

**Brighouse West Yorkshire Area Quaker Meeting of the
Religious Society of Friends (Quakers) in Britain**

Charity number 1191435

**Annual Report and Financial Statements
for the year ended 31 December 2024**



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Trustees' report for the year ended 31 December 2024

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

The trustees during the financial year and up to and including the date the report was approved were:

Name	Position	Dates
Deryck Hillas	Clerk	Resigned 31 December 2024
Janet Walters	Clerk	Appointed 1 January 2025
Chris Greaves	Treasurer	Resigned 31 December 2024
Deryck Hillas	Treasurer	Appointed 1 January 2025
David Provis		Resigned 31 December 2024
Suzie Bogle		Resigned 31 December 2024
Dawn Beck		
Rachel Taylor		
Janet Walters		
Rosemary Daley		Appointed 1 January 2025
Graham Prescott		Appointed 9 March 2025
Charity number	1191435	Registered in England and Wales

Registered and principal address

Friends Meeting House
Church Street
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Bankers

Cooperative Bank, 1 Balloon Street, Manchester M60 4EP
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Rhys North ACA

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Trustees' report (continued) for the year ended 31 December 2024

Structure, governance and management

Brighouse West Yorkshire Area Quaker Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends (Quakers) in Britain (BWYAM) is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) formed on 23 September 2020 and is governed by a constitution. Memoranda of understanding specify the relationship between BWYAM and its constituent Local Meetings. Area Meeting, Local Meetings and Trustees conduct their business in accordance with "Quaker Faith and Practice," the book of Christian discipline of the yearly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends (Quakers) in Britain.

Method of recruitment and appointment of trustees

BWYAM has between 5 and 15 Trustees and a number of Officers appointed by the Area Meeting in session after nomination by the Area Meeting Nominations Committee. Appointments are for three-year terms with the option for reappointment for a second term, and in exceptional cases, a third term (maximum 9 years in total).

Membership

Membership of BWYAM is granted by Area Meeting in session. Non-members who regularly attend Meeting for Worship and take an active role in the life of one of our Local Meetings are referred to as "Attenders" to distinguish them from "Members". The Term "Friends" is used to include Members and Attenders. On 31 December 2024 there were 133 Members and 81 Attenders as detailed below:

	Bradford	Halifax	Hebden Bridge	Huddersfield	Scholes	Total 2024	Total 2023
Members	19	11	57	39	7	133	135
Attenders	13	8	29	16	15	81	81
Total	32	19	86	55	22	214	216

Records

The Clerks and Treasurers of Local Meetings, Area Meeting and Trustees keep recent minutes and financial records. Minutes are regularly compiled and stored in the Brotherton Library at Leeds University along with corporate information such as deeds, our governing document, memoranda of understanding (between Area Meeting and Local Meetings) and policies.

Objectives and activities

The charity's objects

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

The charity's main activities

Our principal activity is the holding of public meetings for worship according to Quaker tradition in the constituent Local Meetings of Bradford, Halifax, Hebden Bridge, Huddersfield and Scholes.

Our governing document states that "Income and property are used to further our object by work such as:

- i) strengthening the life and witness of Quaker meetings both in the area of Brighouse West Yorkshire Area Meeting 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 Brighouse West Yorkshire Area Meeting 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 Brighouse West Yorkshire Area Meeting and contributing to the support of Britain Yearly Meeting.

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Trustees' report (continued) for the year ended 31 December 2024

Introduction

An area meeting should “provide that balance between worship, mutual support, administration, learning, deliberation and social life which can make its meetings enjoyable” (Quaker Faith and Practice 4.02).

Brighouse West Yorkshire Area Meeting comprises five Local Meetings: Bradford, Halifax, Hebden Bridge, Huddersfield and Scholes. Each meeting is unique and the life and times of each can be read in their own annual reports and in our own Area Meeting journal, “Meeting Points”.

Through Local Meetings, we manage three Meeting Houses (Bradford, Huddersfield and Scholes) and Hebden Bridge and Halifax Local Meeting hire or lease rooms for their meetings. The Area Meeting through the Trustee body also manages three burial grounds not attached to Meeting Houses at Idle (Bradford), Newlands (Brighouse) and Shewbread (Todmorden).

