

THAXTED AREA QUAKER MEETING OF THE RELIGIOUS SOCIETY OF
FRIENDS (QUAKERS) IN BRITAIN.

TRUSTEES REPORT FOR YEAR ENDING 31ST DECEMBER 2021

Address: Quaker Meeting House High Street Saffron Walden Essex, CB10 1AA

Friends who served as trustees in 2021:

Rosemary Breen

John Capper (Treasurer)

Karl Gibbs

Jane Mitchell

Jonathan Morrell

Mark Pivac

Jacqueline Bartlett (Clerk)

Holding Trustees from June 2021 – Friends Trusts Ltd. Friends House.173
Euston Road, London NW1 2BJ

June 2021 - Registered as Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) Charity
no.1194893.

Bankers – Cooperative Bank Ltd. PO Box 260, Delf House, Skelmersdale WN8
6WT and Barclays Bank PLC.23 High Street Royston, SG8 9AB

Independent Examiners- Bentens, Abbey House, High Street Saffron Walden
CB10 1AF.

Solicitors – Adams Harrison, Church Street Saffron Walden.

STRUCTURE GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT.

Thaxted Area Meeting is the main local meeting for Church Affairs and is constituted of four Local Quaker Meetings at –

Saffron Walden – membership 48 - average attendance 22

Stansted – membership 8 - average attendance 7

Bardfield – membership 11 - average attendance 7

Dunmow -membership 4 - average attendance 3

There was one removal from membership in 2021, one transfer of membership from Southern East Anglia and one reinstatement of membership also from Southern East Anglia. One member is unattached

Total membership remains steady at 72 with 57 Attenders.

Each Local Quaker Meeting manages its own Meeting House, reporting to, and seeking advice from, trustees as appropriate. Financial contributions from each Meeting to Area Meeting funds are agreed annually by Area Meeting in session.

A Constitution as a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) was adopted in April by Minute 08.04.21.3 (a) to replace the previous Governing Document. The object of the Constitution is the furtherance of the general and religious purposes of The Religious Society of Friends (Quakers) in Britain, in Thaxted Area Meeting and beyond.

In April an application for registration as a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) was submitted to the Charity Commissioners by Minute no.08.04.21.3 (b).

In June the Charity Commissioners agreed the registration of Thaxted Area Meeting as a Charitable Incorporated Organisation. Charity no.1194893.

In September the trustees adopted a Resolution by Minute 5.09.21 applying to the Charity Commissioners for a Scheme whereby the Thaxted and Saffron Walden Trusts would be treated as forming part of, and administered by, Thaxted Area Meeting as CIO Charity no.119483. Details of the Scheme form Appendix B to this report.

The Scheme was accepted by the Charity Commissioners thus discharging Friends Trusts Ltd from its role as Custodian Trustees while remaining as Holding Trustees for the Area Meeting. Trustees applied to Friends Trusts Ltd for

the transfer of assets to Thaxted Area Meeting. A list of assets transferred forms Appendix C to this report.

Appointment of Trustees

Trustees are appointed from its membership by Area Meeting in session following nomination by the Area Meeting Nominations Committee for an initial period of three years. Several Friends agree to renomination after this period. New trustees are provided with a copy of the Constitution (Governing Document), Minutes and supporting papers from the previous year and guided to the Britain Yearly Meeting website to access the trustees manual and other relevant information. All the trustees have previously attended Woodbrooke training events.

Other appointments

Area Meeting also appoints a representative and alternate to Meeting for Sufferings, to Quaker Life Rep Council, Sibford, Ackworth and Leighton Park General Meetings and a correspondent to Quaker Council for Church and Interfaith Relations and receives reports from each of these bodies.

FINANCE.

Trustees set fiscal reserves annually and submit to Area Meeting in session a proposed annual budget. The accounts are examined annually and are approved by the examiner. Accounts are submitted by the Treasurer to Friends House and the Charity Commission.

A Reserves Statement for the year ending December 31st 2021 forms Appendix A to this report.

Margaret Stubbs Memorial Fund. (MSMF)

The Margaret Stubbs Memorial Fund was established for the property at 2 Springhill Road Saffron Walden – a bequest from a Friend Jean Stubbs –and to benefit the Bursary Fund at Friends School Saffron Walden, (latterly Walden School).

