

THE RELIGIOUS SOCIETY OF FRIENDS (QUAKERS) IN BRITAIN - NORTHUMBRIA AREA MEETING

England & Wales · Charity number 1134532

Details

Status Registered

Legal form Other

Registered 2010-02-26

Register [View on the Charity Commission register](#)

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Activities

Objects: FURTHERANCE OF THE GENERAL AND RELIGIOUS CHARITABLE PURPOSES OF THE RELIGIOUS SOCIETY OF FRIENDS IN THE AREA OF NORTHUMBRIA MEETING AND BEYOND

Activities: The right holding of public meetings for worship. Regular meetings for church affairs in all the constituent meetings for the area as a whole. Our representatives to Meeting for Sufferings and the Quaker Life Rep. Council and other committees have participated in the affairs of Britain Yearly Meeting, including over sight of our centrally managed work.

Classification

- **How:** Makes Grants To Individuals, Makes Grants To Organisations
- **What:** Religious Activities
- **Who:** The General Public/mankind

Geography

- **Area of benefit:** NORTHUMBRIA
- Durham
- Gateshead
- Newcastle Upon Tyne City
- North Tyneside
- Northumberland
- Sunderland

Finances

| Period end | Income | Expenditure | Assets | Employees |
|------------|----------|-------------|--------|-----------|
| 2024-12-31 | £0 | £0 | - | - |
| 2023-12-31 | £0 | £0 | - | - |
| 2022-12-31 | £7,770 | £9,333 | - | - |
| 2021-12-31 | £432,615 | £161,738 | - | - |
| 2020-12-31 | £145,223 | £168,432 | - | - |

Trustees

| Name | Role | Appointed |
|----------------------|-------|------------|
| Gillian Gill | Chair | 2017-06-10 |
| Graham Howard Taylor | | 2018-09-01 |
| Marcia Lemon | | 2019-01-01 |
| Simon Court | | 2021-01-04 |

Linked charities

- NEWCASTLE MEETING HOUSE (1134532-1)
- NORTHUMBRIA AREA MEETING ENDOWMENT (1134532-2)
- MONKSEATON MEETING HOUSE (1134532-3)
- WOOLEY BURN FOOT MEETING HOUSE (1134532-4)
- ROKER PARK MEETING HOUSE (1134532-5)
- STOCKSFIELD MEETING HOUSE (1134532-6)

Accounts

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**REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
For the year ended 31 December 2021**

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ANNUAL REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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The trustees are pleased to present their annual report together with the financial statements of the charity for the period ended 31 December 2021. The aim is also to explain the role of the Trustees and their relationship with the Area Meeting, which is a worshipping community seeking to live our lives, as individuals and as a community, in accordance with Quaker values and testimonies which are deeply held and long standing. We consider that our existence also provides an amount of public benefit through our everyday activities as described in Section 4 of the Charities Act published by the Charity Commission (see Section 9 below).

The financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the Memorandum and Articles of Association, and Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019).

1. Objectives and Activities

Our Meeting Houses have again had to stay closed for all or most of the year, so many of our usual activities have not been possible. The global pandemic of Covid19 has proved very challenging in many ways, but has opened up different ways for us to continue our aims.

How we have coped comes under the following 3 headings.

- a) Maintaining the spiritual life of the AM by holding Meetings for Worship by blending virtual and face to face gatherings.
- b) Keeping in contact with and supporting each other, as well as friends and neighbours.
- c) Planning for the future.

2. Achievements and Performance

Maintaining the spiritual life of the AM by continuing to hold satisfactory Meetings for Worship

As the year progressed we have been able, within certain parameters, to hold Meetings for Worship each Sunday using Zoom as well as meeting face to face.

The few children we have also met for activities on line, and on one occasion, to meet face to face.

Mid-week meetings for worship continue online and are the means of more of us being included than when we needed to travel. We know at the same time that this excludes some Friends, but increasingly we are being able to organise face to face meetings as well. These meetings are generally for worship but do include a time for discussion, socialising and Bible study. There are also book groups and even 'Coffee Mornings' where we share a virtual coffee together.

Several Meetings find that public meetings for discussion provide a good opportunity for Quakers and the public to interact for mutual interest and support. One Meeting supports an initiative called Hexham Debates which are public lectures and are widely acclaimed around the surrounding areas. During Covid19 these have been held using Zoom, but will resume in person as soon as restrictions are lifted. Well-known personalities and speakers who are expert in their fields draw large audiences for lively discussions about topical subjects. During this period, the 13th season, the topics included world population growth, sustainability, housing as a Human Right, climate justice and the future of the UN to name but a few. 'Friends on Fridays' has been part of another Meeting's initiative with the support

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of its Members and involves discussions with Quaker and non-Quaker topics. These Fridays are open to all who wish to attend.

Another has recently taken a small part in Songs of Praise on BBC 1, and has worked with the University of Sunderland to unveil a blue plaque in honour of the work done by Quaker women of the past to help diminish the use of slave goods in Sunderland. It is hoped to develop other ways to work together in the future.

Friends from several Meetings have participated in the COP26 conference in Glasgow, some active in Glasgow, some supporting those who travelled the country to attend and others having vigils for a satisfactory outcome to the talks.

We also have connections to Rammallah School in Palestine. For several years we have maintained an interest in this Quaker run, non-sectarian school. Friends have travelled there to visit, and each year until this one we have invited two pupils to spend time in our Summer school – the Shindig. This has been proved useful in getting the young people of both countries together informally to learn about each other, and has been a wonderful resource. Sadly this was unable to happen in person in 2021, but plans are being made to resume the practice for 2022.

Keeping in contact with and supporting each other, as well as friends and neighbours

Mostly this is covered by a) above, but during the year additional support has been needed to help Friends and attenders affected either by Covid19 directly, or through their inability to remain in touch with their Meetings. Many of our Friends are elderly and many live alone. Maintaining contact by regular phone calls and sending cards are important ways of keeping each other connected. Extra phone calls, post cards and even tuition in use of Zoom has been required and in one or two cases access to computers has been provided.

Each Meeting has similar worship activities on Sundays and during the week, but each meeting also has a distinctive character of its own. One rural meeting with an 'enthusiastic group of elderly pensioners' (their description!) has established a community orchard to provide free fruit for all. In spite of the idea being started three years ago, the planning and red-tape delays mean that the first trees will only just be planted at the beginning of 2022

Several of our Meetings have provided Chaplains to serve in our name. Our Chaplains work in three Universities, Durham, Northumbria and Sunderland, a hospital, a hospice and two prisons and all of these offer hope, support and friendship to the communities they serve. As well as the Chaplains we have two Prison Visitors. Unlike the Chaplains the Visitors are not named as Quakers and are available to all who need visiting.

Quakers from a few Meetings have been closely involved with the running of Tyne and Wear Citizens UK started in 2015 to work locally for social justice. We make a great contribution towards social justice – leading to a kinder world. The Green, Fair, Healthy group has started out by getting a North Shields park fit for the locals. It is now moving into monitoring air quality outside schools and seeking to make public transport affordable, in particular to young people in the North East. The work of the Safer Cities group has progressed into making misogynist, racist and Islamophobic hate crime recordable, with the aim of making it illegal. A new and developing group is tackling racism and discrimination and has brought about the resignation of a head teacher with racist attitudes. The Living Wage group is continuing to get employers to sign up, (now 173 across the North East) following the major success with Newcastle University. The campaign for school- based counselling continues,

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now working with teachers' Unions, as does "Just Change" whereby pupils can retain unspent school meal money, previously disappearing into a black hole of unaccountability. Negotiations to improve mental health have also been tackled. NAM contributes financially to this cause.

The Northern Friends Peace Board

The Group belief is in the promotion of peace in all its height and breadth, so they are involved in education, and parliamentary discussions re nuclear weapons proliferation, and questioning the supply of arms to Saudi Arabia. Protests and Meetings for Worship continue to be held at Faslane naval base as and when restrictions allow. They rejoiced to hear the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons (TPNW) had been passed after many months of hard work.

In March 2021 news was coming out of the UK government plans to increase its nuclear arsenal. We united with the statement from Church leaders released on 16 March 2021 that reads, in part: *"The Government's decision in the integrated review of defence, security and foreign policy to increase the number of Trident nuclear warheads the UK can stockpile by more than 40 percent is a retrograde step that will not make any of us safer"* The NFPB are supporting Friends who are preparing to oppose the London arms fair – DSEI – and is part way through a series of online times for reflection and sharing under the title of 'Turning to one another'. Local Friends were able to get a white poppy wreath placed at their local war memorial for International Conscientious Objectors Day on 15th May. Plans are being made for another online event, or events, to mark this occasion.

Northumbria Conflict Resolution Network

Founded in 2008, this small group has been busy this year in schools working with mindfulness and helping children cope with personal trauma. Also they have been developing an informal partnership with Tyne & Wear Citizens – looking at areas where NRCN can have an input. The Group have organised a teaching and learning day for NAM for its members to participate in developing skills to use in their Meetings.

3. Planning for the future

Problems developed during the past year, especially in those places that have no Meeting House. Access to public places for worship have been restricted during Covid19 and are only just being re-arranged again as the Covid19 rules are being relaxed.

Plans for renovations to one of the Meeting Houses which were well underway have been frustrated by local opposition from neighbours of the Meeting House and so the project has been held up. The poor condition of the premises there frustrates both the worshippers and other users and a speedy acceptance of revised plans is hoped for soon. Friends there are working hard to maintain the level of public service that they have hitherto provided, but are severely hampered by the condition of the building. They have managed to continue to use the building for the preparation and distribution of food parcels to those in need. A programme of discussion groups has been maintained with members themselves providing the topics. These strengthen growth and enrich the spirituality within the Meeting.

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Another Meeting without a permanent home at present worked with Zoom until late 2021 after which it was able to find temporary Community premises to share. Ideas for a permanent home are on-going.

These projects will feature again as progress is maintained.

Zoom has opened windows for us over the year which will never be closed again. Worship, discussion, participation in Meetings all over the world, and giving access to visitors from across the world are some of its advantages, together with the reduction in travel expense, and being ecologically friendly. There are still some issues that need addressing to enable it to be used to its full advantage. It seems to work best in smaller Meetings, where the interchange between audience and screen is easily experienced, whereas in large gatherings it is sometimes hard to integrate the real with the virtual.

4. Commitment to Sustainability

Quakers as a church have committed themselves individually and corporately to act as a sustainable community since our BYM held in 2011. As an area Meeting our vision is to make all our buildings more sustainable and we are actively seeking ideas and materials when renewals and renovations are needed.

Both the plans cited above to obtain and improve or renovate buildings for our own use are being carefully planned to be sustainable in materials used and ongoing fuel costs.

Our LMs with their own premises use green energy suppliers and those who share premises or rent spaces try to influence the energy provision there.

We strive for a green footprint in all cases of repairs and renewals. Travel costs have been reduced and greater use of technology has been made in or communications.

5. Commitment to Equality and Diversity

We hold our Equality testimony very close to our hearts, in that we, as Quakers, believe everyone is equal, which inspires us to try to change the systems that cause injustice and that stop us being genuine communities.

We constantly seek ways to address issues of inequality, and strive to be a more diverse community ourselves. We hope that our increased use of social media will spread the message that we need to reach a wider audience than at present. Individual Friends work with interfaith groups, refugee and asylum seekers organisations and inter church groups.

Sadly it seems inequalities are increasing in this country and we know we have to work even harder to counteract this happening. Our work in these areas continues with enthusiasm and commitment.

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6. Reference and administrative details of the charity, its trustees and advisors

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| Charity Name | The Religious Society of Friends (Quakers) in Northumbria Area Quaker Meeting | |
| Registered Charity Number | 1134532 | |
| Operational address | Quaker Meeting House West Avenue Gosforth Newcastle upon Tyne Tyne and Wear NE3 4ES | |
| Trustees | G Moore S Court C Foley M Lemon G H Taylor H Maskill N Barnes J Dean Clerk | Chair (appointed 4 Jan 21) (resigned 31 Dec 21) (resigned 7 Dec 21) (resigned 31 Dec 21) |
| Non Trustees | D Westgate ex officio Assistant AM clerk | (resigned 1 Jun 21) |
| Area Meeting Officer | Michael Long | |
| Independent Examiner | Philippa Gardiner Connected Voice Business Services Ltd Higham House Higham Place Newcastle upon Tyne NE1 8AF | |
| Bankers | CAF COIF Barclays Lloyds | |

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7. Structure, Governance and Management

Governing documents

The Religious Society of Friends (Quakers) in Britain – Northumbria Area Meeting is a registered charity, number 1134532, registered 26 February 2010.

Northumbria Area Quaker Meeting is a charity established for the advancement of religion and other charitable purposes such as derive from or bear witness to the principles and practices of the Religious Society of Friends, commonly called Quakers.

The Religious Society of Friends in Britain is a Christian rooted denomination founded in the seventeenth century.

Appointment of Trustees

Trustees are appointed by Area Meeting on the basis of names brought forward by NAM Nominations Committee. Nominations process is a key part of the Quaker Business Method: the NAM Nominations Committee is responsible for bringing ‘names’ to Area Meeting for AM roles. The Committee try to discern by prayerful consideration those in the Meetings they feel would be the best people for the tasks. These ‘names’ are then approved and appointed, or declined, at the full Area Business Meeting. There is a parallel nominations and appointment system for each of the Local Meetings, for the local roles. Quakers have no paid ministers or officers, we are all ministers in our own way. All functions are undertaken voluntarily by members of the Meeting. If one is invited to take on a certain role it is customary to accept because the nominations process has found you to be the one most suitable for the job even though you may not feel you are the right person to do it. Training is offered for all significant roles by the Woodbrooke Quaker Study Centre in Birmingham, either as residential courses, locally organised day courses with ‘Woodbrooke on the Road’, or on line. The costs for this training are met from Area Meeting budget.

