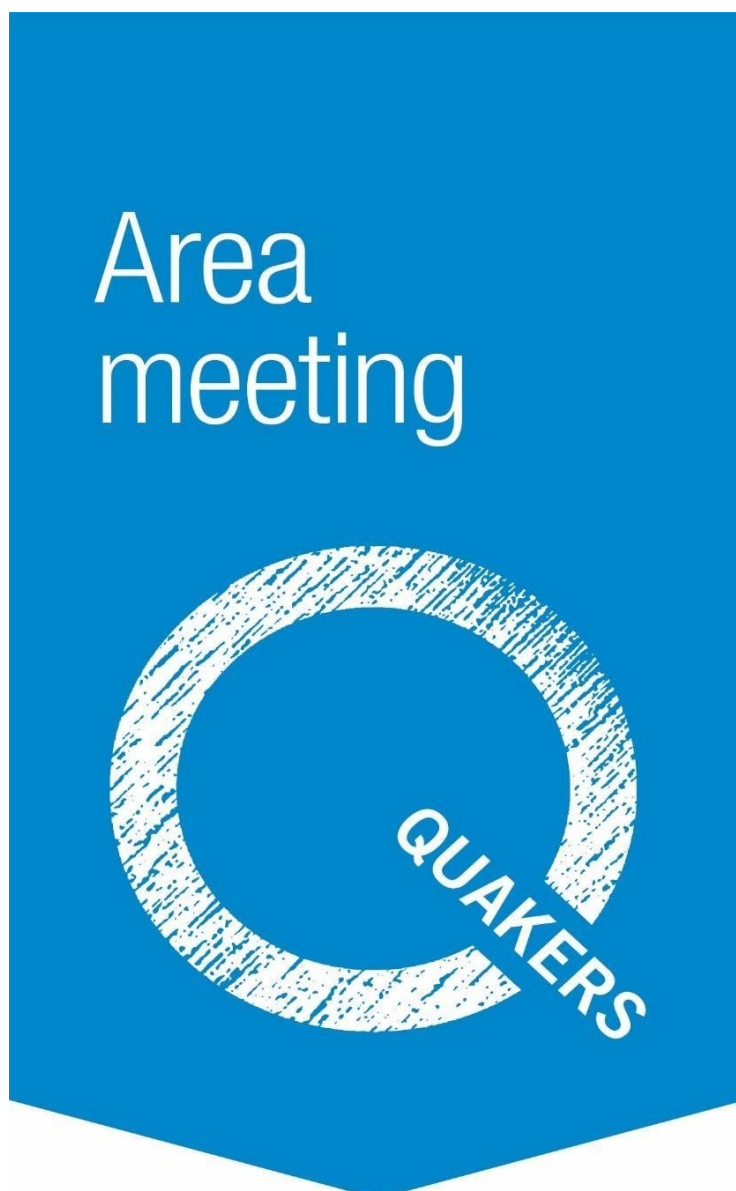


Religious Society of Friends (Quakers)

Worcestershire and Shropshire Area Quaker Meeting

Charity Number 1175399

Trustees Annual Report and Accounts, for the year ended 31 December 2024



This report was approved by the Trustees on 30 April 2025 and signed on their behalf by

Lynda Prescott, clerk of trustees

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1. Charity Information for reporting period ending 31 December

2024 Charity name and number

Worcestershire and Shropshire Area Quaker Meeting (charity number 1175399)

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2. Area Meeting structure and governance

2.1 Introduction

Worcestershire and Shropshire Area Meeting has been a registered charity since 2014, and has operated as a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (number 1175399) since January 1, 2018. The CIO is administered in accordance with its constitution and its affairs are governed by *Quaker Faith & Practice*, the book of discipline of the Religious Society of Friends (Quakers) in Britain.

2.2 Area Meeting's structure

Membership of the Religious Society of Friends (Quakers) in Britain is mainly through one of its constituent Area Meetings. Each Area Meeting consists of those who are recorded as being members, and Area Meeting in session is the charity's chief decision-making body. Meetings are conducted according to Quaker business method by a clerking team of Clerk, Assistant Clerk and Assistant Clerk for Membership.

