

THE RELIGIOUS SOCIETY OF FRIENDS (QUAKERS) IN BRITAIN  
BOURNEMOUTH COASTAL AREA QUAKER MEETING  
REGISTERED CHARITY NO 1134540  
RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNTS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

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**Charity number 1134540**  
**Trustees Annual Report 1<sup>st</sup> January to 31<sup>st</sup> December 2023**

**Legal and Administrative information.**

**Constituent Meetings.**

The Area Meeting comprises 6 local Meetings:-

Bournemouth and Fordingbridge, Lymington, New Milton, Poole, Swanage and Wimborne. Of these Bournemouth, New Milton and Poole have Meeting Houses. Their addresses are:-

Quaker Meeting House, 16, Wharncliffe Road, Boscombe, Bournemouth BH5 1AH

Quaker Meeting House, 30, Whitefield Road, New Milton, Hants BH25 6DF

Quaker Meeting House, 52, Wimborne Road, Poole, Dorset BH15 2BY

**Officers of the Area Meeting – 2023**

Clerk: Penny Estall (Poole)

Assistant Clerk: Susan Green (Wimborne)

Clerks' Team: Bonnie Brown (S), Rosemary Brown (B), Richard Bush (W), Jeremy Deane (P), David Mason (NM), Pamela Roberts (B), Marguerite Willcox (L), Barbara Winwood (W).

Treasurer: Ann Green (P)

Assistant Treasurer: Tom Sanders (P)

Registering Officer for Marriages: Jeni Bremner (L).

Deputy Registering Officer: Penny Estall (P).

**Trustees**

Trustees who served during 2023 are:

David Brown (Bournemouth), Ruth Bush (Wimborne, Clerk), Ann Green (Poole, Treasurer), Kate Mellor (Poole), Alison Sepping (Poole, Assistant Clerk), Brian Tripp (Bournemouth).

Trustees serving at the date of signing this report:

David Brown (Bournemouth), Ann Green (Poole, Treasurer), Glenn Hull (Wimborne), Kate Mellor (Poole, co-Clerk), Alison Sepping (Poole, co-Clerk), Brian Tripp (Bournemouth).

**Bankers**

CAF Bank Ltd, Kings Hill, West Malling, Kent ME9 4TA.

Co-operative Bank, 1, Balloon Street, Manchester M60 4EP.

Triodos Bank, Deanery Road, Bristol, BS1 5AS.

Shawbrook Bank, Lutea House, Warley Hill Business Park, The Drive, Great Warley Brentwood CM13 3BE.

**Custodian Trustee**

Friends Trusts Ltd, Friends House, 173, Euston Road, London NW1 2BJ

Registered Charity 237698

**Independent Examiner**

Sue Wintle,

Oak Accounting Ltd,

27, Bascott Road, Wallisdown, Bournemouth, BH11 8RJ.

## **Structure, Governance and Management**

Bournemouth Coastal Area Quaker Meeting is a charity established for the advancement of religious understanding and practice such as derive from or bear witness to the principles and practices of the Religious Society of Friends (Quakers).

The principal activity is the holding of Meetings for Worship in the constituent local Meetings of Bournemouth and Fordingbridge Local Meeting (LM), Lymington LM, New Milton LM, Poole and Swanage LM and Wimborne LM.

The affairs of the Area Meeting are governed by *Quaker Faith and Practice*, the Book of Discipline of Britain Yearly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends.

Bournemouth Coastal Area Meeting has overall responsibility for the spiritual, pastoral and financial affairs of the constituent local meetings. The separate accounts of the constituent meetings are consolidated into the examined accounts of the Area Meeting that are attached to this Trustees' annual report.

The members of the Area Meeting are all those persons whose names are for the time being recorded in its official register.

The **Governing Document** was adopted by Area Meeting in session on 20/7/2008 (minute 7). It was amended by Area Meeting in session on 23/5/2021, and again on 22/5/22.

Trustees are appointed by the Area Meeting in accordance with this governing document.