In line with Quaker practice for most roles, Trustees are appointed for a three year term, which can be extended for a second term by mutual agreement between the Trustee and Area Meeting. Only in exceptional circumstances do Trustees serve a third term. New Trustees receive a detailed induction ‘briefing’ and are also given opportunities for training.

The role of trustees

1. Trustees have developed, and maintain, policies on finance, reserves, ethical investment, insurance, safeguarding, employment, data protection, health and safety. They have developed a complaints policy. They are responsible for ensuring that these policies are upheld by members and attenders of the Area Meeting.
2. Northumbria Area Meeting owns and is responsible for 6 properties: meeting houses for Allendale, Monkseaton, Newcastle, and Stocksfield, a cottage at Allendale which is rented out, and a flat with a sitting tenant in Newcastle on legacy. All property is held by Friends Trusts Ltd, based in London, as custodian trustee, on behalf of the Area Meeting and its constituent LMs.
3. Our investments are managed by Rathbones Greenbank who aim to maintain the long-term purchasing power of the capital on a ‘Cautious to Risk’ basis. Investments are chosen such that none shall be in companies which invest in prostitution,

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munitions and related products, or fossil fuel and mineral extractions, or have more than peripheral engagement in alcohol, tobacco, pornography or gambling.

In addition they are proactive in seeking out investment opportunities for projects which accord with our Quaker values, and suggest them to us. Examples of these would be companies working towards a more sustainable future, actively working towards a peaceful world and promoting green and renewable energy sources. This enables us to be actively involved in how our investments are used.

4. We have one full time employee looking after the building in Newcastle, with increasing involvement in Monkseaton, Stocksfield and Allendale Meeting Houses. Trustees are responsible for ensuring that proper employment contracts are in place. NAM is a member of the Living Wage Foundation, which means that our employee and all regular contractors such as cleaners, are paid the LWF living wage.
5. Health and safety – Implemented with help from our Resources Manager
6. Safeguarding. We have 2 AM safeguarding officers: overseers of each LM consult with them as necessary.
7. Risk assessment. This is supervised by trustees; and acts under guidance from BYM
8. Sustainability. This is necessary in today's world to uphold our testimonies to equality, simplicity, truth and peace.

We are using a group of trustees to take on the responsibility of Treasurer. This system has worked quite efficiently during the past year. However we still seek a willing person to take on the role in the future.

Our full time Area Meeting Resource Manager, has responsibility to look after all our resources, mainly the 4 Meeting Houses which AM owns, and works closely with the LMs. He oversees and advises on issues such as safeguarding, health and safety, and sustainability. We are seeking to employ a part time helper to this role.

Decision making

In the Quaker tradition, decisions about policies, charitable activities and priorities are taken by the members of the Area Meeting at regular business meetings, and not by the charity's Trustees, who provide advice and guidance and take responsibility for the statutory and legal duties of the charity. Area Meetings for Worship for Business are open to all members of the Area Meeting, and Local Meetings each appoint representatives. All Local Meetings receive minutes of the business meetings and can comment freely on the work of NAM. Area Meeting meets for business affairs 4 times a year, and in addition there are 4 working group meetings per year to deal with more routine decisions though plans are being considered for updating these arrangements.

Minutes of the Area Meeting record acceptance of new members and transfers of membership and also records marriages, births and deaths.

The 'Quaker Business Method' is a key part of the way that we conduct our affairs. This applies to all Quaker Meetings for Worship for Business and has been followed almost unchanged for over 350 years. The Meetings for Business begin with a short period of silent

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worship. The Clerk is responsible for the agenda and the conduct of the Meeting, and is the servant of the Meeting, taking no part in the discussion, but listening to contributions and discerning the sense of the Meeting. Quakers do not vote, they discern what the right decision for the Meeting is. The decision is then recorded by means of a Minute, and Minutes are written by the clerk and agreed by the Meeting in session after each item. If no definite outcome is discerned or there is obvious disunity, an item may be carried over to a later Meeting, when it usually finds a satisfactory conclusion.

Trustees followed the regulator(s)' guidance in making decisions dealing with conflicts of interest and kept adequate records of the reasons for making those decisions.

Organisation

The final constitutional authority of the Religious Society of Friends in Britain is Britain Yearly Meeting (BYM). Its membership consists of all those who are members of the Area Meetings in Britain (approx 70 Meetings) of which Northumbria Area Meeting (NAM) is one. Britain Yearly Meeting meets together annually, this year (2021) in August, and again had to be held 'virtually' on Zoom. Usually around 1600 Friends attend in person, but this number is exceeded by the use of Zoom. Our AM (Area Meeting) sends about six actual representatives and as many other Friends attend who wish to do so voluntarily. Financial help is available to those who are in need.

BYM supports, informs, and upholds all the AMs in the UK. It also develops projects which meet the commitment to undertaking Quaker service for the relief of suffering at home and abroad. Such projects are requested by the members and channelled through to BYM by way of LM's (Local Meetings) to AM and thence to Meeting for Sufferings. They pass through the Agenda Committee to BYM and if accepted by BYM the work is processed by the appropriate departments at Friends House.

An important role of BYM is to be an influence in the political arena, and the forming of social and environmental policies in line with Quaker values.

'Meeting for Sufferings' is the standing executive body entrusted with the proper running, oversight and financial care of Quakers in Britain, and implements the business set by BYM between its annual meetings. It meets four or five times a year, and is attended by Representatives from the Area Meetings. Each representative reports back to their own AM as well as taking local ideas, and concerns to the Meeting for Sufferings. In this way the agenda for each forthcoming BYM arises from the Local Meetings themselves and is tested for its merits all the way through Meeting for Sufferings until becoming accepted or not at BYM.

BYM also, from its offices at Friends House in London, gives advice and support to Quakers throughout Britain. It produces resources for use in Meetings, prepares legal documentation of policies and has a permanent bookshop open to the public. New attenders and enquirers can gain knowledge and inspiration from there. A cafeteria run on socially and ecologically aware lines is also open to the public.

Area Meeting. Each AM supports the work of BYM by annual donations to enable the work to be carried out on our behalf both in the United Kingdom and throughout the world.

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The principal activity of the Area Meeting (AM) is the holding of regular (usually weekly), publicly advertised Meetings for Worship through its Local Meetings (LMs). Meetings for Worship are open to all who wish to attend. There are 8 Local Meetings in Northumbria Area Meeting (NAM): Allendale, Alnwick, Durham, Hexham, Monkseaton, Newcastle, Sunderland and Stocksfield. Northumberland Area Meeting has 219 formally accepted members, and in addition 138 regular attenders as at December 2021. All these members and attenders attend Meetings for Worship in one or other of the Local Meetings.

Quaker faith is rooted in the belief of living our lives according to our spiritual experience. This is the basis of Quaker testimonies to peace, truth, simplicity, equality and sustainability, which guide Quaker behaviour, work and witness. It is seen at work in the non-hierarchical way we run our meetings right up to the working of BYM. This report will describe some of the work and witness undertaken by the 8 Local Meetings.

The charity's Governing Document defines the way it is organised and managed. The Governing document was approved by Northumbria Area Meeting in July 2008 under minute 7/7/08. The Charity was registered with the Charities Commission on 26th February 2010 as Charity Number 1134512: that scheme was agreed on 27th July 2012. On 20th August 2021 we attained status as a Charitable Incorporated Organisation. Charity Number 1195588 and this became effective on 1st February 22. We are undergoing a period of re-establishing the personnel involved as Trustees and their new terms of service. We retain both Charitable registrations as we settle into our new status.

Local Meetings (LMs) are branches of the charity, under the care of NAM Trustees. Each has its own responsibility for the management and running of their Meeting. They have their own treasurer and bank account. The relationship between the LMs and Trustees is set out in a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU). This was written in consultation and agreement with LMs and which each LM is required to sign. The MoU gives delegated authority to the LMs, subject to agreed policies and procedures. Each LM within the Area Meeting has a 'Link Trustee' to whom they can turn for advice and guidance.

Risk management

The charity is aware of the Commission's guidance on risk management including the development of a policy, identifying risks, assessing and evaluating the action(s) to be taken, review, monitor and assess periodically. Trustees are engaged in the process of drawing up an assessment of risk and ways of managing it for NAM.

8. Financial Review

The Religious Society of Friends (Quakers) in Britain Northumbria Area Quaker Meeting is primarily funded by donations. The total income for the year was £432,615 (2020: £145,223). This income is allocated across respective funds on the Statement of Financial Activities in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice.

The Statement of Financial Activities for the year ended 31 December 2021, shows a surplus across all funds of £339,778 (2020: deficit £31,587).

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The Balance Sheet at 31 December 2021 shows total funds carried forward of £2,371,315 (2020: £2,031,537) of which there are £38,083 restricted funds (2020: £38,083) and £17,000 endowment funds (2020: £17,000).

Reserves policy

The trustees have reviewed the charity's reserves policy. It is the policy of Northumbria Area Meeting to retain liquid funds in current account and on short-term deposit adequate to meet 18 months of financial activity. Net Current Assets totalled £718,556 (2020: £279,461) - which compared with total expenditure of £161,738 (2020: £168,432).

Investment policy

Northumbria Area Meeting takes an ethical stance on investments, in preference over financial returns.

9. Public Benefit Statement

The Trustees have referred to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit when reviewing the charity's objectives and planning its future activities. The trustees have also reviewed the charitable purposes of The Religious Society of Friends (Quakers) in Britain Northumbria Area Meeting, and the external environment, to make sure the Charity is still relevant and needed. This annual report will aim to demonstrate the link between our charitable activity and how this benefits our service users.

The objective of Northumbria Area Meeting is the furtherance of the general religious and charitable purposes of the Religious Society of Friends (Quakers) in Britain in Northumbria, and beyond.

Within NAM, income and property are used to further the Area Meeting's object by work such as: -

- i) Strengthening the life and witness of Quaker meetings both in the area of NAM and beyond; and providing safe and uplifting Meetings for its Members and Attenders to worship.
- ii) Spreading the message of Quakers and interpreting and developing the thought and practice of the Religious Society;
- iii) Undertaking Quaker service for the relief of suffering at home and abroad;
- iv) Funding the concerns that Quaker meetings in our area (NAM) or beyond have adopted or agreed to support;
- v) Providing for the pastoral care of individual members and attenders, including assistance to those in need and for education;
- vi) Maintaining and developing Quaker meeting houses as places for public worship and from which to carry our witness into the world;
- vii) Administering and maintaining the organisation of Northumbria Area Meeting and contributing to the support of Britain Yearly Meeting.

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10. Related Party

During the year 7 trustees donated unrestricted amount of £3,360 (2020: £3,360). The donations were issued under normal market conditions and do not form a significant portion of the recipients income.

11. Insurance

The charity's insurance policy covers and provides trustee indemnity cover.

12. Statement of Trustee Responsibilities

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

The charity trustees are required to prepare financial statements for each year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company and of incoming resources and application of resources. In preparing financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- Select suitable accounting policies and 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;
- Prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operation.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity. They 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.

Approved by the Trustees on 16-Dec-2022 and signed on their behalf by:

G Moore

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INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES

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I report on the financial statements of The Religious Society Of Friends (Quakers) In Britain Northumbria Area Quaker Meeting for the year ended 31 December 2021, which are set out on pages 13 to 26.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Charities Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

Having satisfied myself that the charity is not subject to audit under company law and is eligible for independent examination, it is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act,
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act), and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's statement

My examination was carried out in accordance with general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from the trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair view' and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no material matters have come to my attention which give me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did not comply with the applicable 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 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.

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Newcastle upon Tyne
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Date: 19-Dec-2022



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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

For the year ended 31 December 2021

| | Notes | Unrestricted Funds £ | Restricted Funds £ | Endowment Funds £ | Total 2021 £ | Total 2020 £ |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------|-------|----------------------------|--------------------------|-------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| <u>Income from:</u> | | | | | | |
| Donations and legacies | | 91,346 | - | - | 91,346 | 106,216 |
| Holding public meetings | 6 | 4,600 | - | - | 4,600 | 100 |
| Other trading activities | 7 | 6,858 | - | - | 6,858 | 440 |
| Investment income | 8 | 30,194 | - | - | 30,194 | 28,583 |
| Other income | | 2,462 | - | - | 2,462 | 9,884 |
| Sale of property | | 297,155 | - | - | 297,155 | - |
| Total income | | 432,615 | - | - | 432,615 | 145,223 |
| <u>Expenditure on:</u> | | | | | | |
| Raising funds | 9 | 6,279 | - | - | 6,279 | 5,576 |
| Holding of public meetings | 10 | 155,459 | - | - | 155,459 | 162,856 |
| Total expenditure | | 161,738 | - | - | 161,738 | 168,432 |
| Net income/(expenditure) before investment gains/(losses) | | 270,877 | - | - | 270,877 | (23,209) |
| Gains/(losses) on revaluation of investment properties | 16 | 150,000 | - | - | 150,000 | - |
| Net gains/(losses) on investments | 17 | 68,901 | - | - | 68,901 | (8,378) |
| Net movement of funds | | 489,778 | - | - | 489,778 | (31,587) |
| <u>Reconciliation of funds</u> | | | | | | |
| Total funds brought forward | | 1,976,454 | 38,083 | 17,000 | 2,031,537 | 2,063,124 |
| Total funds carried forward | | 2,466,232 | 38,083 | 17,000 | 2,521,315 | 2,031,537 |

The Statement of Financial Activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year. All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities.