Within Worcestershire and Shropshire Area Meeting there are six Local Meetings: Bewdley, Church Stretton, Malvern, Shrewsbury, Telford and Worcester. Most members are affiliated to a Local Meeting, along with regular attenders who are not in membership. Attenders are also welcome to attend Area Meeting. Each Local Meeting usually appoints a clerk or clerking team, a treasurer, and makes other appointments necessary for the functioning of the meeting. During 2024 Malvern Local Meeting trialled a new organisational approach, involving all members and attenders in one of three 'teams'; this innovative approach is to be reviewed with a report to Area Meeting.

For roles within Area Meeting, the Nominations Committee brings forward the names of Friends willing to be considered, and appointments are made according to the discernment of Area Meeting in session. These include appointments of Elders and Pastoral Care Friends, who are attached to

Local Meetings but also function collectively as members of the Area Meeting Eldership and Pastoral Care Group.

Our Area Meeting's main formal link to Britain Yearly Meeting (BYM) is through our two representatives on Meeting for Sufferings, who bring regular reports to Area Meeting. Two members of Area Meeting are also appointed to the Quaker Life Representative Council, and we have regular contact with our Local Development Worker, who is part of BYM's Quaker Life team. In 2024 we also agreed to the new Memorandum of Understanding between the organisations that together comprise the Religious Society of Friends (Quakers) in Britain.

2.3 Appointment and proceedings of trustees

All members of our Society share in trusteeship, but a small group of named trustees takes on particular responsibility within our Quaker community. Area Meeting trustees care for the assets of the charity, ensuring that they are properly used. More generally, trustees ensure that the Meeting is well run.

Trustees are appointed following nominations from the Nominations Committee. Appointments are usually for three years and re-appointment for a second triennium is common. One aim in the appointment of trustees is to include representatives from each Local Meeting on the trustees' body, but this is not always possible. During 2024 there were five 'continuing' trustees, and a new clerk of trustees was appointed from 1 January 2024. Together the six trustees were drawn from four of the Local Meetings, and we instituted a system of 'link' trustees with the two other Local Meetings. In common with all Area Meeting roles, the position of trustee carries no financial remuneration. The new clerk's induction included attending the trusteeship course offered by Woodbrooke Quaker Study Centre.

Trustees meet at least four times a year, and conduct their meetings according to Quaker business method. In 2024, meetings were held in January, March, June, September and November. As part of their regular business, trustees keep Area Meeting's policies under review, and during the latter part of 2024 the Safeguarding Policy and Procedures were thoroughly revised, using BYM's model documents as starting points and involving extensive consultation with relevant role-holders across the Area Meeting. In other policy developments, our Area Meeting treasurer initiated discussions about a reserves policy with Local Meeting treasurers, and there were preliminary conversations about a lettings policy to provide a common framework for the four Local Meetings which hire out their premises. Other business included quinquennial reviews for our four Meeting Houses, and review of the tenancy agreement for our residential property in Worcester.

2023's initial work on merging Area Meeting's CIO with the historic Coalbrookdale charities (CC number 208401) was taken forward through correspondence with the Charity Commission, and the process continues into 2025. Meanwhile, the trustees of Worcester Friends Charity (CC number 201895), which owns the Meeting House at Worcester, formally requested a merger with the Area Meeting CIO, a larger but welcome project. Later in 2024, our neighbours in Banbury and Evesham Area Meeting proposed that Evesham Local Meeting be transferred to Worcestershire and

Shropshire, when its current Area Meeting is laid down. Area Meeting agreed in principle to this proposal, and we began exploring multiple aspects of the plan towards the end of 2024.

We have attempted to improve communications between the body of trustees and Area Meeting's membership by making the minutes of trustees' meetings available on the Area Meeting website intranet. Minutes are also sent to the clerks of Local Meetings, in accordance with our terms of reference, and besides frequent trustees' items on the Area Meeting agenda, we continue to present a short annual summary of trustees' activities.

2.4 Safeguarding

Local Meetings are asked to report annually on any safeguarding concerns at their meeting, and in 2024 there were none. The Local Meeting questionnaires also cover arrangements for work with children and young people, including role induction and DBS checks. Not all Local Meetings hold regular children's meetings, but in those that do DBS checks for volunteers were either current or in the process of being renewed. The new Area Meeting Safeguarding Policy and Procedures are designed to clarify and reinforce arrangements for these and other aspects of safeguarding. To this end, we began to make fuller use of the safeguarding advisory agency, 31:8. By the end of 2024 some 25 members and attenders had signed up for 31:8's online 'Gateway to Safeguarding' course, and the clerk of trustees attended a half-day course designed specifically for trustees.