The closure of the school in 2017 left the fund with a balance of £6,407. A decision made by trustees in 2018 and confirmed in 2019 and 2020 allowed income derived from the rents to be used to support young people in the Area Meeting, the balance at the end of the year to be divided between the Friends Schools Bursaries Fund and the Greenwood Educational Trust a charity whose purpose is to distribute small grants to eligible young people from four Area Meetings in East Anglia for the benefit of their education. Rather than draw on

Greenwood Trust funds, grants agreed by Greenwood trustees to be made to young people from Thaxted Area Meeting are found from Thaxted's own income.

In December 2021 the MSMF showed a surplus of £6,200 and trustees recommended that £5000 should be sent to Brumannah School in Lebanon which has historic links to the Area Meeting and which is undergoing hardship owing the horrific situation in Lebanon. The balance of £1200 was sent to The Greenwood Trust.

Covid Business Support Scheme.

The warden at Saffron Walden Meeting House moved from full to flexible furlough from June 1st after the Government Furlough Scheme ended on March 31st 2021. Saffron Walden Local Meeting received a further £8000 in government grants in addition to a previous grant of £10,000.

PROPERTY.

2 Springhill Rd. Saffron Walden.

In September, trustees reviewed the tenancy issued to local Friends in September 2020 and agreed to extend it for a further 12 months until September 2022. In December it was agreed to extend the tenancy for a further three years beyond 2022. The extension is subject to annual rent reviews. We will now review the tenancy in September 2025. We were pleased to agree to this as the tenancy has proved beneficial to both the tenants and to the Area Meeting, granting us time to consider the long-term future of this property.

With regard to the allotment at 2 Springhill Rd, trustees are aware that at present beneficiaries of the Margaret Stubbs Memorial Trust are not benefitting from this asset and we have asked local Friends to help us find opportunities for the land to be used- possibly as a community resource according with Quaker values.

69 High Street, Saffron Walden,

Arkwrights & Co of Saffron Walden continue to successfully manage this property on behalf of trustees and this year negotiated new leases for both the businesses which use the building.

Meeting Houses.

In January 2021 Covid 19 infections 'spiked' in our area and following guidance from Directors of Public Health for Essex and advice received from the Recording Clerk's office, trustees instructed local Quaker Meeting Houses to close for worship and all Quaker activities. We were saddened to understand that

this action caused some consternation among local Friends regarding the authority of trustees to act in this way, but considering our responsibility for the safety of our communities we have been assured that our action was in right ordering.

In February 2021 we were heartened to receive further advice from Public Health and agreed that at the discretion of each Local Meeting our Meeting Houses should reopen for worship.

Saffron Walden Friends re-opened their Meeting House for worship in March and from April began to hold blended meetings using installed technology. This has been successful in allowing those Friends who feel anxious about mixing face to face as well as those prevented by distance or ill health to be part of the life of the meeting. Prepared readings have at times been circulated by elders prior to meetings to deepen the sense of connectedness. ZOOM meetings have also been held on Wednesday and Sunday evenings and an outdoor Meeting was held in the garden in May.

Despite an increase in spoken ministry, Saffron Walden Friends have been aware of feeling spiritually under-nourished in the wake of the restrictions imposed by the pandemic. One way they are addressing this has been to arrange for regular talks after meeting, where one Friend is invited to speak for 15 minutes about their spiritual path. There were moving testimonies from 2 Friends in July and the hope is to continue this practice, which has been found helpful as a way of exploring the diversity of spiritual experiences.

Earlier in the year the meeting engaged with local politicians over the issue of arms trade and nuclear weapons, and a new banner proclaims our testimony of peace to anyone who passes down the High Street.

The Meeting House opened to hirers in September and trustees remain grateful to the warden and her family at Saffron Walden for ensuring that the building remains a welcoming presence in the community.

Stansted Friends resumed face to face meetings in the summer after a prolonged closure owing to ill health in addition to Covid restrictions. During lockdowns Friends had worshipped in their own homes at the same time and afterwards shared ministry by email or on occasions when the weather was good enough, met in the garden thus allowing those Friends who felt vulnerable to join in the worship.

Bible Study material was also circulated by a Friend for individual use during lockdown, and some further materials were sent more recently as a result of her Ministry. Topics included Women in the New Testament and Lent.