All trustees have signed a Declaration of Eligibility to serve as a trustee.

Training of trustees, when required, is provided through courses offered by the Woodbrooke Quaker Study Centre in Birmingham and through on-line courses offered by ACAT (the Association of Church Accountants and Treasurers) and the Charity Commission.

The aim of the trustees is to support the principal activities of the Area Meeting.

## **Public Benefit Statement**

The trustees confirm that they have referred to the guidance contained in the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit when reviewing the charity's aims and objectives and in planning future activities.

We use our resources to deepen and share our spiritual experience and to support acts of witness which arise from our faith. Our local meetings for worship are open to all. We have no tests of belief: membership of our Society is open to anyone who is sincerely seeking truth. Our Meeting Houses are used by a variety of community groups.

## **Objectives and Activities**

The object of the 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 Bournemouth Coastal Area Meeting and beyond. The principal activity is the holding of meetings for worship in the constituent local Meetings.

The Area Meeting, which meets six times a year, is the primary meeting for church affairs in the Bournemouth Coastal Area. Its role is to develop and maintain a community of Friends, a family of local meetings who gather for worship and spiritual enrichment. It strives to provide a balance between worship, mutual support, administration, learning, deliberation, social life and building up the spiritual life of its members.

The Area Meeting acts as a facilitator and co-ordinator, ensuring that the constituent local meetings have access to opportunities for fellowship, spiritual development, and spiritual

and pastoral care, including the care of children and young people. It also provides support through the shared testing of concerns.

*In order to provide the required support to local meetings, the Area Meeting arranges:-*

- Meetings for Elders, Pastoral Friends, Clerks and Treasurers.
- A weekend residential gathering approximately every two years – most recently in September 2023.
- Representatives to attend Meeting for Sufferings and the Representative Councils of BYM
- Attendance at the General Meetings of some Quaker Schools in Southern England
- Training courses for those undertaking responsibilities in their Meetings
- Assistance with the maintenance of property owned by the Area Meeting.
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The Area Meeting is also jointly responsible with Hampshire and the Islands Area Quaker Meeting for the Hampshire, South East Dorset and Islands Regional Quaker Gathering which meets twice a year.

To enable Friends across the Area Meeting to meet in person, but also enable as many as possible to take part, this year our winter Area Meetings (January, March and November) were held on-line and our summer ones (May, July and September) were held in person, but with blended access via zoom for those unable to attend in person.

All our trustees' meetings were held on-line via zoom.

### **Strengthening the life and witness of our Quaker Meetings**

It is our Meetings for Worship that lie at the heart of our Quakerism. The experience of the Covid-19 pandemic has meant that the way we hold these Meetings has changed to enable as many Friends as possible who wish to take part in our worship to do so. Our weekly Sunday morning online Area Meeting Meetings for worship have continued, as has the Poole Midweek online Meeting for Worship.

Bournemouth, New Milton and Poole Meetings meet in person weekly.

Lymington and Wimborne Meetings meet in person twice a month and Fordingbridge Friends meet monthly in a Friend's home.

Swanage Friends have continued to worship online twice monthly and New Milton Friends have held an online Meeting for Worship at the same time as their in person one.

Bournemouth Meeting welcomes children to Meeting for Worship.

Other local Meetings provided activities for children when they were needed.

Meetings across the Area have held study groups on a wide range of topics including 'Climate Justice', 'The Ministry of Money', 'Quaker Faith and Practice' and 'Ageing and Sageing'. New Milton and Poole Meetings have continued to hold online study groups and an online Area Meeting 'Light Group' is held weekly.

Across the Area there has also been a return to an increasing number of in person social events – shared lunches, walks, picnics and poetry afternoons. The Area Meeting Residential Weekend, held in September, was much appreciated by all who took part.

Our libraries have always been a valued resource for our Meetings. One of our Elders is in the process of cataloguing the books in all our libraries with the aim of enabling Friends across the Area to share these resources.