The notes on pages 15 to 26 form an integral part of these accounts.

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BALANCE SHEET

Charity Number 1134532

As at 31 December 2021

| | Notes | £ | Total 2021 £ | £ | Total 2020 £ |
|-------------------------------------------------------|-------|------------------|--------------------|-------------------|--------------------|
| Fixed assets | | | | | |
| Tangible assets | 15 | | 726,069 | | 912,283 |
| Investment property | 16 | | 330,000 | | 180,000 |
| Investments | 17 | | 746,690 | | 659,793 |
| Total fixed assets | | | 1,802,759 | | 1,752,076 |
| Current assets | | | | | |
| Debtors | 18 | 17,830 | | 20,949 | |
| Cash at bank and in hand | | 707,402 | | 295,672 | |
| Total current assets | | 725,232 | | 316,621 | |
| Creditors: amounts falling due within one year | 19 | (6,676) | | (37,160) | |
| Net current assets | | | 718,556 | | 279,461 |
| Total assets less current liabilities | | | 2,521,315 | | 2,031,537 |
| Total net assets or liabilities | | | 2,521,315 | | 2,031,537 |
| Funds of the charity | | | | | |
| Unrestricted funds | 21 | | 2,316,232 | | 1,976,454 |
| Revaluation reserves | 21 | | 150,000 | | - |
| Restricted fund | 21 | | 38,083 | | 38,083 |
| Endowment fund | 21 | | 17,000 | | 17,000 |
| Total funds | | | 2,521,315 | | 2,031,537 |

The notes on pages 15 to 26 form an integral part of these accounts.

These financial statements were approved by the Board on:

16-Dec-2022

and are signed on its behalf by:

G Moore
Trustee

G Moore

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1 Accounting Policies

The principal accounting policies adopted, judgements and key sources of estimation uncertainty in the preparation of the financial statements are as follows:

2 Basis of accounting

2.1 Basis of preparation

These accounts have been prepared under the historical cost convention with items recognised at cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant note(s) to these accounts.

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019) – Charities SORP (FRS 102), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Charities Act 2011.

The Religious Society Of Friends (Quakers) In Britain Northumbria Area Quaker Meeting meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102.

2.2 Preparation of the accounts on a going concern basis

The charity reported total unrestricted funds at the year end of £2,521,315 and has already secured a significant amount of funding for the current year. The trustees are of the view that the immediate future of the charity for the next 12 to 18 months is secure and that on this basis the charity is a going concern.

On 25th January 2022 trustees received an Order under s.105 Charities Act 2011 by which the Charity Commission authorised the transfer of the assets and liabilities of The Trustees of The Religious Society of Friends (Quakers) in Britain – Northumbria Area Meeting, charity number 1134532 (an unincorporated charitable trust) to the newly formed CIO Northumbria Area Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends (Quakers) in Britain, charity number 1195588 (a charitable incorporated organisation). The assets and liabilities of the unincorporated charity have therefore been transferred under merger accounting. The Unincorporated charity is deemed to be a going concern as the assets have been transferred under merger agreement. The accounts have therefore been presented as continuing to operate and all assets and liabilities remain at book or fair value as per the accounting notes.

3 Income

3.1 Recognition of income

Income is recognised when the charity has entitlement to the resources, any performance conditions attached to the item(s) of income have been met, it is more likely than not that the resources will be received and the monetary value can be measured with sufficient reliability

3.2 Offsetting

There has been no offsetting of assets and liabilities, or income and expenses, unless required or permitted by FRS102 SORP or FRS102.

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3.3 Grants and donations

Income from government and other grants, whether 'capital' grants or 'revenue' grants, is recognised when the charity has entitlement to the funds, any performance conditions attached to the grants have been met, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably and is not deferred.

Income received in advance of the provision of a specified service is deferred until the criteria of income recognition are met.

3.4 Volunteer help

The value of volunteer help received is not included in the accounts but is described in the trustees' annual report.

3.5 Interest receivable

Interest on funds held on deposit is included when receivable and the amount can be measured reliably by the charity; this is normally upon notification of the interest paid or payable by the bank.

3.6 Investment gains and losses

This includes any realised or unrealised gains or losses on the sale of investments and any gain or loss resulting from revaluing investments to market value at the end of the year.

3.7 Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the trustees.

Restricted funds can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes.

Advice has been received from Britain Yearly Meeting Quaker Stewardship Committee regarding the application of restricted status to specific funds.

In December 2007 members of Stewardship Committee had a meeting with two officials of the Charity Commission to discuss the process of charitable registration which will affect about a third of our AMs during 2008. At this meeting we learned some points about the presentation of our accounts, in response to questions raised some time ago.

Local meetings, within which Friends meet and worship regularly, are regarded as "branches" of the area meeting, which is the overarching body and the charity for registration purposes. Each local meeting needs funds to run; it accounts for the stewardship of these funds to the area meeting. The AM treasurer reports by presenting a set of accounts that incorporates the local meeting accounts (see Quaker faith & practice §4.07 I; revised to become §4.10 in 2007).

We have been accustomed to show local meeting funds as "restricted" in our accounts, since they have clearly been set aside for the purposes of the local meeting. However, the Charity Commission has drawn our attention to the fact that, in accounting terms, these funds should be shown as unrestricted funds which have been "designated" for the purposes of the local meeting.

For a fund to be restricted it must have had a very clear and legally-binding restriction placed on it by the donor. The treasurer should retain evidence of this - for example, a trust created in a Will. Endowment funds are good examples of restricted funds."

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3.7 Fund accounting (*continued*)

In order to differentiate how Funds can be used, they are categorised according to the following definitions:

Unrestricted Funds (UF) - Funds which are freely available for any purpose of Northumbria Area Meeting.

Designated Funds (DF) - are a subcategory of UF, and are funds which have been set aside for specific purposes, but which remain at the discretion of the Area Meeting. Following the advice of the Charity Commission, given above, Local Meeting Funds and the various Funds held at Area Meeting level are "Designated".

Restricted Funds (RF) - Funds which have been earmarked by the donor or testator for certain specific purposes.

Endowment Funds (EF) - Funds in which the capital must be preserved and only the income may be used for general or specific purposes as specified by the donor or testator.

Northumbria Area Meeting Trustees agreed that the categorisation of funds should follow the advice of the Charity Commission.

4 Expenditure and liabilities

4.1 Liability recognition

Liabilities are recognised when it is more likely than not that there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to pay out resources and the amount of the obligation can be measured with reasonable certainty.

4.2 Charitable activities

Expenditure on charitable activities includes the costs of grant offerings and other activities undertaken to further the purposes of the charity and their associated support costs.

4.3 Governance and support costs

Support costs have been allocated between governance cost and other support. Governance costs comprise all costs involving public accountability of the charity and its compliance with regulation and good practice.

4.4 Creditors

The charity has creditors which are measured at settlement amounts less any trade discounts.

4.5 Provisions for liabilities

A liability is measured on recognition at its historical cost and then subsequently measured at the best estimate of the amount required to settle the obligation at the reporting date.

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5 Assets

5.1 Tangible fixed assets for use by the charity

Individual fixed assets costing £100 or more are capitalised at cost and are depreciated over their estimated useful economic lives on a straight line basis, the charity does not currently have any tangible fixed assets:

| | |
|----------------------|-------------------|
| Freehold | 2% Straight line |
| Investment property | No depreciation |
| Fixture and fittings | 20% Straight line |

The functional properties in this Area Meeting comprise 4 Meeting Houses, with the Sunderland Meeting House being sold in the year.

Allendale Meeting House, Wooley Burnfoot, Allendale, NE47 9AA
Newcastle Meeting House West Avenue, Gosforth, NE3 4ES
Monkseaton Meeting House, 23 Front Street, Monkseaton, Whitley Bay, NE25 8A
Sunderland Meeting House, 30 Roker Park Road, Sunderland, SR6 9PG
Stocksfield Meeting House, Branch End, Stocksfield, NE43 7NA

These properties are held for the furtherance of the Area Meeting's charitable purposes.

There is, in addition, an investment property in the care of Newcastle LM [39 Benton Park Road, Newcastle upon Tyne, NE7 7LX] and an investment property in the care of Allendale LM [Allendale Meeting House Cottage].

After careful review of the guidance contained in the Statement of Recommended Practice "Accounting by Charities" (2005 edition) the trustees decided with effect from 31st December 2009 to include the above properties on the Balance Sheet at a reasonable estimate of their current value.

The charity adopts a policy of measuring its investment property at Fair Value as stated in the accounting policies. Due to the costs associated with valuation of these properties an independent estate agent valuation has been used rather than a qualified independent valuation. Allendale Meeting House cottage has been valued at marked price of £220,000 as at 31st December 2021. A range of estimated fair values for the property were given but the board of Trustees determined that the best estimate was from a local provider with reliable knowledge of the local market and therefore Red Hot Properties valuation was used.

39 Benton Park Road Newcastle was valued at 31st December 2021 by Pat Robson at market value price of £110,000. This market value has been assessed on a vacant possession basis.

The board have considered the above valuations by independent valuers to be the best estimate of fair value and this has been booked in the accounts.

5.2 Investments

Fixed asset investments in quoted shares, traded bonds and similar investments are valued at initially at cost and subsequently at fair value (their market value) at the year end. The same treatment is applied to unlisted investments unless fair value cannot be measured reliably in which case it is measured at cost less impairment.

Investments held for resale or pending their sale and cash and cash equivalents with a maturity date of less than 1 year are treated as current asset investments.

Investment property is shown at most recent valuation. Any aggregate surplus or deficit arising from changes in fair value is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities.

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Analysis of income

| | Unrestricted Funds £ | Restricted Funds £ | Endowment Funds £ | Total 2021 £ | Total 2020 £ |
|-----------------------------------|----------------------------|--------------------------|-------------------------|----------------------|--------------------|
| 6 Holding public meetings | | | | | |
| Friends payment | 4,600 | - | - | 4,600 | 100 |
| Conf/events | | | | | |
| | <u>4,600</u> | <u>-</u> | <u>-</u> | <u>4,600</u> | <u>100</u> |
| 7 Other trading activities | | | | | |
| Sales | 22 | - | - | 22 | 20 |
| Other income | 235 | - | - | 235 | 420 |
| Credit on heating and lighting | 6,601 | - | - | 6,601 | - |
| | <u>6,858</u> | <u>-</u> | <u>-</u> | <u>6,858</u> | <u>440</u> |
| 8 Investment Income | | | | | |
| Investment property rent | 17,369 | - | - | 17,369 | 10,808 |
| Dividends | 10,629 | - | - | 10,629 | 17,558 |
| Interest | 2,196 | - | - | 2,196 | 217 |
| | <u>30,194</u> | <u>-</u> | <u>-</u> | <u>30,194</u> | <u>28,583</u> |

Income was £432,615 (2020: £145,223) of which £432,615 was unrestricted or designated (2020: £145,223) and £nil was restricted (2020: £nil).

Analysis of expenditure on charitable activities

| | Unrestricted Funds £ | Restricted Funds £ | Endowment Funds £ | Total 2021 £ | Total 2020 £ |
|----------------------------|----------------------------|--------------------------|-------------------------|---------------------|--------------------|
| 9 Raising funds | | | | | |
| Investment management fees | 6,279 | - | - | 6,279 | 4,183 |
| Property repairs | - | - | - | - | 1,393 |
| | <u>6,279</u> | <u>-</u> | <u>-</u> | <u>6,279</u> | <u>5,576</u> |

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10 Holding of public meetings

| | Unrestricted Funds £ | Restricted Funds £ | Endowment Funds £ | Total 2021 £ | Total 2020 £ |
|-------------------------------|----------------------------|--------------------------|-------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| <u>Direct costs</u> | | | | | |
| Salaries and wages | 29,259 | - | - | 29,259 | 32,400 |
| Rates and water | 379 | - | - | 379 | 969 |
| Premises Insurance | 2,994 | - | - | 2,994 | 4,670 |
| Light and heat | 7,591 | - | - | 7,591 | 8,916 |
| Telephone | 1,689 | - | - | 1,689 | 1,042 |
| Postage and stationery | - | - | - | - | 957 |
| Advertising | 132 | - | - | 132 | 235 |
| Cleaning | 3,857 | - | - | 3,857 | 3,699 |
| Clerks and Treasurer expenses | 96 | - | - | 96 | 106 |
| Elders | 265 | - | - | 265 | 319 |
| Overseers | 1,681 | - | - | 1,681 | 79 |
| Friends expenses | - | - | - | - | 616 |
| Subscriptions | 231 | - | - | 231 | 398 |
| Books and literature | 533 | - | - | 533 | 1,009 |
| Speakers expenses | - | - | - | - | 365 |
| Event costs | 5,367 | - | - | 5,367 | 272 |
| Catering | - | - | - | - | 28 |
| IT costs | 3,680 | - | - | 3,680 | 439 |
| Conference | - | - | - | - | 1,777 |
| Training | 1,606 | - | - | 1,606 | 1,825 |
| Contributions to BYM | 27,000 | - | - | 27,000 | 40,067 |
| Grant to other Quakers | 250 | - | - | 250 | 3,556 |
| NCRN | - | - | - | - | 655 |
| Grant to non Quakers | - | - | - | - | 5,750 |
| Rent | 3,939 | - | - | 3,939 | 3,258 |
| Security | 130 | - | - | 130 | 428 |
| Maintenance | 2,909 | - | - | 2,909 | 4,714 |
| Repairs | 3,867 | - | - | 3,867 | 8,442 |
| Other premises costs | 1,274 | - | - | 1,274 | 113 |
| Property professional fees | - | - | - | - | 644 |
| Equipment purchases | 7,160 | - | - | 7,160 | 2,470 |
| Donations | - | - | - | - | 20 |
| Depreciation | 18,214 | - | - | 18,214 | 22,187 |
| <u>Support costs</u> | | | | | |
| Bank charges | 96 | - | - | 96 | 65 |
| Independent examination | 3,000 | - | - | 3,000 | 2,000 |
| Professional fees | 28,260 | - | - | 28,260 | 8,366 |
| Trustees expenditure | - | - | - | - | - |
| | 155,459 | - | - | 155,459 | 162,856 |

Expenditure on charitable activities was £161,738 (2020: £168,432) of which £161,738 was unrestricted or designated (2020: £168,432) and £nil was restricted (2020: £nil).