Achievements and performance

Worship

Public meetings for worship are usually held on Sundays by each Local Meeting. This is the focus of our community. These are traditional unprogrammed Quaker meetings where deep silence is valued as well as spoken ministry. Area Meeting appoints Elders to support the spiritual life of each Local Meeting through activities such as discussions, presentations and individual spiritual support for those who need it. Some meetings use the term ‘spiritual advisor’ for this role.

All five local meetings hold a weekly Sunday morning Meeting for Worship in person. Hebden Bridge meeting has also continued with an online meeting every Sunday, which is sometimes ‘blended’.

A Wednesday evening online meeting is held by Scholes and is open to all. Hebden Bridge Meeting also now holds a public midweek evening meeting for worship on the second Wednesday of each month in Todmorden which started in September 2024. Huddersfield Meeting holds a two-hour 9.30am meeting for worship once a month. Some meetings have held special all-age meeting events, especially around Christmas time.

Pastoral Care

Area Meeting appoints people to support pastoral care in each Local Meeting. Various referred to as pastoral carer, pastoral friend and or link friend, these people also provide a listening ear to individuals, facilitate supportive relationships, organise shared lunches and offer practical support often in the form of grants to individuals for education, spiritual development or to relieve hardship. Some meetings currently arrange their pastoral care on an informal basis, or through the use of ‘circles’, rather than through specific appointments.

Safeguarding

Safeguarding issues have arisen during the year but these have been dealt with sensitively in accordance with our Safeguarding Policy.

Area Meetings

Meetings for Area Meeting business were held bi-monthly during 2024, online in January and in person for all other meetings.

Discussion and reading groups

Local meetings have held study groups and reading groups on a range of topics during the year, both online and in person. These are mostly held on Sundays after Meeting but some take place midweek. Meetings report the value of these groups in forging a stronger sense of community. A very successful event took place on 1st June, 2024 in association with staff from Woodbrooke entitled ‘Hope as a Practice’.

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Achievements and performance continued

Children and Young People

At the end of 2024 there were 19 children and young people under 16 recorded as involved in our Local Meetings, although actual numbers tend to be fluid. Some Local Meetings have a Children's Meeting which provides engaging activities for children whilst enabling parents to attend Meeting for Worship. Children usually attend a short period of worship before or after Children's Meeting. Hebden Bridge meeting's annual holiday at Barmoor included children as well as adults in 2024. Some of our young people (13 to 18) attended the Yorkshire Friends Holiday School. We are also helping to fund a Yorkshire Youth Development Worker in collaboration with other Area Meetings.

Outreach

Outreach activities undertaken in 2024 included:

- Distribution of white poppies and laying of white poppy wreaths at remembrance events.
- Vigils and other peace and justice events involving Friends providing a visible local presence for Quaker witness in our communities.
- Our outreach website is a gateway to local Quaker Meetings for those searching online.

Glenthorne Weekend

The Area Meeting Glenthorne weekend in the Lake District took place in November 2024, with a full house and a wide range of ages present. Plans are under way for another Glenthorne weekend in February 2026.

Support for refugees and asylum seekers

Our Local Meetings share a concern about our national hospitality for refugees and asylum seekers leading some to become Sanctuary Everywhere Meetings. We help local refugee support groups, in particular the Bradford African Community, the Bradford Community Alliance, the St Augustine's Centre in Halifax and Sanctuary Kirklees. Huddersfield Meeting House hosts the offices of Immigration and Asylum Support Kirklees (IASK)

Climate Emergency and Peace Activism

Local Friends were involved in a range of non-violent direct actions in 2024:

- Monthly Peace and Justice vigils are held in Huddersfield town centre.
- Local Friends have continued their links with Quaker Roots in nonviolent direct action activities including at the Excel weapons exhibition in September 2024 and through links with Northern Friends Peace Board.
- Area Meeting clerks sent letters to party leaders regarding the importance of keeping/establishing roles of minister/shadow minister for Peace and Disarmament.
- Local Friends have joined with others in their local areas in vigils relating to the war in Ukraine.
- Local Friends are centrally involved in the Swords into Ploughshares group which is seeking to divert funds away from military purposes and towards humanitarian and eco-friendly purposes.