### **Spreading the message of Quakers and developing the thought and practice of our Religious Society.**

In addition to the activities mentioned in the previous section, we have a thrice yearly Area Meeting Magazine, 'News and Views', and four of our Local Meetings produce regular newsletters.

We have an Area Meeting website and 3 of our Local Meetings also have their own website.

Posters with information about Quaker interests and activities are displayed at our Meeting Houses and have led to some of those using our buildings becoming interested in sharing our worship.

New Milton, Swanage and Wimborne Meetings have posters in their towns giving details of their Worship and how to join them.

We have an Area Meeting representative on Churches Together in Dorset and all our Meetings are involved with interdenominational and interfaith groups.

A letter written to a local free paper in late October, explaining that in view of the amount of violence in the world at present, we were selling white poppies in aid of 'War Child', attracted interest as well as donations.

### **Undertaking Service for the Relief of Suffering at home and abroad.**

A number of meetings are making financial donations and/or regular collections for their local Food Bank and individual Friends across the area are acting as Food Bank volunteers.

The Area Meeting Sanctuary group has met regularly and is involved in the Bournemouth and Poole 'City of Sanctuary' group.

There has been involvement across the area with individuals and their families and items needed have been collected and delivered.

Poole Meeting and several Wimborne Friends are part of a consortium that bought a house to house a Syrian family. The original agreement was for five years. It has now been agreed to extend it to ten years.

Another consortium, based on a local church, has arranged to cover the rent of 2 houses in the area, one housing a Ukrainian family and one an Afghan family. Members of Local Meetings across the Area are involved in this.

Other service given by Meetings or members individually includes:

Participation in 'Circles of Support and Accountability' for Sex Offenders and acting as a trustee for this charity;

Another Friend is a trustee with 'Routes to Roots', a local charity working with those without homes. Other Friends volunteer for this charity.

Volunteering with food banks.

Provision of Christmas parcels and presents for families known to Poole Social Services.

## **Witness in the world.**

In addition to the above:-

Friends who had been involved in making panels for the 'Loving Earth Project', which originally was focussed on a display at Cop 26 in 2021, arranged a display of these panels in Bournemouth main library at the beginning of the year. This followed open sewing workshops they provided in the library during the previous autumn to raise interest in this and awareness of it.

This was successful and exhibitions of panels were held in a number of other local libraries. A group of Friends from across the area met regularly through the year in community coffee shops to make further panels.

## **Funding the concerns that Quaker Meetings both in the area of Bournemouth Coastal Meeting or beyond have adopted or agreed to support.**

Over the years Local Meetings have supported many local, national and international charities by holding collections locally or by donating to Quaker organisations. They also continue to support Britain Yearly Meeting and Area Meeting through their financial contributions.

Local Meetings agree annual lists of charities to be supported from Sunday collections.

Causes supported also include giving to appeals from other Meeting Houses.

Poole Meeting has a 'Disaster Relief Fund'; which is used to enable rapid response to appeals following major disasters.

They also have a social action fund.

## **Providing for the pastoral care of individual members and attenders including assistance for those in need and for education.**

Our Local Meetings provide pastoral care for their members and attenders either through appointed Pastoral Care Friends or by a system of group care.

Pastoral Care Friends endeavour to be aware of sources of financial or other help that could be available for those in need.

Those meetings with children and young people provide encouragement and financial support for them to attend Quaker events.

The Area Meeting has an arrangement with 'Due Diligence Checking Ltd' to carry out criminal record checks on all those working with children and vulnerable adults. Local Meetings appoint Friends to ensure these are kept up to date.

Our Safeguarding policies were reviewed and revised this year. An in person Safeguarding Training for Friends across the Area Meeting was held in Wimborne in July, and a further one was held in New Milton in the autumn for Friends who had been unable to attend the first one.

Financial support is available for adults to take part in courses provided by Woodbrooke or other Quaker centres, either in person or online.

## **Maintaining and developing Quaker Meeting Houses as places for public worship and from which to carry out our witness into the world.**

Both Bournemouth and Poole Meetings used the times during the pandemic when the Meeting House buildings were not being used to carry out maintenance and improvement work on their buildings.