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11 Fees for examination of the accounts

| | 2021 £ | 2020 £ |
|-----------------------------------------------------------|--------------|--------------|
| Independent examiner's fees for reporting on the accounts | 3,000 | 2,000 |
| Other accountancy services paid to the examiner | 4,286 | - |
| | <u>7,286</u> | <u>2,000</u> |

There were no other fees paid to the examiner (2020: £nil).

12 Analysis of staff costs and the cost of key management personnel

| | 2021 £ | 2020 £ |
|--------------------|---------------|---------------|
| Salaries and wages | 25,917 | 30,704 |
| Employers NI | 2,359 | 2,340 |
| Pension costs | 984 | 975 |
| | <u>29,259</u> | <u>34,019</u> |

No employee received remuneration above £60,000 (2020: £nil)

The key management personnel of the charity, comprise the Trustees. The total employee benefits of the key management personnel of the charity were £nil.

13 Staff numbers

The average monthly head count was 1 staff (2020: 2 staff) and the average monthly number of full-time equivalent employees during the year were as follows:

| | 2021 Number | 2020 Number |
|-------------------------------------------------------|----------------|----------------|
| The parts of the charity in which the employee's work | | |
| Charitable activities | 1.0 | 2.0 |
| | <u>1.0</u> | <u>2.0</u> |

13 Transactions with trustees

None of the trustees have been paid any remuneration or received any other benefits from an employment with their charity or a related entity.

During the year 7 trustees donated unrestricted amount of £3,360 (2020: £3,360). The donations were issued under normal market conditions and do not form a significant portion of the recipients income.

Trustees' expenses

No trustee expenses have been incurred in the year.

Transaction(s) with related parties

The following detail the related party transactions in the reporting period.

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During the year the one employee related to a trustee received £29,259 (2020: £29,040) from employment with the charity on a normal commercial basis.

14 Corporation Taxation

The charity is exempt from tax on income and gains falling within section 505 of the Taxes Act 1988 or section 252 of the Taxation of Chargeable Gains Act 1992 to the extent that these are applied to its charitable objectives.

15 Tangible fixed assets

| | Freehold Property £ | Fixture & Fittings £ | Total £ |
|--------------------------------|---------------------------|----------------------------|--------------------|
| Cost | | | |
| Balance brought forward | 1,085,000 | 22,762 | 1,107,762 |
| Additions | - | - | - |
| Disposals | (200,000) | - | (200,000) |
| Balance carried forward | 885,000 | 22,762 | 907,762 |
| Depreciation | | | |
| Basis | SL | SL | |
| Rate | 2.5% | 0.0% | |
| Balance brought forward | 173,600 | 21,879 | 195,479 |
| Depreciation charge for year | 17,700 | 514 | 18,214 |
| Disposals | (32,000) | - | (32,000) |
| Balance carried forward | 159,300 | 22,393 | 181,693 |
| Net book value | | | |
| Brought forward | 911,400 | 883 | 912,283 |
| Carried forward | 725,700 | 369 | 726,069 |

16 Investment Property

| | 2021 £ | 2020 £ |
|--------------------------------------------------|----------------|-----------|
| Carrying (fair) value at the beginning of period | 180,000 | 180,000 |
| Additions | - | - |
| Disposals | - | - |
| Revaluation | 150,000 | - |
| Carrying (fair) value at end of year | 330,000 | 180,000 |

The charity adopts a policy of measuring the investment property at Fair Value as stated in the accounting policies. Due to the costs associated with valuation of these properties an independent estate agent valuation has been used rather than a qualified independent valuation. Allendale Meeting House cottage has been valued at marked price of £220,000 as at 31st December 2021. A range of estimated fair values for the property were given but the board of Trustees determined that the best estimate was from a local provider with reliable knowledge of the local market and therefore Red Hot Properties valuation was used.

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16 Investment Property (continued)

39 Benton Park Road Newcastle was valued at 31st December 2021 by Pat Robson at market value price of £110,000. This market value has been assessed on a vacant possession basis.

The board have considered the above valuations by independent valuers to be the best estimate of fair value and this has been booked in the accounts.

| | Listed £ | Unlisted £ | 2021 £ | 2020 £ |
|--------------------------------------------------|----------------|---------------|-----------------------|----------------|
| 17 Investment | | | | |
| Carrying (fair) value at the beginning of period | 624,159 | 35,634 | 659,793 | 723,089 |
| Additions | 151,470 | - | 151,470 | 446,133 |
| Disposals | (133,474) | - | (133,474) | (501,051) |
| Revaluation | 68,901 | - | 68,901 | (8,378) |
| Carrying (fair) value at end of year | <u>711,056</u> | <u>35,634</u> | <u>746,690</u> | <u>659,793</u> |

18 Debtors and prepayments (receivable within 1 year)

| | 2021 £ | 2020 £ |
|----------------|----------------------|---------------|
| Gift aid claim | 11,024 | 13,685 |
| Prepayments | 4,163 | 4,142 |
| Other debtors | 2,643 | 3,122 |
| | <u>17,830</u> | <u>20,949</u> |

19 Creditors and accruals (payable within 1 year)

| | 2021 £ | 2020 £ |
|-----------------|---------------------|---------------|
| Loan | - | 28,746 |
| Other creditors | 6,676 | 8,414 |
| | <u>6,676</u> | <u>37,160</u> |

20 Events after the end of the reporting period

On 25th January 2022 trustees received an Order under s.105 Charities Act 2011 by which the Charity Commission authorised the transfer of the assets and liabilities of The Trustees of The Religious Society of Friends (Quakers) in Britain – Northumbria Area Meeting, charity number 1134532 (an unincorporated charitable trust) to the newly formed CIO Northumbria Area Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends (Quakers) in Britain, charity number 1195588 (a charitable incorporated organisation). The assets and liabilities of the unincorporated charity have therefore been transferred under merger accounting. The Unincorporated charity is deemed to be a going concern as the assets have been transferred under merger agreement. The accounts have therefore been presented as continuing to operate and all assets and liabilities remain at book or fair value as per the accounting notes.

No other events (not requiring adjustment to the accounts) have occurred after the end of the reporting period but before the accounts are authorised which relate to conditions that arose after the end of the reporting period.

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21 Analysis of charitable funds

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| | Fund balances brought forward £ | Income resource £ | Resources expended £ | Transfers £ | Gains / (losses) £ | Fund balances carried forward £ |
|---------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------|-------------------------------------|------------------------|-----------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------|
| Unrestricted funds | | | | | | |
| Area Meeting General | 35,963 | 15,369 | (22,852) | (56,025) | - | (27,545) |
| Area Meeting Buildings | 5,318 | - | - | - | - | 5,318 |
| Allendale Local Meeting | 190,947 | 2,601 | (5,238) | (837) | - | 187,473 |
| Alnwick Local Meeting | 3,880 | 1,250 | (1,098) | (960) | - | 3,072 |
| Durham Local Meeting | 13,947 | 7,250 | (5,890) | 1,042 | - | 16,349 |
| Hexham Local Meeting | 7,298 | 7,843 | (5,900) | (2,496) | - | 6,745 |
| Monkseaton Local Meeting | 177,124 | 5,021 | (8,694) | (1,786) | - | 171,666 |
| Newcastle Local Meeting | 1,279,731 | 78,827 | (63,593) | 28,796 | 68,901 | 1,392,662 |
| Stocksfield Local Meeting | 81,003 | 9,548 | (7,043) | (2,109) | - | 81,399 |
| Sunderland Local Meeting | 181,243 | 304,906 | (41,430) | 34,375 | - | 479,094 |
| | <u>1,976,454</u> | <u>432,615</u> | <u>(161,738)</u> | <u>-</u> | <u>68,901</u> | <u>2,316,232</u> |

| | Fund balances brought forward £ | Income resource £ | Resources expended £ | Transfers £ | Gains / (losses) £ | Fund balances carried forward £ |
|----------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------|-------------------------------------|------------------------|-----------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------|
| Revaluation reserve | | | | | | |
| Allendale Local Meeting | - | - | - | - | 120,000 | 120,000 |
| Newcastle Local Meeting | - | - | - | - | 30,000 | 30,000 |
| | <u>-</u> | <u>-</u> | <u>-</u> | <u>-</u> | <u>150,000</u> | <u>150,000</u> |

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| | Fund balances brought forward £ | Income resource £ | Resources expended £ | Transfers £ | Gains / (losses) £ | Fund balances carried forward £ |
|---------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------|-------------------------------------|------------------------|-----------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------|
| Unrestricted funds | | | | | | |
| Area Meeting General | 13,021 | 5,774 | (26,144) | 43,312 | - | 35,963 |
| Area Meeting Buildings | 5,318 | - | - | - | - | 5,318 |
| Allendale Local Meeting | 194,102 | 2,663 | (4,733) | (1,085) | - | 190,947 |
| Alnwick Local Meeting | 3,609 | 1,279 | (1,127) | 119 | - | 3,880 |
| Durham Local Meeting | 13,917 | 8,126 | (4,526) | (3,570) | - | 13,947 |
| Hexham Local Meeting | 12,964 | 13,229 | (14,985) | (3,910) | - | 7,298 |
| Monkseaton Local Meeting | 182,639 | 9,939 | (12,797) | (2,657) | - | 177,124 |
| Newcastle Local Meeting | 1,312,373 | 69,387 | (51,609) | (42,042) | (8,378) | 1,279,731 |
| Stocksfield Local Meeting | 83,007 | 12,114 | (10,951) | (3,167) | - | 81,003 |
| Sunderland Local Meeting | 187,091 | 22,712 | (41,560) | 13,000 | - | 181,243 |
| | <u>2,008,041</u> | <u>145,223</u> | <u>(168,432)</u> | <u>-</u> | <u>(8,378)</u> | <u>1,976,454</u> |

General unrestricted fund

The 'free reserves' for the local areas

Revaluation reserve

Properties have been valued at 31st December 2021 at fair value as disclosed in note

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21 Analysis of charitable funds (continued)

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| Restricted funds | Fund balances brought forward £ | Income resource £ | Resources expended £ | Transfers £ | Gains / (losses) £ | Fund balances carried forward £ |
|-------------------------|--------------------------------------------|------------------------------|---------------------------------|------------------------|-------------------------------|--------------------------------------------|
| McClelland Legacy | 38,083 | - | - | - | - | 38,083 |
| Endowment | | | | | | |
| Newcastle | 10,000 | - | - | - | - | 10,000 |
| Stocksfield | 7,000 | - | - | - | - | 7,000 |
| | <u>55,083</u> | <u>-</u> | <u>-</u> | <u>-</u> | <u>-</u> | <u>55,083</u> |

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| Restricted funds | Fund balances brought forward £ | Income resource £ | Resources expended £ | Transfers £ | Gains / (losses) £ | Fund balances carried forward £ |
|-------------------------|--------------------------------------------|------------------------------|---------------------------------|------------------------|-------------------------------|--------------------------------------------|
| McClelland Legacy | 38,083 | - | - | - | - | 38,083 |
| Endowment | | | | | | |
| Newcastle | 10,000 | - | - | - | - | 10,000 |
| Stocksfield | 7,000 | - | - | - | - | 7,000 |
| | <u>55,083</u> | <u>-</u> | <u>-</u> | <u>-</u> | <u>-</u> | <u>55,083</u> |

Purpose of restricted funds

Restricted funds represent income resources used for a specific purpose within the charity as identified by the donor

McClelland Legacy

A legacy of £100,000 was received in 2014 from the estate of the late Grigor McClelland. The terms of the legacy are:

(a) I GIVE the sum of One Hundred Thousand Pounds to the NEWCASTLE LOCAL MEETING OF THE SOCIETY OF FRIENDS to be used for the purposes of individual and corporate development and 'outreach' and services to benefit the local community.

Endowment funds

During the Year Ended 31st December 2020, there was no movement in the Stocksfield Endowment Fund which had a balance of £7,000. There was also no movement in the Newcastle Endowment Fund (Regnart Legacy) of £10,000 which was received in 2012 by Newcastle Local Meeting and used as investments.

22 Capital commitments

As at 31 December 2021, the charity had no capital commitments (2020: £nil).