2.5 Membership

There was a slight decrease in overall membership during the year, with a number of transfers in and out. There were two deaths, no new applications for membership, three terminations of membership and one resignation.

Tabular statement for 2024

	Total
Bewdley	27
Church Stretton	10
Malvern	28
Shrewsbury	33
Telford	33
Worcester	30
Unattached	3
Total	164

Also in 2024, 85 adult attenders were recorded as being attached to our Local Meetings, along with seven children.

3. Main activities in relation to the charity's purposes

3.1 Introduction

The Area Meeting's purposes are described in its governing document as: *'the furtherance of the general religious and charitable purposes of the Religious Society of Friends (Quakers) in Britain in the area of Worcestershire and Shropshire Area Meeting and beyond.'* The following summary of how these purposes were pursued in 2024 is arranged according to the outline in *Quaker Faith & Practice*, 14.04.

3.2 Strengthening the life and witness of Quaker meetings both in the area of Worcestershire and Shropshire and beyond

Meetings for worship are held each Sunday at all our Local Meetings, and at Telford, Worcester, and now Malvern, there are also midweek meetings for worship. Telford Meeting supports a monthly meeting for worship in Bridgnorth, and from March to October there are similar monthly opportunities at Dale House, Coalbrookdale. The *Advices and queries* that form the first part of *Quaker Faith & Practice* are read in our Local Meetings, whether regularly or occasionally, for challenge and inspiration as we live out our faith. All our meetings for worship are open to anyone, and publicly advertised as such. Newcomers are warmly welcomed, as are all visitors from outside our Area Meeting.

Some Local Meetings have continued to use zoom for 'blended' meetings, one positive legacy of the Covid pandemic that makes meetings more accessible, especially for Friends who are housebound. But as the restrictions of the pandemic have receded, Friends have welcomed opportunities to meet in person, often with coffee + discussion or shared lunches after Sunday meeting. In June Church Stretton Friends invited members and attenders from across Area Meeting to a picnic and outdoor activities in the Shropshire hills.

The children and young people in our Area Meeting, though few in number, are cherished and supported, whether at their Local Meetings, or at national Quaker events for young people. Our Advocate for Children and Young People keeps in contact with families across Area Meeting, and we have been pleased to see a new meeting for older children starting up once a month in Malvern.

3.3 Spreading the message of Friends and interpreting and developing the thought and practice of the Society

Our peace testimony is prominent in the ways we try to spread the message of Friends. These range from Malvern Meeting's on-going Active Peace Education project to public witnessing against the arms trade. In November Friends from across Area Meeting joined with activists from other organisations in a protest against the Specialist Defence and Security Convention, held at Telford's International Centre, by holding a meeting for worship outside the venue. November's Remembrance Day was another occasion when we made public our witness for peace, with Friends laying white poppy wreaths at several events around our two counties.

Our Local Meetings are well represented in various interfaith and ecumenical groupings, particularly the Churches Together network. In these ways we find common cause with other faith communities, whilst 'remaining faithful to Quaker insights' (*Advices and queries*, 6).

During 2024 we made more use of the Discovering Quakers website, and several of the enquiries generated this way led to Local Meetings attracting new attenders. We have become more alert to the needs of newcomers, not simply welcoming them but sharing with them our experience of the Quaker way. Discussions of topics ranging from our testimonies to Quaker business method have proved to be valuable not just for new attenders but for members and attenders of longer standing.

The life of our Quaker communities is sustained in a variety of ways, such as meetings for learning, discussion groups, or workshops such as Telford Meeting's day with the Kindlers on the subject of listening. Shrewsbury and Telford Meetings have also continued to support the spiritual practice of Experiment with Light. The 400th anniversary of the birth of George Fox in 2024 stimulated more than usual interest in Quaker history, and in our Area Meeting, 'Fox400' was marked with a successful and widely-publicized celebration in Worcester. The event was well attended not just by Quakers but by members of the public, and the newly-elected MP for Worcester City also shared in the occasion.