Quinquennial Surveys carried out on all three Meeting Houses in August 2022 gave much food for thought.

Poole Meeting has been able to rectify most of the issues raised by the survey and to pay for the work needed.

New Milton Meeting was initially challenged by the list of things that needed to be done., Meetings for Clearness helped Friends to establish that they wished to keep their Meeting House and help from Kate Mellor enabled them to prioritise maintenance work needed. They have managed to deal with most of the issues raised in the survey. Through increased hirings and working on Outreach, they are finding the money to pay for this work.

Bournemouth Meeting House has presented more of a challenge. The cost of the work needed to keep the building safe and in good repair was considerable. The building is used much of the time by a large number of hirers and there seems no realistic prospect of substantially increasing the income from lettings.

In addition, many Friends were feeling that the energy expended in caring for the Meeting House was at the expense of both the spiritual life of the Meeting, and the capacity of members of the Meeting to be involved in social concerns.

A succession of Meetings for Clearness was held throughout the year to seek a way forward, and advice was obtained from Friends House about the steps that would need to be taken if a decision was made to sell the Meeting House.

At the end of the year no firm decision had been made, but it had been decided that no bookings for hire of the Meeting House would be accepted for after summer 2024.

## **Sustainability.**

Bournemouth Meeting has replaced the roof of the main Meeting Room with insulating material and Friends have been conscious of environmental factors when planning the refurbishment of their washrooms. During colder weather they held Meetings for Worship in a smaller room that was cheaper and easier to heat.

New Milton Meeting has solar panels which provide electricity for the Meeting House and can be exported to the National Grid.

Poole Meeting has replaced its lights with LED ones.

The need to meet and communicate online during the pandemic greatly reduced our need to travel. It has caused us to rethink how we hold many of our meetings, especially business meetings, many of which we are now holding online.



**Administering and maintainIng the organisation of Bournemouth Coastal Area Meeting and contributing to the support of Britain Yearly Meeting.**

Area Meetings were held 6 times during the year and were attended by representatives from all our local Meetings.

The Area Meeting agrees a representative and an alternate to Meeting for Sufferings and to Quaker Life Representative Council.

Local Friends have served BYM both as associate tutors at Woodbrooke and as part of the 'Kindlers'.

Trustees have met 6 times during the year, all online. Minutes are circulated to all Local Meetings and a summary appended to Area Meeting agendas.

We have found it challenging to find volunteers within Local Meetings with the time and ability to take on the increasingly complex task of treasurership. Therefore this year we have employed a book-keeper to deal with Bournemouth Meeting's finances. We are working towards extending this system to include New Milton Meeting during 2024.

We may include further Local Meetings in this as time goes on.

## INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT ON THE ACCOUNTS

### Report to the trustees of Bournemouth Coastal Area Quaker Meeting

On accounts for the year ended 31st December 2023      Charity number: 1134540

#### Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year (under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the Act)) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- Examine the accounts (under section 145 of the Act);
- To follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the 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 Commissioners. 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 I do not express an audit opinion on the accounts.

#### Independent examiner's statement

In the course of my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

1. which gives me reasonable cause to believe that, in any material respect, the trustees have not met the requirements to ensure that:
  - a. proper accounting records are kept (in accordance with section 41 of the Act); and
  - b. accounts are prepared which agree with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Act; or
2. to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed: .....*Sue W*.....

Date: .....20/8/2024.....