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23 Analysis of net assets between funds

| | Unrestricted Funds £ | Restricted Funds £ | Endowment Funds £ | Total 2021 £ |
|---------------------------------|----------------------------|--------------------------|-------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Tangible fixed assets | 726,069 | - | - | 726,069 |
| Investments | 1,021,901 | 54,789 | - | 1,076,690 |
| Current assets - debtors | 17,830 | - | - | 17,830 |
| Cash at bank | 707,108 | (16,706) | 17,000 | 707,402 |
| Current liabilities - creditors | (6,676) | - | - | (6,676) |
| | <u>2,466,232</u> | <u>38,083</u> | <u>17,000</u> | <u>2,521,315</u> |
| | Unrestricted Funds £ | Restricted Funds £ | Endowment Funds £ | Total 2020 £ |
| Tangible fixed assets | 912,283 | - | - | 912,283 |
| Investments | 785,355 | 54,438 | - | 839,793 |
| Current assets - debtors | 20,949 | - | - | 20,949 |
| Cash at bank | 278,025 | 647 | 17,000 | 295,672 |
| Current liabilities - creditors | (20,158) | (17,002) | - | (37,160) |
| | <u>1,976,454</u> | <u>38,083</u> | <u>17,000</u> | <u>2,031,537</u> |

Accounts

**Report of the Trustees and
Unaudited Financial Statements
for the Year Ended 31 December 2020
for
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**Report of the Trustees
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Northumbria Area Meeting Trustees are pleased to present their report together with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2020. The report aims to summarise the activities, work and key events for Northumbria Area Meeting and its Local Meetings. The aim is also to explain the role of the Trustees and their relationship with the Area Meeting which is a worshipping community seeking to live our lives, as individuals and as a community, in accordance with Quaker values and testimonies which are deeply held and long standing.

The Trustees have adopted the provisions of Accounting and Reporting by Charities Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS102) effective 1 January 2019.

The Trustees confirm that they have complied with the duty in section 4 of the Charities Act to have regard to guidance published by the Charity Commission with respect to Public Benefit. In the opinion of the Trustees, the continuing activities of the Northumbria area Quaker Meeting do constitute public benefit activities. Such activities are reported in section C.

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Structure, Management and Governance

Northumbria Area Quaker Meeting is a charity established for the advancement of religion and other charitable purposes such as derive from or bear witness to the principles and practices of the Religious Society of Friends, commonly called Quakers. The Religious Society of Friends in Britain is a Christian denomination founded in the seventeenth century.

The final constitutional authority of the Religious Society of Friends in Britain is Britain Yearly Meeting (BYM). Its membership consists of all those who belong to the Area Meetings in Britain of which there are approximately 70, and of which Northumbria Area Meeting (NAM) is one. Britain Yearly Meeting has a gathering each summer. This year, this was held 'virtually' on Zoom. AMs (Area Meetings) send a number of representatives and as many others who wish also attend. During the year, AMs send representatives to the Meeting for Sufferings to meet together a few times with BYM. This is a standing representative body entrusted with the general care of matters affecting Quakers in Britain. Each representative reports to back their AM. The agenda for the annual BYM gathering is formed from these deliberations.

BYM also, from their offices, Friends House in London, give advice and support to all Quakers in Britain. They prepare policy and procedure information in booklet form, and useful information leaflets for our members, attenders and new enquirers. All AMs give money to enable BYM to give their invaluable support.

The principal activity of the Area Meeting (AM) is the holding of weekly, publicly advertised Meetings for Worship within its Local Meetings (LMs). These Meetings for Worship are open to all who wish to attend. There are 8 Local Meetings in Northumbria Area Meeting (NAM): Allendale, Alnwick, Durham, Hexham, Monkseaton, Newcastle, Sunderland and Stocksfield. Northumberland Area Meeting has 240 formally accepted members, and in addition 109 regular attenders. All these members and attenders attend Meetings for Worship in one or other of the Local Meetings.

Quaker faith is rooted in the belief of living our lives according to our spiritual experience. This is the basis of Quaker testimonies to peace, truth, simplicity, equality and sustainability, which guide Quaker behaviour, work and witness. This report will describe some of this work and witness undertaken by the 8 Local Meetings.

The charity's Governing Document defines the way it is organised and managed. The Governing document was approved by Northumbria Area Meeting in July 2008 under minute 7/7/08. The Charity was registered with the Charities Commission on 26th February 2010 as Charity Number 1134512: the current scheme was agreed on 27th July 2012.

In the Quaker tradition, decisions about policies, charitable activities and priorities are taken by the members of the Area Meeting at regular business meetings, and not by the charity's Trustees, who provide advice and guidance and take responsibility for the statutory and legal duties of the charity. Area Business Meetings are open to all members of the Area Meeting, and Local Meetings appoint representatives to ensure effective representation. All Local Meetings receive minutes of the business meetings and can comment freely on the work of NAM. Area Meeting meets for business affairs 4 times a year, and in addition there are 4 working group meetings per year to deal with more routine decisions. Minutes of the Area Meeting record acceptance and transfers of membership and also of births and deaths.

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The 'Quaker Business Method' is a key part of the way that we conduct our affairs. This applies to all Quaker Meetings for Business and has been followed almost unchanged for over 350 years. The Meetings for Business begin with a short silence. The Clerk is responsible for the agenda and the conduct of the Meeting, and is the servant of the Meeting, taking no part in the discussion, but listening to contributions and discerning the sense of the Meeting. Quakers do not vote, they discern what is the right decision for the Meeting. The decision is then recorded by means of a Minute, and Minutes are written by the clerk and agreed by the Meeting in session after each item.

Local Meetings (LMs) are branches of the charity, under the care of NAM Trustees. They have their own committees which manage the running of their Meeting. They have their own treasurers and bank accounts. The relationship between the LMs and Trustees is set out in a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU). This was written in consultation and agreement with LMs and which each LM is required to sign. The MoU gives delegated authority to the LMs, subject to agreed policies and procedures. Each LM within the Area Meeting has a 'Link Trustee' to whom they can turn for advice and guidance.

Trustees are appointed by Area Meeting on the basis of nominations proposed by NAM Nominations Committee. This process is a key part of the Quaker Business Method: the NAM Nominations Committee is responsible for recommending 'names' to Area Meeting for AM roles. These 'names' are then approved and appointed, or declined, at the Area Business Meeting. There is a parallel nominations and appointment system for each of the Local Meetings, for all other roles. Quakers have no paid ministers or officers, and all functions are undertaken by unpaid members of the Meeting. Training is offered for all significant roles by the Woodbrooke Quaker Study Centre, either as residential courses, locally organised day courses with 'Woodbrooke on the Road', or on line. Cost for this training is met by Area Meeting.

As for other roles, in line with Quaker practice, Trustees are appointed for a three year term, which can be extended for a second term by mutual agreement between the Trustee and Area Meeting. Only in exceptional circumstances do Trustees serve a third term. New Trustees receive a detailed induction 'briefing' and are given opportunities for training, as are other roles.

The role of Trustees

1. Trustees have developed, and maintain policies on finance, reserves, ethical investment, insurance, safeguarding, employment, data protection, health and safety. They have developed a complaints policy. They are responsible for ensuring that these policies are upheld by members and attenders of the Area Meeting.
2. Northumbria Area Meeting owns and is responsible for 7 properties: meeting houses for Allendale, Monkseaton, Newcastle, Stocksfield and Sunderland, a cottage at Allendale which is rented out, and a flat in Newcastle left with a sitting tenant on legacy. All property is held by Friends Trusts Ltd, based in London, as custodian trustee, on behalf of the Area Meeting and its constituent LMs.
3. Our investments are managed by Rathbone and Greenbank who aim to maintain the long-term purchasing power of the capital on a 'Cautious to Risk' basis. Investments are chosen such that none shall be in companies which invest in prostitution, munitions and related products, or fossil fuel and mineral extractions, or have more than peripheral engagement in alcohol, tobacco, pornography or gambling. In addition they are proactive in seeking out investment opportunities for projects which accord with our Quaker values, which they then suggest to us. This enables us to be more actively involved in how our investments are used. A recent example is a development initiative for building homes for long-term or permanent housing for the homeless.
4. We have 2 employees, 1 full time and 1 part-time, looking after the buildings for Newcastle and Sunderland, with increasing involvement with Monkseaton and Allendale Meeting Houses. Trustees are responsible for ensuring that proper employment contracts are in place. NAM is a member of the Living Wage Foundation, which means that all our employees and all regular contractors such as cleaners, are paid the LWF living wage.
5. Health and safety.
6. Safeguarding. We have 2 AM safeguarding officers: overseers of each LM consult with them as necessary.
7. Risk assessment. This is being undertaken by trustees; awaiting further guidance from BYM
8. Sustainability.

During this year we have not had an AM treasurer, so a group of trustees has taken on this responsibility as a temporary measure which will continue to the end of 2021. This has been an opportunity for trustees to look at AM structures and procedures and make some changes. One has been to change to our current investment managing body.

We have re-appointed our full time employee with a new job description – that of an Area Meeting Resource Manager, to start in 2021. This gives him responsibility to look after all our resources, mainly the 5 Meeting Houses which AM owns, working with each LM. He will oversee issues such as safeguarding, health and safety, and sustainability.

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This year has seen further developments in the proposed big changes for 2 of our Meeting Houses. The sale of the Sunderland MH has now gone through, and we are looking at plans for finding an alternative building that is more central to life in the city: the plans for major renovation work for the Monkseaton MH are still ongoing. The AM Resource Manager is very involved in these plans.

C Public Benefit

The objective of Northumbria Area Meeting is the furtherance of the general religious and charitable purposes of the Religious Society of Friends (Quakers) in Britain in the area of Northumbria area Meeting and beyond.

Within NAM, income and property are used to further the Area Meeting's object by work such as: -

- i) Strengthening the life and witness of Quaker meetings both in the area of NAM and beyond;
- ii) Spreading the message of Quakers and interpreting and developing the thought and practice of the Religious Society;
- iii) Undertaking Quaker service for the relief of suffering at home and abroad;
- iv) Funding the concerns that Quaker meetings in the area of NAM or beyond have adopted or agreed to support;
- v) Providing for the pastoral care of individual members and attenders, including assistance to those in need and for education;
- vi) Maintaining and developing Quaker meeting houses as places for public worship and from which to carry our witness into the world;
- vii) Administering and maintaining the organisation of Northumbria Area Meeting and contributing to the support of Britain Yearly Meeting.

BYM supports, informs, and upholds all the AMs in the UK. It also develops projects which meet the commitment to undertaking Quaker service for the relief of suffering at home and abroad (iii).

An important role of BYM is to be an important influence in the political forming of social and environmental policies, in line with Quaker values.

Activities

It has been very challenging during this year of a global pandemic, to carry out our public benefit objectives in the usual way. Our Meeting Houses have had to stay closed for all or most of the year, so many of our usual activities have not been possible.

How we have coped comes under the following 3 headings:

- a) Maintaining the spiritual life of the AM by holding various Meetings for Worship virtually.
- b) Keeping in contact with and supporting each other, as well as friends and neighbours.
- c) Planning for the future.

a) Maintaining the spiritual life of the AM by holding various Meetings for Worship virtually

Discovering the benefits of Zoom, we have been able to continue our Meetings for Worship each Sunday virtually. We have also had mid-week Meetings, and Durham Local Meeting initiated a weekday Epilogue open to everyone in the AM. A bonus of this use of Zoom has been the opportunities to join other local meetings for Sunday worship and social occasions. We have also discovered people who, for various reasons have not been able to come to Meetings, can do so virtually, which means we have been more inclusive.

Newcastle has a children's Meeting, and some children have joined us in Sunday Worship on Zoom. In December, Newcastle held an all-age Meeting for Worship followed by a virtual 'Christmas party' for all which was much enjoyed.

Help was offered to Friends who had difficulty in accessing this technology. Where Friends were unable to use it, arrangements were made for them to be phoned with the details of the readings, ministry, and news of Friends that was shared, so that they were as included as possible.

b) Keeping in contact with and supporting each other, as well as friends and neighbours

Many of our Friends are elderly and many live alone. Maintaining contact by regular phone calls and sending cards have been important ways of keeping our spirits up in this time of limited social meeting.

Help with food shopping, as well as giving help with other practical needs have also been means of maintaining our links with each other.

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Newcastle (NLM) made a 'book' for a member who has mental disabilities and a particularly difficult speech disability, he lives a long way out of Newcastle and telephoning is not possible. The 'book' had a few words/messages on one page, and on the opposite page a picture drawn by Friends from the Meeting, and it was professionally printed, with colour. His carers were asked to give it and read it to him. The pictures would help him remember the words, and he would feel remembered and included.

Regular meetings of book groups, Bible study groups and study groups of Faith and Practice have been held. Stocksfield and Newcastle LMs have arranged talks on Zoom with discussion on topics of interest which have been very well attended and appreciated.

Looking more outward, Durham LM has worked with Durham Churches Together, reading a lesson for the cathedral's Christmas Festival of Nine Lessons and carols, and reading at the DCT New Year service. Stocksfield, Allendale and Hexham LMs have also worked with their Churches Together.

Our Quaker Prison Chaplains have continued visiting when permitted, and sent cards and letters when not. Help has been given in collaboration with food banks: Monkseaton's MH was a distribution centre for most of the year. Hexham debates –they are in their 13th year and have a national reputation for excellent speakers. Debates have been held virtually during this year.

Skimstone Arts

This is a project, now a registered charity, which was created by 2 Newcastle LM Friends, and is given some financial support by NLM, from legacies.

Skimstone Arts works with diverse artists and those at risk of isolation, to create work with, for and about the world that matters to them.

During the period of March-December 2020, the charity faced its biggest challenge yet, to keep as much activity progressing with those most isolated during Covid 19. Two accessible projects called Here's Your Seat, and Imagine Your Seat were developed. These enabled a shift in creative focus to working 'differently connected' with their communities, especially those at high risk of mental health /social isolation by being bedroom/home bound for those in an area of high deprivation, BAME or non-UK residents and communities.

Here's Your Seat created a compilation of 17 art works – from collections of photos, songs and stories gathered from people in these communities. These were shown in a projection from a local cafe window, with support from Community Police to enable the audience to view and enjoy the projection in safety.