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

We are very conscious of the plight of refugees and asylum seekers in this country, and have continued to support those forced to leave war-torn parts of the world to seek sanctuary here. Nearby Wolverhampton is a well-established City of Sanctuary and at our Area Meeting in July we were joined by three refugees from Wolverhampton who shared with us something of their experiences; first-hand encounters like this help to underpin whatever support we are able to offer, collectively or individually. For example, Bewdley Local Meeting worked with the Wyre Forest Refugee Support Group, including making regular monthly donations. And Telford Friends hosted a summer day out for refugee adults and children, visiting the play areas and gardens in Telford Town Park, and the zoo.

Another continuing commitment is Telford Local Meeting's support for the STAY charity, which provides homes for homeless young people and helps them to prepare to live independently; Telford Friends donate welcome packs of household essentials which the young people can take with them when they move on. Friends in several Local Meetings also support local food banks.

In other firmly-established work for the relief of suffering, three Area Meeting Friends are trustees of the William Gunn Charity (CC number 210214), which offers financial support to Quakers who are experiencing hardship, and one member of Area Meeting serves on the Quaker Peace and Social Witness Grants Group, where much of the grant-giving is to overseas projects supported by UK Quakers. Two members of Malvern Meeting are also active in prison work, mainly at national level; concern about the links between poverty and criminality is an aspect of this work.

3.5 Funding our concerns

Members of the Religious Society of Friends are asked to make financial contributions towards Quaker work via their Local Meeting. In many cases these contributions attract Gift Aid, and in 2024 we reviewed our Gift Aid arrangements in readiness for HMRC's changed rules for 2025. Legacies help to fund some Quaker work, such as Malvern's Active Peace Education project. Also, our Local Meetings in Bewdley, Malvern, Shrewsbury and Worcester are able to let out their meeting houses to organisations and groups whose activities align with Quaker concerns and values. Most Local Meetings also make special collections to support Quaker and non-Quaker charities.

Local Meetings and Area Meeting make contributions to Britain Yearly Meeting, to support its activities in the UK and internationally, and many Friends also make regular individual donations to BYM or other Quaker charities.

3.6 Providing for the pastoral care of individual members and attenders, including assistance to those in need and for education

Area Meeting appoints Pastoral Care Friends from each Local Meeting. In some cases the role of Pastoral Care Friend is combined with that of Elder, and the practical arrangements for pastoral care vary from meeting to meeting. The common thread is that Pastoral Care Friends take responsibility for keeping in touch with individual members and attenders, especially those who may be vulnerable or undergoing difficult circumstances. Pastoral Care Friends support members and attenders with applications to Quaker charities for financial assistance when needed, and in 2024, as in previous years, Area Meeting supported Friends undertaking study with Woodbrooke Quaker Study Centre and other educational providers.

3.7 Maintaining and developing Quaker meeting houses as places of worship and from which to carry our witness into the world

Our meeting houses in Bewdley, Malvern, Shrewsbury and Worcester are well-maintained, with the support of local Premises Committees. Quinquennial surveys were carried out during 2024 and were satisfactory. Annual checks are made on health and safety measures, and the relevant policy is displayed for all users. Energy use is carefully monitored in all four meeting houses, as part of our commitment to sustainability (see section 3.9).

Quaker Faith & Practice 14.27 advises us to 'permit and encourage the use of meeting houses for educational and other suitable purposes which serve the needs of the people living in [our] neighbourhood', and income from lettings contributes substantially to the upkeep of our meeting houses. When letting out our premises, we take care, as noted earlier, that hirers' principles and practices are congruent with Quaker values. Quaker literature is on display and available for everyone who comes into our meeting houses, and external noticeboards also help to make our presence visible.

3.8 Administering and maintaining our organisation and contributing to the support of Britain Yearly Meeting

During 2024 Area Meeting followed a pattern of meeting on alternate months, with meetings in January, March and November being held online via zoom. In May, July and September Area Meeting was hosted by Bewdley, Telford and Worcester Meetings in turn, with facilities for Friends to join online as well as attend in person. All Local Meetings were represented at each Area Meeting. Trustees brought to Area Meeting in session major items such as safeguarding, and presented a summary report of their business to Area Meeting in November.

All Local Meetings also hold their own Meetings for Worship for Business, and when occasion arises will send minutes to Area Meeting for wider consideration. There are several groupings of role-holders that cut across Local Meeting boundaries, such as the Eldership and Pastoral Care group, and from time to time all clerks or all treasurers meet together for mutual advice and support.