Bradford Local Meeting purchases all its electricity from green energy sources and generates electricity from photovoltaic cells on the roof of its Meeting House. Huddersfield Meeting purchases its electricity and gas from Ecotricity, a not-for-profit company that supplies 100% green electricity and carbon neutral gas.

National and Regional Involvement

Yearly Meeting

Friends of all ages from across our Area Meeting attended Yearly Meeting which was held at Friends House, London and on-line from 26th to 30th July 2024. Friends then shared the Epistle and issues covered at Yearly Meeting experiences with local Friends.

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Achievements and performance continued

Meeting for Sufferings

Our representatives attended Meeting for Sufferings, the body which sets the direction for the work of Britain Yearly Meeting during the year. We have received updates and advice on a range of issues.

Yorkshire Quaker Governance Group

Throughout 2024, the Area Meeting was represented on the Yorkshire Quaker Governance Group which has been meeting regularly to consider the proposal to replace the current seven Area Meeting charities and the existing Quakers in Yorkshire (QIY) charity with one Yorkshire wide charity to be called 'Yorkshire Quakers'. The new charity will be responsible for the finances, employment of staff, properties, and regulatory requirements over the QIY region. This will enable Area Meetings to concentrate on supporting worship and witness as they will no longer be separately registered charities and follows similar developments to simplify Quaker structures and processes taking place in Wales, Scotland and London.

Other Involvement

Several local Friends serve on national and regional Quaker bodies including:

- Northern Friends Peace Board
- Quaker Peace Studies Trust
- 'Woodbrooke' as tutors
- Quakers in Yorkshire
- Ackworth School General Meeting
- Quaker Council for Christian and Interfaith Relations (QCCIR)

Friends have also attended a number of events including:

- Quaker Committee for Christian and Interfaith Relations conference
- Quakers in Yorkshire

Friends actively support a range of local causes:

- Bradford Community Alliance
- Bradford African Community
- Bradford Peace Museum
- Bradford University Department of Peace Studies
- Calderdale Interfaith Council
- Calder Valley CND for Peace and Justice
- Immigration and Asylum Support Kirklees
- Roots of Resistance
- St Augustine's Centre in Halifax
- Sanctuary Kirklees
- West Yorkshire Campaign Against the Arms Trade
- Hebden Royd Christian Aid
- Women of Faith Network

On the international stage we have links with:

- Moscow Friends Centre
- Quaker Congo Partnership

Educational Grants

This year, in addition to educational grants to individuals mentioned above, the Edna Woodhouse Legacy Fund, administered by Bradford Local Meeting, supported the Yorkshire Youth Development Worker in their work providing fun educational resources and activities for our young people.

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Achievements and performance continued

Ecumenical and Interfaith

Most Local Meetings are involved with their local Churches Together group and several Friends attend meetings of the Calderdale Interfaith Group.

Libraries

Each Local Meeting maintains a Library of primarily Quaker reading material adding new works regularly throughout the year, many subscribing to journals such as "The Friend".

Plans for 2025

We will continue to support people in worship and spiritual growth and Area Meeting and Trustees will offer the guidance, training and resources needed to promote safe and effective conduct of Quaker activities. We will continue our support of Friends and organisations involved in direct action to bring much needed attention to the ongoing climate emergency and in opposition to the arms trade and for groups involved in alleviating hardship for refugees and the homeless as well as those seeking to further the cause of peace.

Halifax Meeting House Charity Trust (HMHCT)

In August 2023 HMHCT resolved that it would be wound up and BWYAM agreed to receive their assets. We appointed Lupton Fawcett, Solicitors, to assist in the winding up process which was completed with the Charity Commission in February 2024. The transfer of the assets of the HMHCT to the Area Meeting was finally completed by 19/12/2024. All the assets were assigned to a new designated Area Meeting Grant Fund to support Halifax Meeting and the furtherance of Quaker work in other parts of the Area Meeting.