Imagine Your Seat was a special radio broadcast show to share the work that had been made for the project. Radio was a new medium for Skimstone Arts: recruiting a radio and collaborative artist, from Ghana, enabled them to deliver 29 sessions from August to November, from the creative team working with local residents, over Zoom, WhatsApp and phone calls. With her help in developing the new skills needed, script development, script writing and scheduling with time coding to ensure the smooth running of each daily radio broadcast: 3x30mins. radio programmes were made. These featured the original songs, poems and stories created during the sessions by members from the local community as well as works by international artists based in Ghana, all responding to re-imagining the world we live in.

c) Planning for the future

The success of using Zoom at this time, has shown us the value it will have even when we are able to use our Meeting Houses again. Stocksfield and Newcastle LMs are planning to introduce the technology for 'blended meetings', where a Meeting can be held and can include Friends who are unable to physically attend but who can be present on Zoom. It will enable us to hold other AM meetings – for training and business matters- which can include Friends who live a long distance away without the problems and costs of travel. Thus reducing our carbon footprint. This technology could also be an attractive facility to hirers of rooms.

Northumbria Conflict Resolution Network (NCRN), initiated by Newcastle LM, was launched in 2008 funded by legacy money from Newcastle LM with matching money from the Joseph Rowntree Trust, and a small grant from Newcastle City Council. It arose from Quaker concerns about violence and conflict in Newcastle, and a worry that agency responses seemed to address the symptoms of conflict rather than the causes. NCRN was therefore set up: not to try to resolve conflicts themselves, but through training, consultation, and facilitation of non-violent conflict resolution, to support others working in the field.

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They have focused their work in 2020 to celebrate and support positive things local people are doing and to promote work with young people in creative ways of dealing with conflict. Here is the report of their planning for the future.

‘NCRN has connections with the Newcastle schools through the Mindfulness in Schools project, raising awareness of mindfulness among staff and enabling its inclusion in school curricula.

We are currently testing some ideas for a collaboration focussing on workplace trauma and burnout between NCRN Helping the Helpers based at Borgo Bassino in Italy and local schools. Staff at one local school work alongside families who are dealing with issues such as trauma, challenging behaviours and in-work poverty, which, in turn, impact staff’s well-being. The proposed project would deliver training on trauma awareness, prevention and care.

We have also begun discussions around a project with Quaker Voices in Mental Health (QVMH). One of our NCRN members has participated in the newly formed national QVMN group, and several members attended the latest day conference. We will continue to publish the work of this group.

Finally, we are exploring possibilities for a project that would focus on resolving and mediating conflicts where they occur within our Meetings, and possible training to be provided on this’.

Northumbria Area Meeting is a founder member of Tyne and Wear Citizens which was formed in 2015, to work for social justice. The support we give is financial and also through individual involvement in the work.

Achievements this year include Sunderland’s becoming the first local authority to become a Living Wage employer, and the Law Commission’s recommending that misogyny be treated as a hate crime in law, and that intersectional hate be recognised. The latter issues emerged through the work of the Safer Cities group, which has worked with transport providers and supermarkets to develop policies to protect women from harassment. There has been much work to further Free School Meals entitlement during lockdowns and school holidays.

The Safer and Equal Cities group is expanding its role to take in racism, following the response to the Black Lives Matter campaign. It works with large institutions – local authorities, the NHS – to encourage them to carry out racial and religious awareness audits. The Fair, Green and Healthy group is concerned with our environment and our green spaces. The Dignity and Diversity at Work priority arose from concern about austerity and its exacerbation through the pandemic.

The issues that Tyne and Wear Citizens takes up come from listening to concerns raised from consultations with the public. A further listening campaign took place during the year, culminating in decisions on the way forward for the next few years at a delegates assembly. This, together with the AGM, was held online.

Commitment to Sustainability

In 2011 Quakers reaffirmed their commitment to act as a faith community with the ‘Canterbury Commitment’ (minute 36 of Britain Yearly Meeting). This called on Quakers to act in new ways – individually, as local communities, as a corporate body of faith, and politically. It recognized that the environmental crisis is enmeshed with global economic injustice and that tackling inequality is central to taking action on climate change. The Canterbury Commitment also makes clear that this is a spiritual task.

Those LMs having their own premises have all ensured that their electricity comes from green energy suppliers. Newcastle use solar panels on their MH roof. The desire for energy sustainability is important to the Meeting House planning of Monkseaton and Sunderland LMs. Those who meet in rented premises have been active in trying to improve their sustainability.

Trustees have led the way by using videoconferencing to replace some face-to-face meetings to reduce travel, during 2019. During 2020 all our gatherings, for business or social meetings, have all needed to be conducted on Zoom. This has shown us the great advantage of meeting in this way – besides being more inclusive in that people normally hindered by the difficulties of travelling quite long distances, the environmental as well as time costs are much reduced.

Alongside the use of Zoom for our local meetings activities, we have also developed our IT infrastructure, including a soft relaunch of a more attractive website and the use of a Microsoft 365 licence for the Area Meeting. These developments will continue into 2021 and we will use the Teams functionality for future meetings, and other applications for the necessary business of the charity.

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Commitment to Equality and Diversity

In 2017, Britain Yearly Meeting heard the call to 'examine its diversity. What ways are we already diverse? Where do our strengths and weaknesses lie in terms of inclusion? Both these questions need to be answered if we are to understand the nature and make up of this old and important faith community that has a history of significant contribution to British and international equality.'

We hold our Equality testimony very close to our hearts, in that we, as Quakers, believe everyone is equal, which inspires us to try to change the systems that cause injustice and that stop us being genuine communities.

The way in which we have demonstrated this commitment in 2020 has been via our collaborative work with Tyne and Wear Citizens, our local Churches Together groups and in the case of Monkseaton working with a local charitable group providing food parcels for those in need.

Over the course of the year the pandemic has been able to show us increasing differences (health, deprivation etc.) between communities and we continue to show our faith in action through a wide range of initiatives. We fully expect this will continue in the future.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Financial position

The Income of the charity in 2020 was £145,223 (2019 £192,241), of which £Nil (2019 £Nil) was attributable to Restricted Funds.

Total Resources Expended were £168,432 (2019 £188,478). The expenditure is analysed in the detailed Statement of Financial Activities.. Hopefully this will enable Friends to see where resources are being expended across the Area Meeting.

The net movement in funds was a decrease of £31,587 (2019 increase of £86,299).

Monkseaton Local Meeting continues to consider the issues relating to its building. A feasibility study for options for the development of Monkseaton Meeting house was previously carried out at a cost of £10K and friends are considering how to go forward.

During 2020 £40,067 (2019 £12,025) was contributed (or committed) to the work of Britain Yearly Meeting. The recorded number of members was 240. Average contribution per member was £167 (2019 £50) excluding individual contributions.

Investment policy and objectives

Northumbria Area Meeting takes an ethical stance on investments, in preference over financial returns.

Reserves policy

It is the policy of Northumbria Area Meeting to retain liquid funds in current account and on short-term deposit adequate to meet 18 months of financial activity. Net Current Assets totalled £279,461 (2019 £225,716) - which compared with total expenditure of £168,432 (2019 £188,478).

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STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Risk management

The charity is aware of the Commission's guidance on risk management including the development of a policy, identifying risks, assessing and evaluating the action(s) to be taken, review, monitor and assess periodically. Trustees are engaged in the process of drawing up an assessment of risk and ways of managing it for NAM.

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Registered Charity number

1134532

Principal address

Quaker Meeting House
West Avenue
Gosforth
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Tyne and Wear
NE3 4ES

Trustees

Jeff Dean co-clerk (Durham LM)
Gillian Moore co-clerk (Sunderland LM)
Howard Maskill (Hexham LM)
Nigel Barnes (Allendale LM)
Cait Foley (Monkseaton LM)
Marcia Lemon (Newcastle LM)
Simon Court (Newcastle LM from December 2020)
Graham Howard Taylor (Stocksfield)
David Westgate AM Assistant Clerk (ex officio)

Independent Examiner

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Registered Charity No. 237698

Approved by order of the board of trustees on and signed on its behalf by:

.....
J Dean - Trustee

**Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of
The Religious Society of Friends
(Quakers) in Britain
Northumbria Area Quaker Meeting**

**Independent examiner's report to the trustees of The Religious Society of Friends (Quakers) in Britain
Northumbria Area Quaker Meeting**

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of The Religious Society of Friends (Quakers) in Britain Northumbria Area Quaker Meeting (the Trust) for the year ended 31 December 2020.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of the Trust 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 Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all 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 material 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 Trust 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 applicable 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.

Mr W. H. Sawyer
ICAEW
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Date:

**The Religious Society of Friends
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**Statement of Financial Activities
for the Year Ended 31 December 2020**

| | Notes | Unrestricted funds £ | Restricted funds £ | Endowment funds £ | 2020 Total funds £ | 2019 Total funds £ |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------|----------------------------|--------------------------|-------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM | | | | | | |
| Donations and legacies | | 106,216 | - | - | 106,216 | 159,656 |
| Charitable activities | | | | | | |
| Holding of public meetings for worship & promotion of religious and other charitable work | 4 | 100 | - | - | 100 | 209 |
| Other trading activities | 2 | 440 | - | - | 440 | 33 |
| Investment income | 3 | 28,583 | - | - | 28,583 | 32,343 |
| Other income | | <u>9,884</u> | <u>-</u> | <u>-</u> | <u>9,884</u> | <u>-</u> |
| Total | | 145,223 | - | - | 145,223 | 192,241 |
| EXPENDITURE ON | | | | | | |
| Raising funds | 5 | 5,576 | - | - | 5,576 | 16,768 |
| Charitable activities | | | | | | |
| Holding of public meetings for worship & promotion of religious and other charitable work | 6 | 162,856 | - | - | 162,856 | 171,710 |
| Total | | 168,432 | - | - | 168,432 | 188,478 |
| Net gains/(losses) on investments | | <u>(8,378)</u> | <u>-</u> | <u>-</u> | <u>(8,378)</u> | <u>82,536</u> |
| NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE) | | (31,587) | - | - | (31,587) | 86,299 |
| RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS | | | | | | |
| Total funds brought forward | | <u>2,008,041</u> | <u>38,083</u> | <u>17,000</u> | <u>2,063,124</u> | <u>1,976,825</u> |
| TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD | | <u><u>1,976,454</u></u> | <u><u>38,083</u></u> | <u><u>17,000</u></u> | <u><u>2,031,537</u></u> | <u><u>2,063,124</u></u> |

The notes form part of these financial statements

**The Religious Society of Friends
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**Balance Sheet
31 December 2020**

| | Notes | Unrestricted funds £ | Restricted funds £ | Endowment funds £ | 2020 Total funds £ | 2019 Total funds £ |
|--------------------------------------------------|-------|----------------------------|--------------------------|-------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| FIXED ASSETS | | | | | | |
| Tangible assets | 10 | 912,283 | - | - | 912,283 | 934,319 |
| Investments | | | | | | |
| Investments | 11 | 605,355 | 54,438 | - | 659,793 | 723,089 |
| Investment property | 12 | <u>180,000</u> | <u>-</u> | <u>-</u> | <u>180,000</u> | <u>180,000</u> |
| | | 1,697,638 | 54,438 | - | 1,752,076 | 1,837,408 |
| CURRENT ASSETS | | | | | | |
| Debtors: amounts falling due within one year | 13 | 20,949 | - | - | 20,949 | 14,696 |
| Cash at bank | | <u>278,025</u> | <u>647</u> | <u>17,000</u> | <u>295,672</u> | <u>251,421</u> |
| | | 298,974 | 647 | 17,000 | 316,621 | 266,117 |
| CREDITORS | | | | | | |
| Amounts falling due within one year | 14 | <u>(20,158)</u> | <u>(17,002)</u> | <u>-</u> | <u>(37,160)</u> | <u>(40,401)</u> |
| NET CURRENT ASSETS | | <u>278,816</u> | <u>(16,355)</u> | <u>17,000</u> | <u>279,461</u> | <u>225,716</u> |
| TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES | | <u>1,976,454</u> | <u>38,083</u> | <u>17,000</u> | <u>2,031,537</u> | <u>2,063,124</u> |
| NET ASSETS | | <u><u>1,976,454</u></u> | <u><u>38,083</u></u> | <u><u>17,000</u></u> | <u><u>2,031,537</u></u> | <u><u>2,063,124</u></u> |
| FUNDS | | | | | | |
| Unrestricted funds | 16 | | | | 1,976,454 | 2,008,041 |
| Restricted funds | | | | | 38,083 | 38,083 |
| Endowment funds | | | | | <u>17,000</u> | <u>17,000</u> |
| TOTAL FUNDS | | | | | <u><u>2,031,537</u></u> | <u><u>2,063,124</u></u> |

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on and were signed on its behalf by:

.....
N Barnes - Trustee

The notes form part of these financial statements

**The Religious Society of Friends
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**Notes to the Financial Statements
for the Year Ended 31 December 2020**

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of preparing the financial statements

The financial statements of the charity, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019)', Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' and the Charities Act 2011. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, with the exception of investments which are included at market value, as modified by the revaluation of certain assets.

Northumbria Area Quaker Meeting meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102 and is registered as a Charity in England and Wales, being constituted by governing document. The trustees consider that there are no material uncertainties about the Meeting's ability to continue as a going concern.