Sue Wintle FMAAT ACIE  
Association of Charity Independent Examiners  
Accounting Technician

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**BOURNEMOUTH COASTAL AREA QUAKER MEETING**

**RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023**

	<b>Note</b>	<b>Unrestricted Funds £</b>	<b>Restricted Funds £</b>	<b>Total 2023 £</b>	<b>Total 2022 £</b>
<b>RECEIPTS</b>					
Voluntary income		34,078		<b>34,078</b>	30,150
Income from activities to generate funds		41,579		<b>41,579</b>	48,246
Investment income		3,479	651	<b>4,130</b>	1,488
Income from Quaker activities		555		<b>555</b>	345
Other income		6,687		<b>6,687</b>	350
Grants and legacies		9,650		<b>9,650</b>	4,008
<b>Total receipts</b>		<b>96,027</b>	<b>651</b>	<b>96,678</b>	<b>84,587</b>
<b>PAYMENTS</b>					
Contributions and grants		25,200		<b>25,200</b>	12,600
Costs of generating funds		0		<b>0</b>	0
Costs of Quaker activities		7,569		<b>7,569</b>	4,402
Support costs		66,634		<b>66,634</b>	47,905
Surveys and professional fees		0		<b>0</b>	10,928
Governance costs		120		<b>120</b>	1,066
<b>Total payments</b>		<b>99,522</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>99,522</b>	<b>76,901</b>
<b>Net incoming resources before transfers</b>		<b>-3,495</b>	<b>651</b>	<b>-2,844</b>	<b>7,687</b>
Transfers between funds		0	0	<b>0</b>	0
Acting as agent IN		1,022		<b>1,022</b>	3,164
Acting as agent OUT		-975		<b>-975</b>	-5,221
<b>Net movement in cash funds</b>		<b>-3,448</b>	<b>651</b>	<b>-2,797</b>	<b>5,630</b>
<b>Cash funds last year end</b>		<b>182,129</b>	<b>78,648</b>	<b>260,777</b>	<b>255,147</b>
<b>Cash funds this year end</b>		<b>178,681</b>	<b>79,299</b>	<b>257,980</b>	<b>260,777</b>

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Statement of Assets and Liabilities at 31 December 2023

	Note	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2023 £	Total 2022 £
<b>Cash funds</b>					
Cash at Bank and in Hand		179,597	79,296	<b>258,893</b>	261,693
<b>Total cash funds</b>		<b>179,597</b>	<b>79,296</b>	<b>258,893</b>	261,693
<b>Debtors</b>					
Loans		2,000		<b>2,000</b>	2,000
<b>Investments Assets</b>					
Unit trusts or collective investments		51,476		<b>51,476</b>	48,853
<b>Total Assets</b>		<b>233,073</b>	<b>79,296</b>	<b>312,369</b>	312,546

Approved by the trustees on 23.8.2024 and signed on their behalf by

*Amin Sapping*  
*Katharine & Mella Gibson*

<sup>Co-</sup>  
 (Clerk to the trustees)

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**Notes to the Receipts and Payments Accounts - year ended 31 December 2023**

<b>1 Analysis of Support Costs</b>	<b>Wimborne LM £</b>	<b>Poole &amp; Swanage LM £</b>	<b>Lyminton LM £</b>	<b>Bournemouth &amp; Fordingbridge LM £</b>	<b>Area Meeting £</b>	<b>New Milton LM £</b>	<b>Total 2023 £</b>	<b>Total 2022 £</b>
Salaries, NI pensions				17,851			17,851	16,326
Rent	1,483		691				2,174	2,003
Utilities		1,432		10,916		1,332	13,680	12,295
Cleaning		718		2,429			3,147	1,741
Sundry	43						43	0
Insurance					6,589		6,589	5,520
Garden		652		711			1,363	1,210
Repairs and renewals		8,082		7,263		1,767	17,112	7,220
Furniture and equipment		74		140			214	0
Materials and supplies				993		63	1,056	895
Capital items							0	0
Other support costs		138	69	571	2,485	143	3,406	695
Surveys professional fees							0	0
	1,526	11,095	760	40,874	9,074	3,305	66,634	47,905