Professionalisation of our Back Office

For several years, we have paid for bookkeeping and accountancy services from an Attender at one of our Meetings which provides considerable help to local Meeting treasurers.

Website

Our Website Development Manager has further developed our website to help improve communication and organisation within our Area Meeting and arranged for its transfer to the national Quaker Meetings Network platform.

Youth Development Worker

In collaboration with other Area Meetings, we provide funds for a Youth Development Worker for Yorkshire. The contribution of £7,000 for 2024 included funding from the Carol Killick Fund, the Edna Woodhouse Fund and some private donations. We have agreed to continue this support during the three year period from 2025 to 2028.

Trustees

Trustees met five times in 2024 to consider issues including those outlined below.

Property

Meeting houses in Bradford, Huddersfield and Scholes are managed by their respective Local Meetings whilst the burial grounds at Shewbread (Todmorden), Idle (Bradford) and Newlands (Brighouse) are managed by trustees. Trustees consider all items of expenditure above £1,000. A lease of the offices at Bradford Meeting House to Bradford African Community provides a significant income and a meeting place for a local cultural group. Between 31/01/2022 and 5/03/2022, a local firm of architects carried out thorough quinquennial surveys on the three Meeting Houses which were received in April 2022. During 2024, Trustees have continued to receive regular reports from Friends in these meetings concerning the work undertaken to address issues requiring attention that were identified in these reports.

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Employees

We employ a caretaker/lettings officer at Huddersfield Meeting House and use Third Sector Leaders to manage the associated payroll on our behalf. Line management of our employee is the responsibility of Huddersfield Local Meeting in accordance with conditions of employment set out by Trustees.

Policies

We have the following policies:

- Reserves (renewed 2019)
- Health and Safety (renewed 2024)
- Safeguarding (renewed 2024)
- Investment (renewed 2020)
- Data Protection (2021)
- Privacy (2021)
- Lettings (2024)

Management of Risk

Trustees keep a risk register which identifies and prioritises risks in terms of likelihood and potential impact. The register also identifies any mitigating systems in place to reduce the likelihood or impact of each risk.

Public benefit statement

Our public meetings for worship offer a safe space for anyone to experience traditional Quaker worship. Rooms in our meeting houses are also available for hire by community groups that undertake activities that do not conflict with our charitable purpose.

Local Meetings hold collections in order to make donations to charities and organisations that work in accord with our charitable purposes. Beneficiaries in 2024 included:

- The Welcome Centre
- Quaker Social Action
- Ramallah Friends School
- CRESST: conflict resolution education
- Amos Trust, part of Hebron International Resource Network
- Shared Goods
- Ruddis Retreat
- Medical Aid for Palestinians
- Brummana High School
- Quaker Housing Trust
- Scholarships for Street Kids
- Disasters Emergency Committee
- Friends World Committee for Consultation
- Step 2
- Campaign Against the Arms Trade
- Quaker Congo Partnership
- Prisoners' Education Trust
- Happy Days UK
- Todmorden Food Drop-In
- Campaign for Nuclear Disarmament

Our Local Meetings also supported financially several Meeting House Appeals that were brought to our attention.

Statement of Going Concern

Brighouse West Yorkshire Area Quaker Meeting is well-funded and with assets that are well maintained. The Trustees have assessed the charity's ability to continue for at least 12 months from the date that the accounts are approved and are satisfied that there are no material uncertainties about the charity's ability to meet its liabilities as they fall due.

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Financial review

The net receipts for the year were £2,762, including net receipts of £159 on unrestricted funds and net receipts of £2,603 on restricted funds.

Reserves policy

At year end we held unrestricted funds comprising £88,700 in cash (including bank accounts) and £607,394 in investments. The need for maintaining reserves is determined by each local meeting and include general risk management, repairs and maintenance and planned projects. We recognise that total reserves held by meeting funds exceed the target of £165,000 set in our reserves policy. Some meetings are holding less than their target (Bradford, Huddersfield and Halifax Meetings) and others are holding more (Hebden Bridge, Scholes and Area Meeting) - as shown in Note 10 to the accounts. The principal reason for the excess reserves being held, when including investments, is due to the holding by the Area Meeting investments (valued at £503,590 at 31 December 2024) transferred to the CIO by the Halifax Meeting House Charity in 2024.

