115</u>	<u>171,544</u>	<u>230,617</u>	<u>956,472</u>	<u>2,036,748</u>

	Unrestricted		Endowment		2023
	General	Restricted	Permanent	Expendable	Total funds
	£	£	£	£	£
Fixed asset investments	247,479	-	226,700	924,014	1,398,193
Current assets	483,205	171,458	-	20,000	674,663
Current liabilities	(2,418)	(1,348)	-	-	(3,766)
Total net assets	<u>728,266</u>	<u>170,110</u>	<u>226,700</u>	<u>944,014</u>	<u>2,069,090</u>

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16 Related party transactions

There were no related party transactions in the year.

17 Functional Property

	Book Value £	Insured Value £
Property		
Derby Meeting House and Burial Ground (Unrestricted)	250,000	1,358,609
Fritchley Meeting House (Unrestricted)	50,000	326,373
Bakewell Meeting House and Burial Ground (Endowment)	340,000	1,133,210
Chesterfield Meeting House (Endowment)	340,000	1,583,290
Mansfield Meeting House (Endowment)	250,000	1,295,904
Nottingham Meeting House and Burial Ground (Endowment)	460,000	3,334,553
Toadhole Furnace Burial Ground (Endowment)	100	-
	<u>1,690,100</u>	<u>9,031,939</u>

18 3rd party funds

	Opening balances £	Incoming resources £	(Resources expended) £	Closing balances £
Acting as Agent	-	2,034	(2,034)	-
	<u>-</u>	<u>2,034</u>	<u>(2,034)</u>	<u>-</u>

19 Trustees remuneration and expenses

No trustees have received any reimbursed expenses or any other benefits from the charity during the year.

20 Independent examiner's fees

During the period, the fees payable (excluding VAT) to the charity's independent examiner Community Accounting Plus are analysed as follows:

	2024 £	2023 £
Independent examination	2,030	1,950
Other financial services	1,019	884
	<u>3,049</u>	<u>2,834</u>