The charity has taken advantage of the following disclosure exemptions in preparing these financial statements, as permitted by FRS 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland':

- the requirements of Section 7 Statement of Cash Flows;
- the requirement of paragraph 3.17(d);
- the requirements of paragraphs 11.42, 11.44, 11.45, 11.47, 11.48(a)(iii), 11.48(a)(iv), 11.48(b) and 11.48(c);
- the requirements of paragraphs 12.26, 12.27, 12.29(a), 12.29(b) and 12.29A;
- the requirement of paragraph 33.7.

Critical accounting judgements and key sources of estimation uncertainty

A key assumption that affects items in the financial statements relates to estimating the fair value of the functional and investment properties.

Income

All income is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities once the charity has entitlement to the funds, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably.

Contributions, donations and legacies are treated as income in the year in which they are received. No distinction is made between scheduled contributions and other donations as there are no tax implications since the change in the Gift Aid tax law in 2000.

Rental Income is recognised on a straight-line basis in accordance with the rental agreement.

Expenditure

Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to that expenditure, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all cost related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

Activities (Charitable)

This heading in the accounts covers money spent in what can be regarded as "furthering the charitable activities of Northumbria Area Meeting" and includes spending on organising meetings; buying books for the library and material for children and young people as well as expenditure incurred sending representatives to Councils, Central Committees, and Conferences.

Premises costs, Contributions & Grants, and Administrative costs (Charitable and non-charitable)

Only expenditure on functional premises can be regarded as "charitable".

Costs of repairs and refurbishment of investment properties are included as Investment Property Expenses.

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1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES - continued

Expenditure

A Building Fund has been established with contributions from Area Meeting General Fund and each Local Meeting. These costs are shown in notes where they occur. Likewise costs entered under Administration are in furtherance of the charitable aims except where marked in a note.

Expenditure shown as 'contributions and grants' refers to money paid directly out of Area and Local Meeting Funds.

Tangible fixed assets

Depreciation is provided at the following annual rates in order to write off each asset over its estimated useful life.

The functional properties in this Area Meeting comprise 5 Meeting Houses.

Allendale Meeting House, Wooley Burnfoot, Allendale, NE47 9AA
Newcastle Meeting House West Avenue, Gosforth, NE3 4ES
Monkseaton Meeting House, 23 Front Street, Monkseaton, Whitley Bay, NE25 8A
Sunderland Meeting House, 30 Roker Park Road, Sunderland, SR6 9PG
Stocksfield Meeting House, Branch End, Stocksfield, NE43 7NA

These properties are held for the furtherance of the Area Meeting's charitable purposes.

There is, in addition, an investment property in the care of Newcastle LM [39 Benton Park Road, Newcastle upon Tyne, NE7 7LX] and an investment property in the care of Allendale LM [Allendale Meeting House Cottage].

After careful review of the guidance contained in the Statement of Recommended Practice "Accounting by Charities" (2005 edition) the trustees decided with effect from 31st December 2009 to include the above properties on the Balance Sheet at a reasonable estimate of their current value.

A revaluation was carried out by the trustees of all the functional and investment properties on a fair value basis as at 31st December 2012. Changes in fair value are transferred to the Revaluation Reserve. In the opinion of the trustees, the value of such properties at 31st December 2018 is not significantly different to the position at 31st December 2012.

Subsequent to 31st December 2009, depreciation is provided on properties at a rate of 2% on cost per annum with the exception of:

Properties that are scheduled to be sold in a subsequent financial period;
Properties that are currently undergoing re-development;
Investment properties.

Depreciation is provided on Fixtures, Fittings and Equipment on a straight line basis over five years. Where Fixtures, Fittings and Equipment are acquired at a cost of £100 or more, such expenditure is capitalised.

Investment property

Investment property is shown at most recent valuation. Any aggregate surplus or deficit arising from changes in fair value is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities.

Taxation

The charity is exempt from tax on its charitable activities.

Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the trustees.

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**Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
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1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES - continued

Fund accounting

Restricted funds can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes.

Advice has been received from Britain Yearly Meeting Quaker Stewardship Committee regarding the application of restricted status to specific funds.

"In December 2007 members of Stewardship Committee had a meeting with two officials of the Charity Commission to discuss the process of charitable registration which will affect about a third of our AMs during 2008. At this meeting we learned some points about the presentation of our accounts, in response to questions raised some time ago.

Local meetings, within which Friends meet and worship regularly, are regarded as "branches" of the area meeting, which is the overarching body and the charity for registration purposes. Each local meeting needs funds to run; it accounts for the stewardship of these funds to the area meeting. The AM treasurer reports by presenting a set of accounts that incorporates the local meeting accounts (see Quaker faith & practice §4.07 1; revised to become §4.10 in 2007).

We have been accustomed to show local meeting funds as "restricted" in our accounts, since they have clearly been set aside for the purposes of the local meeting. However, the Charity Commission has drawn our attention to the fact that, in accounting terms, these funds should be shown as unrestricted funds which have been "designated" for the purposes of the local meeting.

For a fund to be restricted it must have had a very clear and legally-binding restriction placed on it by the donor. The treasurer should retain evidence of this - for example, a trust created in a Will. Endowment funds are good examples of restricted funds."

In order to differentiate how Funds can be used, they are categorised according to the following definitions:

Unrestricted Funds (UF) - Funds which are freely available for any purpose of Northumbria Area Meeting.

Designated Funds (DF) - are a subcategory of UF, and are funds which have been set aside for specific purposes, but which remain at the discretion of the Area Meeting. Following the advice of the Charity Commission, given above, Local Meeting Funds and the various Funds held at Area Meeting level are "Designated".

Restricted Funds (RF) - Funds which have been earmarked by the donor or testator for certain specific purposes.

Endowment Funds (EF) - Funds in which the capital must be preserved and only the income may be used for general or specific purposes as specified by the donor or testator.

Northumbria Area Meeting Trustees agreed that the categorisation of funds should follow the advice of the Charity Commission.

Investments

Investments are a form of basic financial instrument and are initially recognised at their transaction value and subsequently measured at their fair value as at the balance sheet date using the closing market price. The Statement of Financial Activities includes the net gains and losses arising on the revaluation and disposals throughout the year. Investments in the form of shares are included at their market or estimated realisable value at 31st December.

Current Asset investments are in the form of bank deposit accounts.

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| | | | |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------|----------------|
| 2. OTHER TRADING ACTIVITIES | | | |
| | | 2020 | 2019 |
| | | £ | £ |
| Sales - direct | | 20 | 33 |
| Other Income | | <u>420</u> | <u>-</u> |
| | | <u>440</u> | <u>33</u> |
| 3. INVESTMENT INCOME | | | |
| | | 2020 | 2019 |
| | | £ | £ |
| Investment Property Rent | | 10,808 | 11,634 |
| Dividends | | 17,558 | 20,410 |
| Interest | | <u>217</u> | <u>299</u> |
| | | <u>28,583</u> | <u>32,343</u> |
| 4. INCOME FROM CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES | | | |
| | | 2020 | 2019 |
| | | £ | £ |
| Friends payments - | Activity | | |
| Conf/events | Holding of public meetings for worship & promotion of religious and other charitable work | <u>100</u> | <u>209</u> |
| 5. RAISING FUNDS | | | |
| Investment management costs | | | |
| | | 2020 | 2019 |
| | | £ | £ |
| Investment management fees | | 4,183 | 5,989 |
| Property repairs | | <u>1,393</u> | <u>10,779</u> |
| | | <u>5,576</u> | <u>16,768</u> |
| 6. CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES COSTS | | | |
| | Direct | Support | Totals |
| | Costs | costs | Totals |
| | £ | £ | £ |
| Holding of public meetings for worship & promotion of religious and other charitable work | <u>152,425</u> | <u>10,431</u> | <u>162,856</u> |

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7. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 31 December 2020 nor for the year ended 31 December 2019.

Trustees' expenses

There were no trustees' expenses paid for the year ended 31 December 2020 nor for the year ended 31 December 2019.

8. STAFF COSTS

| | 2020 | 2019 |
|--------------------|---------------|---------------|
| | £ | £ |
| Wages and salaries | <u>32,400</u> | <u>43,210</u> |
| | <u>32,400</u> | <u>43,210</u> |

The average monthly number of employees during the year was as follows:

| | 2020 | 2019 |
|----------------|----------|----------|
| Average number | <u>2</u> | <u>2</u> |

No employees received emoluments in excess of £60,000.

9. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

| | Unrestricted funds £ | Restricted funds £ | Endowment funds £ | Total funds £ |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------|--------------------------|-------------------------|---------------------|
| INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM | | | | |
| Donations and legacies | 159,656 | - | - | 159,656 |
| Charitable activities | | | | |
| Holding of public meetings for worship & promotion of religious and other charitable work | 209 | - | - | 209 |
| Other trading activities | 33 | - | - | 33 |
| Investment income | <u>32,343</u> | <u>-</u> | <u>-</u> | <u>32,343</u> |
| Total | 192,241 | - | - | 192,241 |
| EXPENDITURE ON | | | | |
| Raising funds | 16,768 | - | - | 16,768 |
| Charitable activities | | | | |
| Holding of public meetings for worship & promotion of religious and other charitable work | 171,710 | - | - | 171,710 |
| Total | 188,478 | - | - | 188,478 |
| Net gains on investments | <u>82,536</u> | <u>-</u> | <u>-</u> | <u>82,536</u> |

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| | | | | |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------------|-------------------------|---------------------|
| 9. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES - continued | Unrestricted funds £ | Restricted funds £ | Endowment funds £ | Total funds £ |
| NET INCOME | 86,299 | - | - | 86,299 |
| RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS | | | | |
| Total funds brought forward | 1,921,742 | 38,083 | 17,000 | 1,976,825 |
| TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD | <u>2,008,041</u> | <u>38,083</u> | <u>17,000</u> | <u>2,063,124</u> |
| 10. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS | | | | |
| | Freehold property £ | Fixtures and fittings £ | Totals £ | |
| COST | | | | |
| At 1 January 2020 | 1,085,000 | 22,611 | 1,107,611 | |
| Additions | <u>-</u> | <u>151</u> | <u>151</u> | |
| At 31 December 2020 | <u>1,085,000</u> | <u>22,762</u> | <u>1,107,762</u> | |
| DEPRECIATION | | | | |
| At 1 January 2020 | 151,900 | 21,392 | 173,292 | |
| Charge for year | <u>21,700</u> | <u>487</u> | <u>22,187</u> | |
| At 31 December 2020 | <u>173,600</u> | <u>21,879</u> | <u>195,479</u> | |
| NET BOOK VALUE | | | | |
| At 31 December 2020 | <u>911,400</u> | <u>883</u> | <u>912,283</u> | |
| At 31 December 2019 | <u>933,100</u> | <u>1,219</u> | <u>934,319</u> | |
| 11. FIXED ASSET INVESTMENTS | | | | |
| | Listed investments £ | Unlisted investments £ | Totals £ | |
| MARKET VALUE | | | | |
| At 1 January 2020 | 687,455 | 35,634 | 723,089 | |
| Additions | 446,133 | - | 446,133 | |
| Disposals | (501,051) | - | (501,051) | |
| Revaluations | <u>(8,378)</u> | <u>-</u> | <u>(8,378)</u> | |
| At 31 December 2020 | <u>624,159</u> | <u>35,634</u> | <u>659,793</u> | |
| NET BOOK VALUE | | | | |
| At 31 December 2020 | <u>624,159</u> | <u>35,634</u> | <u>659,793</u> | |
| At 31 December 2019 | <u>687,455</u> | <u>35,634</u> | <u>723,089</u> | |

There were no investment assets outside the UK.

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| | | |
|---------------------------------------------------------------|---------------|----------------|
| 12. INVESTMENT PROPERTY | | £ |
| FAIR VALUE | | |
| At 1 January 2020 | | |
| and 31 December 2020 | | <u>180,000</u> |
| NET BOOK VALUE | | |
| At 31 December 2020 | | <u>180,000</u> |
| At 31 December 2019 | | <u>180,000</u> |
| 13. DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR | | |
| | 2020 | 2019 |
| | £ | £ |
| Other debtors | 3,122 | 3,122 |
| Recoverable Gift Aid | 13,685 | 6,707 |
| Prepayments and accrued income | <u>4,142</u> | <u>4,867</u> |
| | <u>20,949</u> | <u>14,696</u> |
| 14. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR | | |
| | 2020 | 2019 |
| | £ | £ |
| Bank loans and overdrafts (see note 15) | 28,746 | 28,746 |
| Other creditors | <u>8,414</u> | <u>11,655</u> |
| | <u>37,160</u> | <u>40,401</u> |
| 15. LOANS | | |
| An analysis of the maturity of loans is given below: | | |
| | 2020 | 2019 |
| | £ | £ |
| Amounts falling due within one year on demand: | | |
| Bank overdrafts | <u>28,746</u> | <u>28,746</u> |