Some Worcester and Shropshire Friends attend Yearly Meeting, and offer reflections on their experience at a subsequent Area Meeting. Besides the opportunities for service on Quaker bodies mentioned in section 3.4, one Church Stretton has been playing a major role in supporting Area Meetings in various parts of the country that are under-going re-structuring of some kind. In October, several members of our Area Meeting attended the conference on the Future of British Quakerism organised by Quakers in Britain and Woodbrooke; feedback from this major conference will form part of our Area Meeting programme in 2025.

3.9 Sustainability

In keeping with our Quaker commitment to take action collectively to build a low-carbon, sustainable community, all our Local Meetings foreground sustainability and climate action as key concerns. Premises committees in our meeting houses monitor and maximise energy efficiency, and promote the use of environmentally-friendly cleaning products. At an individual level, members and attenders are encouraged to consider sustainability as an aspect of everyday life, across a range of activities from recycling to transport choices. Some Friends are active in enterprises outside our Quaker community: for example, one member volunteers at Worcester's zero-waste shop, and members of Bewdley Local Meeting help at the Repair Café, as part of the meeting's support for the Wyre Forest Green Alliance. Shrewsbury Local Meeting also held a Climate Fresk in February, as a way of promoting awareness of climate challenges and opportunities.

4 Activities undertaken for public benefit

Many of the activities described in this report contribute to public benefit, as part of our charitable purposes. In addition, the Area Meeting contributes to the work of the Standing Advisory Councils on Religious Education in three local authorities, Shropshire, Telford and Worcestershire.

Overall, the Trustees have considered the Charity Commission's public benefit guidance and believe that the charity's objectives are for the benefit of the public.

5 Financial review

Worcestershire and Shropshire Area Meeting
Statement of Financial Activities for the year ended 31 December 2024

	NOTES	1	2	3	4	Total 2024	Total 2023
		Unrestricted AM Central Funds	Unrestricted Local Funds	Total Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	
Incoming Resources							
Donations, legacies, and similar		3,994	38,207	42,201	285	42,486	99,184
Income from activities to generate funds		5,419	31,490	36,909		36,909	28,301
Investment income		140	5,044	5,184		5,184	8,151
Quaker Activities		0	0	0		0	0
Other Income		80	4,789	4,869		4,869	25
Total incoming resources		9,633	79,530	89,163	285	89,448	135,661
Resources expended							
Costs of Quaker activities		4,557	14,306	18,863		18,863	22,150
Grants and donations		2,000	14,209	16,209	489	16,698	23,172
Costs of generating funds		0	116	116		116	3,465
Support Costs		0	0	0		0	1,383
Governance		10,451	51,672	62,123		62,123	63,913
Total resources expended		17,008	80,303	97,311	489	97,800	114,083
Net incoming resources before transfers		-7,375	-773	-8,148	-204	-8,352	21,578
Transfers							
Transfers between funds (Quota)		6,920	-6,920			0	0
Other Transfers between Meetings							
Other transfers		4,235		4,235		4,235	0
Net incoming resources before revaluations		3,780	-7,693	-3,913	-204	-4,117	21,578
Gains (losses) on investments			0			0	-3,063
Net movement in funds		3,780	-7,693	-3,913	-204	-4,117	18,515
Revaluation of Property							
Total funds brought forward, 1 January	6	814,149	228,806	1,042,955	50,239	1,093,194	1,074,679
Prior year adjustment							
Total funds carried forward, 31 December		817,929	221,113	1,039,042	50,035	1,089,077	1,093,194
These balances are held as:							
Total fixed assets		800,000	46,964	846,964	50,000	896,964	912,964
Net current assets		17,929	174,149	192,078	35	192,113	180,230
Net assets		817,929	221,113	1,039,042	50,035	1,089,077	1,093,194
Acting as agent							
B/Fwd						82	176
In	7					5,752	4,579
Out	8					5,665	4,673
C/Fwd		0	0	0	0	169	82