<b>2 Analysis of cash funds</b>	<b>Unrestricted Funds</b>	<b>Designated Funds</b>	<b>Restricted Funds</b>	<b>Total 2023</b>	<b>Total 2022</b>
<b>Balance 1 January 2023</b>	172,195	9,934	78,648	260,777	255,147
<b>Receipts</b>	96,027		651	96,678	84,587
<b>Payments</b>	-95,830	-3,692		-99,522	-76,901
<b>Transfers</b>	-3,067	3,067		0	0
<b>Acting as agent IN</b>	1,022			1,022	3,164
<b>Acting as agent OUT</b>	-975			-975	-5,221
<b>Balance 31 December 2023</b>	169,372	9,309	79,299	257,980	260,777

<b>3 Investments</b>	<b>Unrestricted Funds</b>	<b>Designated Funds</b>	<b>Restricted Funds</b>	<b>Total 2023</b>	<b>Total 2022</b>
Equity and income funds	51,476			51,476	48,853

<b>4 Analysis of designated funds</b>	<b>Opening bal</b>	<b>Receipts</b>	<b>Payments</b>	<b>Transfers</b>	<b>Balance</b>
<b>Area meeting:</b>					
Courses & conferences	3000				3000
Quinquennial Survey	0			2000	2000
Pastoral Care	0			946	946
Residential	0	4270	-3692	120	698
<b>Swanage:</b>	0				0
Jenny Jones Legacy	3950				3950
<b>Poole:</b>	0				0
Green Pastures (Legacy Investment)	1000				1000
Save Haven Wessex Ltd (Social Action)	1000				1000
Disaster Relief Fund	368	2084	-2207		245
Social Action Fund	188	1377	-1255		310
Acting as Agent Wimborne	0				0
J Pritchard Legacy	179				179
M Mulraine Legacy	250				250
	9935	7731	-7154	3066	13578

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<b>5 Analysis of restricted funds</b>	<b>Bournemouth LM Sustainability Fund</b>	<b>Constance Waller Fund</b>	<b>Endowment Samuel White Fund</b>	<b>White &amp; Nickelson Fund</b>	<b>Total 2023</b>	<b>Total 2022</b>
Balance at 1 January 2023	70,681	4,143	3,181	636	<b>78,640</b>	94,982
Receipts	496	80	62	12	<b>651</b>	334
Payments					<b>0</b>	0
Transfers	0				<b>0</b>	-16,676
Balance 31 December 2023	<u>71,177</u>	<u>4,224</u>	<u>3,243</u>	<u>648</u>	<b>79,291</b>	<u>78,640</u>

The Samuel White Fund was set up in 1795 with a capital of £300. Its income can be used for the purpose of the relief of Poole Quakers.

The White Nickleson Fund was set up in 1774 with a capital of £400. Its income can be used for the purpose of the upkeep of Poole Meeting House and the relief of Poole Quakers.

The Constance Waller Fund was set up in 1954 with a capital of £1,000. Its income can be used for the purpose of the upkeep of Bournemouth Meeting House and the relief of Poole Quakers.

Bournemouth LM Sustainability Fund - Alan Ivamy's will is intended to be "for the benefit of" Bournemouth Friends, and this includes use for the care and spiritual nurture of people and the support of buildings as required.

**6 Analysis of cash funds by constituent Meeting**

	<b>Wimborne LM</b>	<b>Poole &amp; Swanage LM</b>	<b>Lymington LM</b>	<b>Bournemouth &amp; Fordingbridge LM</b>	<b>Area Meeting</b>	<b>New Milton LM</b>	<b>Total 2023</b>	<b>Total 2022</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Opening balance 1 January	2,243	44,258	2,144	164,170	28,215	19,747	<b>260,777</b>	255,147
Movement during the year	-80	6,665	623	-17,348	1,319	6,025	<b>-2,797</b>	5,630
<b>Closing balance 31 December</b>	<u>2,163</u>	<u>50,923</u>	<u>2,767</u>	<u>146,822</u>	<u>29,534</u>	<u>25,772</u>	<b>257,981</b>	<u>260,777</u>

**7 Properties - Area Meeting Houses**

The Area Meeting has three meeting houses. These are Bournemouth, Poole and New Milton.

The value of these meeting houses is excluded from the accounts as the costs of obtaining professional valuations is not justified for the charity.