Funds in deficit

The fund for burial grounds maintenance was in deficit by £935 and Quakers in Yorkshire agreed to provide a grant for this amount, which was received in February 2025. The fund for HMHC was in deficit by £4,103 and this fund will be repaid once additional funds have either been released from transferred HMHC investments or if surplus investment income from these investments is available in year.

Approved by the board of trustees on

Signed: (Trustee)

Name:

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

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the CIO for the year ended 31 December 2024, which are set out on pages 11 to 18.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of the CIO 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 CIO's accounts as carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act. In carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no 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 charity as required by section 130 of the Charities Act;
- 2 the accounts do not accord with those records.

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.

Signed: Name: Rhys North ACA

Date:

West Yorkshire Community Accountancy Service CIO

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**Brighthouse West Yorkshire Area Quaker Meeting of the
Religious Society of Friends (Quakers) in Britain
Receipts and payments account
for the year ended 31 December 2024**

	Notes	2024 Unrestricted funds £	2024 Restricted funds £	2024 Total funds £	2023 Total funds £
Receipts					
Voluntary income	(2)	62,447	3,580	66,027	57,946
Activities generating funds		29,049	-	29,049	23,443
Investment income		15,518	1,105	16,623	13,200
Other income		3,820	-	3,820	50
Quaker activity income		6,235	-	6,235	3,419
Investment sales	(3)	7,000	4,496	11,496	21,000
Donation from Halifax Meeting House Charity		-	5,197	5,197	-
		-	-	-	-
Total receipts		124,069	14,378	138,447	119,058
Payments					
Activities Generating Funds		269	-	269	317
Premises Costs:					
Improvements and maintenance		39,089	6,315	45,404	39,467
Salaries and NI	(4)	7,482	-	7,482	6,836
Insurance		3,743	-	3,743	3,181
Rent and rates		11,979	-	11,979	11,829
Utilities and telephony		19,580	-	19,580	17,004
Other premises costs		1,253	-	1,253	4,479
Total Premises Costs		83,126	6,315	89,441	82,796
Quaker Activity Costs:					
Governance		4,151	-	4,151	6,579
Grants and donations	(5)	22,856	5,460	28,316	33,536
Training and courses		-	-	-	690
Residential retreats		6,828	-	6,828	7,295
Other Quaker activity costs		3,680	-	3,680	3,192
Total Quaker Activity Costs		37,515	5,460	42,975	51,292
Other Costs:					
Investment purchases		3,000	-	3,000	-
Total payments		123,910	11,775	135,685	134,405
Net receipts / (payments)		159	2,603	2,762	(15,347)
Fund balances brought forward		88,541	(7,641)	80,900	96,247
Fund balances carried forward	(6)	88,700	(5,038)	83,662	80,900

**Brighouse West Yorkshire Area Quaker Meeting of the
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Statement of assets and liabilities
as at 31 December 2024**

	2024 Unrestricted £	2024 Restricted £	2024 Total £	2023 Total £
Cash funds				
Cash at bank:				
BWYAM Current Account	8,368	(5,038)	3,330	1,178
BWYAM Deposit	1,817	-	1,817	-
Bradford Meeting Current Account	1,260	-	1,260	1,561
Bradford Meeting Deposit Account	8,439	-	8,439	2,504
Edna Woodhouse Deposit Account	1	-	1	388
Edna Woodhouse Savings Account	-	-	-	-
Halifax Meeting Current Account	5,156	-	5,156	10,898
Halifax Meeting Deposit Account	5,035	-	5,035	-
Hebden Bridge Meeting Current Account	25,733	-	25,733	24,646
Huddersfield Meeting Current Account	14,141	-	14,141	15,019
Huddersfield Meeting Deposit Account	16,208	-	16,208	15,765
Scholes Meeting Current Account	2,489	-	2,489	8,822
Cash in hand:				
Bradford Meeting	53	-	53	44
Halifax Meeting	-	-	-	75
	<u>88,700</u>	<u>(5,038)</u>	<u>83,662</u>	<u>80,900</u>