Worcestershire and Shropshire Area Meeting Balance Sheet Summary as at 31st December 2024						
		Unrestricted Funds		Restricted		
		Central	Local	Special	Total 2024	Total 2023
	Notes	1	2 3	4		
Fixed assets						
Land and buildings	6	800,000		50,000	850,000	850,000
Fixtures and fittings					0	0
Investments			46,964		46,964	62,964
Total fixed assets		800,000	46,964	50,000	896,964	912,964
Current assets						
Debtors	7		0		0	0
Short term deposits		1,380	143,269		144,649	126,824
Cash at bank and in hand		16,549	30,880	35	47,464	53,488
Total current assets		17,929	174,149	35	192,113	180,312
Current liabilities						
Creditors within one year	8		0		0	82
Creditors after one year			0		0	0
Net current assets		17,929	174,149	35	192,113	180,230
Net assets		817,929	221,113	50,035	1,089,077	1,093,194

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Note 1. Unrestricted funds, the centrally managed accounts

Statement of Financial Activities for the year ended 31 December 2024

	Notes	Unrestricted General	Designated Extension	Total 2024	Total 2023
Incoming Resources					
Donations, legacies, and similar		3,994		3,994	4,683
Income from activities to generate funds		5,419		5,419	959
Investment income		140		140	110
Quaker Activities				0	0
Other Income		80		80	10
Total Incoming Resources before transfers		9,633	0	9,633	5,762
Total Incoming Resources		9,633	0	9,633	5,762
Resources Expended					
Costs of Quaker activities					
Costs of Quaker activities	1	4,557		4,557	2,150
Grants and donations		2,000		2,000	5,919
Costs of generating funds				0	2,768
Support Costs	2a			0	1,383
Governance	2b	10,451		10,451	0
Total Resources Expended before transfers		17,008	0	17,008	12,220
Net incoming resources before transfers		-7,375	0	-7,375	-6,458
Transfers to and from Local Meetings					
Transfers between funds (Quota)		6,920		6,920	6,680
Other Transfers between Meetings				0	0
Other transfers		4,235		4,235	
Net incoming resources before revaluations		3,780	0	3,780	222
Revaluation of Property					
Gains (losses) on investments					
Net movement in funds		3,780	0	3,780	222
Total funds brought forward 1 January		804,293	9,856	814,149	813,927
Total funds carried forward 31 December		808,073	9,856	817,929	814,149
These funds were held as follows:					
Fixed Assets					
Property				800,000	800,000
Current Assets					
COIF deposit account				1,380	1,380
COOP current account				15,954	12,174
Lloyds TSB current account				595	595
				17,929	14,149
less Current Liabilities					
Creditor					
Net current assets				17,929	14,149
Total Assets				817,929	814,149

Note 2. Local Unrestricted Funds (designated)

Statement of Financial Activities for the Year ended 31st December 2024

	Notes	Bewdley	Church Stretton	Malvern	Shrews'y	Telford	Worcester	Total 2024	Total 2023
Incoming Resources									
Donations, legacies, and similar		2,888	1,879	10,490	4,746	6,601	11,603	38,207	43,703
Income from activities to generate funds		6,818		4,315	10,262	10	10,085	31,490	27,342
Investment income		760	46	2,305	1,156	156	621	5,044	8,041
Quaker Activities								0	0
Other income		309		35	4,318		127	4,789	15
Total incoming resources		10,775	1,925	17,145	20,482	6,767	22,436	79,530	79,101
Resources expended									
Costs of Quaker activities		377	834	10,276	172	2,368	279	14,306	20,000
Grants and donations		3,300	20	3,644	489	4,746	2,010	14,209	17,253
Support costs		5,585	284	13,347	15,652		16,804	51,672	63,913
Costs of generating funds		45	45				26	116	22
Management and administration								0	0
Total resources expended		9,307	1,183	27,267	16,313	7,114	19,119	80,303	101,188
Net incoming resources before transfers		1,468	742	(10,122)	4,169	(347)	3,317	(773)	(22,087)
Transfers									
Transfers to AM (quota)		(1,120)	(440)	(1,160)	(1,600)	(1,360)	(1,240)	(6,920)	(6,680)
Transfers from Restricted Funds									
Other transfers								0	0
Net incoming resources before revaluations		348	302	(11,282)	2,569	(1,707)	2,077	(7,693)	(28,767)
Gains (losses) on investments								0	(3,063)
Net movement in funds		348	302	(11,282)	2,569	(1,707)	2,077	(7,693)	(31,830)
Total funds brought forward, 1 Jan		26,446	11,409	85,797	52,736	11,944	40,474	228,806	260,636
Prior year adjustment								0	0
Total funds carried forward, 31 Dec		26,794	11,711	74,515	55,305	10,237	42,551	221,113	228,806
These balances are held as:									
Total fixed assets				46,964				46,964	62,964
Net current assets		26,794	11,711	27,551	55,305	10,237	42,551	174,149	165,842
Net assets		26,794	11,711	74,515	55,305	10,237	42,551	221,113	228,806