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16. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

| | At 1.1.20 £ | Net movement in funds £ | Transfers between funds £ | At 31.12.20 £ |
|---------------------------|-------------------------|----------------------------------|------------------------------------|-------------------------|
| Unrestricted funds | | | | |
| Allendale Local Meeting | 194,102 | (2,070) | (1,085) | 190,947 |
| Alnwick Local Meeting | 3,609 | 152 | 119 | 3,880 |
| Durham Local Meeting | 13,917 | 3,600 | (3,570) | 13,947 |
| Hexham Local Meeting | 12,964 | (1,756) | (3,910) | 7,298 |
| Monkseaton Local Meeting | 182,639 | (2,858) | (2,657) | 177,124 |
| Newcastle Local Meeting | 1,312,373 | 9,400 | (42,042) | 1,279,731 |
| Stocksfield Local Meeting | 83,007 | 1,163 | (3,167) | 81,003 |
| Sunderland Local Meeting | 187,091 | (18,848) | 13,000 | 181,243 |
| Area Meeting General | 13,021 | (20,370) | 43,312 | 35,963 |
| Area Meeting Buildings | <u>5,318</u> | <u>-</u> | <u>-</u> | <u>5,318</u> |
| | 2,008,041 | (31,587) | - | 1,976,454 |
| Restricted funds | | | | |
| McClelland Legacy | 38,083 | - | - | 38,083 |
| Endowment funds | | | | |
| Newcastle Endowment | 10,000 | - | - | 10,000 |
| Stocksfield Endowment | <u>7,000</u> | <u>-</u> | <u>-</u> | <u>7,000</u> |
| | <u>17,000</u> | <u>-</u> | <u>-</u> | <u>17,000</u> |
| TOTAL FUNDS | <u><u>2,063,124</u></u> | <u><u>(31,587)</u></u> | <u><u>-</u></u> | <u><u>2,031,537</u></u> |

Net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

| | Incoming resources £ | Resources expended £ | Gains and losses £ | Movement in funds £ |
|---------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|--------------------------|---------------------------|
| Unrestricted funds | | | | |
| Allendale Local Meeting | 2,663 | (4,733) | - | (2,070) |
| Alnwick Local Meeting | 1,279 | (1,127) | - | 152 |
| Durham Local Meeting | 8,126 | (4,526) | - | 3,600 |
| Hexham Local Meeting | 13,229 | (14,985) | - | (1,756) |
| Monkseaton Local Meeting | 9,939 | (12,797) | - | (2,858) |
| Newcastle Local Meeting | 69,387 | (51,609) | (8,378) | 9,400 |
| Stocksfield Local Meeting | 12,114 | (10,951) | - | 1,163 |
| Sunderland Local Meeting | 22,712 | (41,560) | - | (18,848) |
| Area Meeting General | <u>5,774</u> | <u>(26,144)</u> | <u>-</u> | <u>(20,370)</u> |
| | <u>145,223</u> | <u>(168,432)</u> | <u>(8,378)</u> | <u>(31,587)</u> |
| TOTAL FUNDS | <u><u>145,223</u></u> | <u><u>(168,432)</u></u> | <u><u>(8,378)</u></u> | <u><u>(31,587)</u></u> |

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16. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

Comparatives for movement in funds

| | At 1.1.19 £ | Net movement in funds £ | Transfers between funds £ | At 31.12.19 £ |
|---------------------------|-------------------------|----------------------------------|------------------------------------|-------------------------|
| Unrestricted funds | | | | |
| Allendale Local Meeting | 192,794 | (378) | 1,686 | 194,102 |
| Alnwick Local Meeting | 3,257 | 1,218 | (866) | 3,609 |
| Durham Local Meeting | 10,688 | 4,585 | (1,356) | 13,917 |
| Hexham Local Meeting | 9,893 | 6,965 | (3,894) | 12,964 |
| Monkseaton Local Meeting | 182,947 | (823) | 515 | 182,639 |
| Newcastle Local Meeting | 1,212,167 | 109,378 | (9,172) | 1,312,373 |
| Stocksfield Local Meeting | 85,601 | 894 | (3,488) | 83,007 |
| Sunderland Local Meeting | 199,591 | (17,944) | 5,444 | 187,091 |
| Area Meeting General | 17,784 | (17,595) | 12,832 | 13,021 |
| Area Meeting Buildings | 7,020 | (1) | (1,701) | 5,318 |
| | <u>1,921,742</u> | <u>86,299</u> | <u>-</u> | <u>2,008,041</u> |
| Restricted funds | | | | |
| McClelland Legacy | 38,083 | - | - | 38,083 |
| Endowment funds | | | | |
| Newcastle Endowment | 10,000 | - | - | 10,000 |
| Stocksfield Endowment | 7,000 | - | - | 7,000 |
| | <u>17,000</u> | <u>-</u> | <u>-</u> | <u>17,000</u> |
| TOTAL FUNDS | <u><u>1,976,825</u></u> | <u><u>86,299</u></u> | <u><u>-</u></u> | <u><u>2,063,124</u></u> |

Comparative net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

| | Incoming resources £ | Resources expended £ | Gains and losses £ | Movement in funds £ |
|---------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|--------------------------|---------------------------|
| Unrestricted funds | | | | |
| Allendale Local Meeting | 2,296 | (2,674) | - | (378) |
| Alnwick Local Meeting | 1,989 | (771) | - | 1,218 |
| Durham Local Meeting | 9,445 | (4,860) | - | 4,585 |
| Hexham Local Meeting | 14,247 | (7,282) | - | 6,965 |
| Monkseaton Local Meeting | 6,480 | (7,303) | - | (823) |
| Newcastle Local Meeting | 94,067 | (67,225) | 82,536 | 109,378 |
| Stocksfield Local Meeting | 10,455 | (9,561) | - | 894 |
| Sunderland Local Meeting | 47,384 | (65,328) | - | (17,944) |
| Area Meeting General | 5,879 | (23,474) | - | (17,595) |
| Area Meeting Buildings | (1) | - | - | (1) |
| | <u>192,241</u> | <u>(188,478)</u> | <u>82,536</u> | <u>86,299</u> |
| TOTAL FUNDS | <u><u>192,241</u></u> | <u><u>(188,478)</u></u> | <u><u>82,536</u></u> | <u><u>86,299</u></u> |

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16. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined position is as follows:

| | At 1.1.19 £ | Net movement in funds £ | Transfers between funds £ | At 31.12.20 £ |
|---------------------------|-------------------------|----------------------------------|------------------------------------|-------------------------|
| Unrestricted funds | | | | |
| Allendale Local Meeting | 192,794 | (2,448) | 601 | 190,947 |
| Alnwick Local Meeting | 3,257 | 1,370 | (747) | 3,880 |
| Durham Local Meeting | 10,688 | 8,185 | (4,926) | 13,947 |
| Hexham Local Meeting | 9,893 | 5,209 | (7,804) | 7,298 |
| Monkseaton Local Meeting | 182,947 | (3,681) | (2,142) | 177,124 |
| Newcastle Local Meeting | 1,212,167 | 118,778 | (51,214) | 1,279,731 |
| Stocksfield Local Meeting | 85,601 | 2,057 | (6,655) | 81,003 |
| Sunderland Local Meeting | 199,591 | (36,792) | 18,444 | 181,243 |
| Area Meeting General | 17,784 | (37,965) | 56,144 | 35,963 |
| Area Meeting Buildings | 7,020 | (1) | (1,701) | 5,318 |
| | <u>1,921,742</u> | <u>54,712</u> | <u>-</u> | <u>1,976,454</u> |
| Restricted funds | | | | |
| McClelland Legacy | 38,083 | - | - | 38,083 |
| Endowment funds | | | | |
| Newcastle Endowment | 10,000 | - | - | 10,000 |
| Stocksfield Endowment | 7,000 | - | - | 7,000 |
| | <u>17,000</u> | <u>-</u> | <u>-</u> | <u>17,000</u> |
| TOTAL FUNDS | <u><u>1,976,825</u></u> | <u><u>54,712</u></u> | <u><u>-</u></u> | <u><u>2,031,537</u></u> |

A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

| | Incoming resources £ | Resources expended £ | Gains and losses £ | Movement in funds £ |
|---------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|--------------------------|---------------------------|
| Unrestricted funds | | | | |
| Allendale Local Meeting | 4,959 | (7,407) | - | (2,448) |
| Alnwick Local Meeting | 3,268 | (1,898) | - | 1,370 |
| Durham Local Meeting | 17,571 | (9,386) | - | 8,185 |
| Hexham Local Meeting | 27,476 | (22,267) | - | 5,209 |
| Monkseaton Local Meeting | 16,419 | (20,100) | - | (3,681) |
| Newcastle Local Meeting | 163,454 | (118,834) | 74,158 | 118,778 |
| Stocksfield Local Meeting | 22,569 | (20,512) | - | 2,057 |
| Sunderland Local Meeting | 70,096 | (106,888) | - | (36,792) |
| Area Meeting General | 11,653 | (49,618) | - | (37,965) |
| Area Meeting Buildings | (1) | - | - | (1) |
| | <u>337,464</u> | <u>(356,910)</u> | <u>74,158</u> | <u>54,712</u> |
| TOTAL FUNDS | <u><u>337,464</u></u> | <u><u>(356,910)</u></u> | <u><u>74,158</u></u> | <u><u>54,712</u></u> |

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Restricted Funds

A legacy of £100,000 was received in 2014 from the estate of the late Grigor McClelland.

The terms of the legacy are:

(a) I GIVE the sum of One Hundred Thousand Pounds to the NEWCASTLE LOCAL MEETING OF THE SOCIETY OF FRIENDS to be used for the purposes of individual and corporate development and 'outreach' and services to benefit the local community.

Endowment Funds

During the Year Ended 31st December 2019, there was no movement in the Stocksfield Endowment Fund which had a balance of £7,000. There was also no movement in the Newcastle Endowment Fund (Regnart Legacy) of £10,000 which was received in 2012 by Newcastle Local Meeting.

17. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

There were no related party transactions for the year ended 31 December 2020.

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| | 2020 £ | 2019 £ |
|------------------------------------|--------------|---------------|
| INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS | | |
| Donations and legacies | | |
| Collection & Donations | 78,312 | 86,938 |
| Gift aid | 13,688 | 11,315 |
| Legacies | - | 11,913 |
| Meeting House Lettings | 8,216 | 43,490 |
| Other Grants received | <u>6,000</u> | <u>6,000</u> |
| | 106,216 | 159,656 |
| Other trading activities | | |
| Sales - direct | 20 | 33 |
| Other Income | <u>420</u> | <u>-</u> |
| | 440 | 33 |
| Investment income | | |
| Investment Property Rent | 10,808 | 11,634 |
| Dividends | 17,558 | 20,410 |
| Interest | <u>217</u> | <u>299</u> |
| | 28,583 | 32,343 |
| Charitable activities | | |
| Friends payments - Conf/events | 100 | 209 |
| Other income | | |
| Other Receipts | <u>9,884</u> | <u>-</u> |
| Total incoming resources | 145,223 | 192,241 |
| EXPENDITURE | | |
| Investment management costs | | |
| Investment management fees | 4,183 | 5,989 |
| Property repairs | <u>1,393</u> | <u>10,779</u> |
| | 5,576 | 16,768 |
| Charitable activities | | |
| Salaries and wages | 32,400 | 43,210 |
| Rates and water | 969 | 1,318 |
| Premises Insurance | 4,670 | 3,907 |
| Light and heat | 8,916 | 9,279 |
| Telephone | 1,042 | 2,770 |
| Postage and stationery | 957 | 470 |
| Carried forward | 48,954 | 60,954 |

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| | 2020 £ | 2019 £ |
|------------------------------|----------------|----------------|
| Charitable activities | | |
| Brought forward | 48,954 | 60,954 |
| Advertising | 235 | 888 |
| Cleaning | 3,699 | 6,677 |
| Clerks' Expenses | 39 | 116 |
| Treasurer Expenses | 67 | 43 |
| Elders | 319 | 224 |
| Overseers | 79 | 317 |
| Individual Grant - Overseers | - | 275 |
| Children's Meeting | - | 139 |
| General travel expenses | - | 1,998 |
| Friends' expenses | 616 | 913 |
| Subscriptions | 398 | 600 |
| Books & Literature | 1,009 | 313 |
| Speaker's Expenses | 365 | 171 |
| Event Costs | 272 | 2,580 |
| Catering | 28 | 29 |
| Website | 439 | 1,096 |
| BYM Attendance Expenses | - | 1,062 |
| Conference Representative | 1,777 | 1,817 |
| Quaker Role Training | 1,825 | 4,039 |
| Contributions to BYM | 40,067 | 12,025 |
| Grant - Quaker - Other | 3,556 | 4,248 |
| NCRN Zippy's Friends | - | 363 |
| NCRN Travel & Expenses | 72 | - |
| NCRN Administration | - | 615 |
| NCRN Consultancy | 583 | - |
| Grant - Non - Quaker | 5,750 | 8,326 |
| Gas | - | 3,746 |
| Rent | 3,258 | 6,914 |
| Security | 428 | 1,131 |
| Maintenance | 4,714 | 16,444 |
| Repairs | 8,442 | 432 |
| Other premises costs | 113 | 1,398 |
| Property Professional Fees | 644 | 500 |
| Materials costs | - | 253 |
| Equipment purchases | 2,470 | 3,173 |
| Donation | 20 | - |
| Freehold property | 21,700 | 21,700 |
| Fixtures and fittings | 487 | 444 |
| | <u>152,425</u> | <u>165,963</u> |
| Support costs | | |
| Finance | | |
| Bank charges | 65 | 60 |
| Governance costs | | |
| Independent Examination | 2,000 | 3,410 |
| Carried forward | 2,000 | 3,410 |

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| | 2020 £ | 2019 £ |
|---------------------------------------------------------|-----------------|----------------|
| Governance costs | | |
| Brought forward | 2,000 | 3,410 |
| Professional Fees | 8,366 | 2,208 |
| Trustees meeting expenses | <u>-</u> | <u>69</u> |
| | <u>10,366</u> | <u>5,687</u> |
| Total resources expended | <u>168,432</u> | <u>188,478</u> |
| Net (expenditure)/income before gains and losses | (23,209) | 3,763 |
| Realised recognised gains and losses | | |
| Realised gains/(losses) on fixed asset investments | <u>(24,392)</u> | <u>17,362</u> |
| Net (expenditure)/income | <u>(47,601)</u> | <u>21,125</u> |

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