Debtors and prepayments	2024 £	2023 £
Debtors - Rental income	862	3,360
Debtors - Energy	175	559
Debtors - Halifax Meeting House Charity	-	11,028
Debtors - Quakers in Yorkshire	-	1,400
Prepayments - Residential	200	848
Prepayments - Insurance	2,651	2,252
Other debtors - Gift Aid	5,796	6,021
	<u>9,684</u>	<u>25,468</u>

Investment assets	2024 £	2023 £
Area Meeting Grants Fund	503,590	-
Bradford Meeting Investments	23,633	19,610
Edna Woodhouse Fund Investments - restricted	-	4,224
Huddersfield Meeting Investments	2,999	2,999
Scholes Meeting Investments	77,172	71,728
	<u>607,394</u>	<u>98,561</u>

Assets retained for the charity's own use at market value February 2021	2024 £	2023 £
Bradford Meeting House	170,000	170,000
Huddersfield Meeting House	295,000	295,000
Scholes Meeting House	145,000	145,000
	<u>610,000</u>	<u>610,000</u>

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Statement of assets and liabilities
as at 31 December 2024**

Liabilities	2024	2023
	£	£
Creditors - Quakers in Yorkshire	680	-
Creditors - Utilities	385	4,931
Creditors - Rent	548	533
Creditors - Other	753	-
Accruals - Independent examination fee	1,650	1,650
Other creditors - Pension costs	55	53
	<u>4,071</u>	<u>7,167</u>

The financial statements were approved by the board of trustees on

Signed: (Trustee)

Name:

**Brighouse West Yorkshire Area Quaker Meeting of the
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Notes to the accounts
for the year ended 31 December 2024**

1 Accounting policies

Basis of accounting

The trustees have taken advantage of section 133 of the Charities Act 2011 and have prepared the accounts on a receipts and payments basis.

There has been no change to the accounting policies since last year.

No changes have been made to the accounts for previous years.

Taxation

As a charity the organisation benefits from rates relief and is generally exempt from income tax and capital gains tax but not from VAT. Irrecoverable VAT is included in the cost of those items to which it relates.

Fund accounting

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

Designated funds are unrestricted funds earmarked by the trustees for particular purposes.

Restricted funds are subjected to restrictions on their expenditure imposed by the donor or through the terms of an appeal.

Further explanation of the nature and purpose of each fund is included in the notes to the accounts.

**Brighouse West Yorkshire Area Quaker Meeting of the Religious
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Notes to the accounts continued
for the year ended 31 December 2024

2 Voluntary income	2024	2024	2024	2023
	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	Total
	funds	funds	funds	funds
	£	£	£	£
Grants:				
Quakers in Yorkshire	-	2,580	2,580	3,000
Halifax Meeting House Charity	-	-	-	2,676
Sir James Reckitt Charity	-	-	-	4,000
Donations	52,618	1,000	53,618	48,270
Bequests and legacies	9,829	-	9,829	-
	<u>62,447</u>	<u>3,580</u>	<u>66,027</u>	<u>57,946</u>

3 Investment sales	2024	2024	2024	2023
	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	Total
	funds	funds	funds	funds
	£	£	£	£
Edna Woodhouse Fund investments	-	4,496	4,496	5,000
Scholes Meeting Investments	7,000	-	7,000	16,000
Total	<u>7,000</u>	<u>4,496</u>	<u>11,496</u>	<u>21,000</u>

4 Staff costs and numbers	2024	2023
	£	£
Gross salaries	6,917	6,457
Pensions	449	263
Payroll charges	116	116
	<u>7,482</u>	<u>6,836</u>

The average number employees during the year was 1 (2024 - 1). There were no employees with emoluments above £60,000.