Note 3. Local Unrestricted Funds (designated)
Balance Sheet Summary as at 31st December 2024

		Total							
	Notes	Bewdley	Church Stretton	Malvern	Shrews'y	Telford	Worcester	2024	2023
Total fixed assets									
Land and Buildings								0	0
Fixtures and Fittings								0	0
Investments				46,964				46,964	62,964
Total Fixed Assets		0	0	46,964	0	0	0	46,964	62,964
Current Assets									
Debtors								0	
Short term deposits		22,822	10,850	26,532	42,690		40,375	143,269	125,444
Cash at bank and in hand		3,972	861	1,019	12,615	10,237	2,176	30,880	40,480
Total Current Assets		26,794	11,711	27,551	55,305	10,237	42,551	174,149	165,924
Current Liabilities									
Creditors within one year								0	82
Creditors after one year								0	0
Total Current Liabilities		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	196
Net Current Assets		26,794	11,711	27,551	55,305	10,237	42,551	174,149	165,842
Net Assets		26,794	11,711	74,515	55,305	10,237	42,551	221,113	228,806

Note 4. Restricted Funds					
Statement of Financial Affairs for the Year ended 31st December 2024					
	Notes	Stay startup packs	Building	Total 2024	Total 2023
INCOMING RESOURCES					
Voluntary Income					
Donation		0		0	50,000
Contributions (and tax reclaimed)		285		285	798
Total voluntary income		285			50,798
Activities for generating funds					
Book and card sales					
Total from generating funds		0		0	0
Investment income					
Bank interest on deposits					
Total from investments		0		0	0
Other incoming resources					
Total other incoming resources		0		0	0
Total incoming resources		285		285	50,798
RESOURCES EXPENDED					
Grants, subscriptions, donations					
... to other bodies					
Total costs of grants, etc		0	0	0	0
Costs of Quaker Activities		489	0	489	675
Costs of generating funds		0	0	0	0
Support costs					
Building improvements					
Bank charges					
Other support costs - professional fees					
Total direct support costs		0	0	0	0
Total resources expended		489	0	489	675
Net incoming/outgoing resources before transfers		(204)		-204	50,123
Designated Transfers:					
From AM				0	0
To another fund of the managing LM				0	0
		0		0	0
Net incoming/outgoing resources after transfers		(204)		-204	50,123
Gains/losses on investments		0		0	0
Net movement in funds		(204)		-204	50,123
Total funds brought forward, 1 January		239	50,000	239	116
Prior Year's adjustment					
Total funds carried forward, 31 December		35	50,000	50,239	50,239
These funds are held as:					
Fixed assets: Building					
			50,000	50,000	50,000
Total fixed assets		0	50,000	50,000	50,000
Current assets: Debtors					
		0		0	0
Short-term deposits (e.g. COIF)					
Cash at bank and in hand		35		35	239
Total current assets		35	0	35	239
Less creditors					
Net current assets		35	0	35	239
Net assets		35	50,000	50,035	50,239

Note 5 - Acting as agent

	Central	Bewdley	Ch Stretton	Malvern	Shrewsbury	Telford	Worcester	Total 2024	Total 2023
Received									
Held over previously						82.00		82.00	176.00
Collections					4,025.00	541.00	1,186.00	5,752.00	4,579.00
	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	4,025.00	623.00	1,186.00	5,834.00	4,755.00
Paid Over					4,025.00	604.00	1,036.00	5,665.00	4,673.00
Net Held	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	19.00	150.00	169.00	82.00

The table above shows money collected by local meetings Acting as Agents. Bewdley, Church Stretton and Worcester meetings keep any special collections completely separate from their normal finances and do not act as agents

Independent Examiner's Report to the Members of Worcestershire and Shropshire Area Meeting

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Worcestershire and Shropshire Area Meeting

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of Worcestershire and Shropshire Area Meeting for the year ended 31st December 2024.

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.



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2nd July 2025