Defined contribution pension scheme	2024	2023
	£	£
Costs of the scheme to the charity for the year	449	263

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5 Grants and donations	2024	2024	2024	2023
	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	Total
	funds	funds	funds	funds
	£	£	£	£
Contribution to Britain Yearly Meeting	19,840	5,460	25,300	21,060
Donations to other Quaker bodies	1,726	-	1,726	4,511
Donations to individuals	410	-	410	955
Donations to non-Quaker bodies:				
Network for Peace	30	-	30	-
St Augustine's	700	-	700	1,400
Undercliffe Cemetery Charity	150	-	150	150
Abigail Housing	-	-	-	400
Anchor Project	-	-	-	400
BEACON Bradford	-	-	-	400
BIASAN	-	-	-	400
Bradford African Community	-	-	-	400
Bradford Community Alliance CIC	-	-	-	400
Bradford Metropolitan Food Bank	-	-	-	400
Bradford Soup Run	-	-	-	100
Emmaus Bradford	-	-	-	400
Inn Churches	-	-	-	400
Peace Museum	-	-	-	400
Refugee Action	-	-	-	400
Sanctuary Kirklees Buzz	-	-	-	500
Unitarian Church Bradford	-	-	-	60
Yorkshire CND	-	-	-	400
	<u>22,856</u>	<u>5,460</u>	<u>28,316</u>	<u>33,536</u>

6 Restricted funds	Balance b/f	Incoming	Outgoing	Transfers	Balance c/f
	£	£	£	£	£
Edna Woodhouse Legacy Fund	387	4,573	4,960	-	-
QIY - Brighouse Burial Ground	(700)	3,080	3,315	-	(935)
QIY - Fire Alarm	3,000	-	3,000	-	-
HMHC - Various Costs	(10,328)	6,225	-	-	(4,103)
WY Youth Developmental Worker	-	500	500	-	-
	<u>(7,641)</u>	<u>14,378</u>	<u>11,775</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(5,038)</u>

Fund name	Purpose of restriction
Edna Woodhouse Legacy Fund	This fund was created by a legacy of £50,000 and is used for the benefit of people attending conferences and educational courses.
QIY - Brighouse Burial Ground	Towards the maintenance costs of the Brighouse Newlands burial ground.
QIY - Fire Alarm	Towards the costs of new fire alarm safety equipment and works at Huddersfield.
HMHC - Various Costs	To reimburse legal costs paid by the CIO on behalf of HMHC; fund quinquennial survey fees and support the provision of a headstone. The deficit balance relates to funds yet to be released from transferred HMHC investments.
WY Youth Developmental Worker	Being donation received to support the costs of the WY Youth Development Worker.

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7 Related party transactions

Trustee expenses

No trustee received any expenses during this year or the previous year.

Trustee remuneration and benefits

No trustee received any remuneration or benefit during this or the previous year.

8 Funds held as agent

	Balance b/f £	Incoming £	Outgoing £	Balance c/f £
Funds collected on behalf of other organisations	655	3,180	3,763	72
Ploughshares	1,500	19,700	14,000	7,200
	<u>2,155</u>	<u>22,880</u>	<u>17,763</u>	<u>7,272</u>

9 Designated funds

	Balance b/f £	Incoming £	Outgoing £	Transfers £	Balance c/f £
Area Meeting Grant Fund	-	2,743	2,743	-	-
	<u>-</u>	<u>2,743</u>	<u>2,743</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>

Fund name

Area Meeting Grant Fund

Reason for designation

Being investment income realised from former Halifax Meeting House Charity investments that has been designated for use by the Halifax Meeting House and other Area Meeting needs.

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	Bradford	Halifax	Hebden Bridge	Huddersfield	Scholes	Area Meeting	Total
10 Reserves							
General	20,000	7,000	12,000	25,000	15,000	7,000	86,000
Repair & Maintenance	17,000	5,000	-	20,000	20,000	-	62,000
Emergency	5,000	-	2,000	-	-	-	7,000
Projects:							
Installation of solar panels	-	-	-	-	10,000	-	10,000
Agreed Reserves	42,000	12,000	14,000	45,000	45,000	7,000	165,000

Actual Reserves at 31 December 2024:

Bank and Cash Reserves	9,752	10,191	25,733	30,349	2,489	10,186	88,700
Investment Reserves	23,633	-	-	2,999	77,172	503,590	607,394
	33,385	10,191	25,733	33,348	79,661	513,776	696,094