This meeting remains deeply involved in the life of the local community and the nearby town of Bishop's Stortford. It is a Sanctuary Meeting and the fall of Kabul

in August provoked concerned ministry among Stansted Friends and the desire to act. This was followed up with a donation to the Red Cross for their work with the Afghans and a good response to Essex County Council's appeal to donate basic clothing and equipment for refugees arriving in the area. The response was so overwhelming that ECC had to halt the appeal, and Friends are still waiting to hear where the new refugees are to be placed before they can offer further practical help.

Syrian families continue to be befriended by Stansted Friends and have become firmly established in the community. The daughter of one of the families hopes to apply for medical school with the one-to-one support from a Stansted Friend.

Recently some Friends felt moved to write to the two local MPs about Quaker concerns over the Nationality and Borders Bill. These letters have been sent but so far Friends have received acknowledgements from both, but no replies. **

Contact with Hill House Quaker Meeting in Accra, Ghana continues with meetings shared on ZOOM. A recent discussion was on the effects of colonialism on the country.

** Since preparing this report trustees have been informed that Stansted Friends have received replies which they found disappointing.

Bardfield Friends resumed meeting on 28th March.

Despite little face to face contact during the lockdown Friends at Bardfield continue to thrive as a small meeting which appoints neither elders or overseers. Friends offer each other deep levels of support and listening during Afterword around the coffee pot!

Spoken ministry while rare is deep and thoughtful and Meetings for Worship are frequently gathered.

In September Friends held a Memorial Meeting for their clerk who had died a year before. This was a joyful occasion full of deep ministry and a sense of sharing. An Area Meeting workshop followed on from this in which Friends were asked to consider ways in which the life of the Area Meeting might be enhanced following the appointment of a Local Development Worker to East Anglia.

Dunmow Friends resumed meeting on 28th March.

While the numbers of Friends attending this small meeting are few and there are some concerns about its viability as time goes by, for now Dunmow Friends continue to meet and draw strength from each other and take an active part in the life of the Area Meeting.

PUBLIC BENEFIT

A principal requirement of our Local Meetings is to offer public worship and sadly this and many of the Area Meeting's usual activities have been curtailed by the restrictions of lockdown. However, despite this and despite being unable to see each other's faces and welcome our users for much of the time, the Spirit of Truth has prospered throughout our Area Meeting and we are in good heart.

SUSTAINABILITY

The continued use of the ZOOM platform for our meetings contributed to a reduction in the need for travel, therefore a reduction in the Area Meeting's carbon footprint for the year.

With the exception of Dunmow Quaker Meeting House where there are several areas of concern to Dunmow Friends and trustees with regard to adequate heating and insulation, Friends in the Area Meeting continue in their efforts to reduce their carbon footprints. Stansted Friends buy energy from renewable sources including a biogas component, Saffron Walden and Bardfield Friends have contracts for green energy supply.

Individual Friends remain active in local sustainability initiatives with many contributing to local forums at the time of the COPT 26 climate summit in November.

SAFEGUARDING

In response to the findings of the Independent Inquiry into Child Sexual Abuse published in 2021 and following directives from Friends House, Thaxted Area Meeting has embarked on a large-scale review and monitoring of safeguarding across our meetings. A new Safeguarding policy was adopted by Area Meeting in session in December and a working subgroup appointed to oversee the recommendations outlined in the 'Toolkit' an extensive document which guides Friends towards best practice in this area. In addition, safeguarding matters will be a regular item on Area Meeting agenda.

TRUSTEES AIMS FOR 2022

Our principal aim as trustees is to further the aims and purposes of The Religious Society of Friends (Quakers) and the living out of our Testimonies to Simplicity, Truth, Equality, Peace and Sustainability.

After the two-year hiatus caused by the Covid-19 pandemic we will commit ourselves to supporting our Local Meetings as they re-establish patterns of

worship whether by face to face or blended meetings thus enabling the spiritual life of our communities to prosper.

There has been much disquiet among Quakers with regard to the Nationality and Borders Bill 2021 currently going through parliament. We will pay attention to the condition of refugees and asylum seekers worldwide and encourage Friends to continue to lobby MPs to legislate for fair and humane routes for refugees to seek safety.

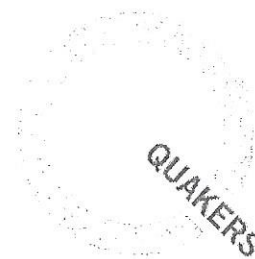
We will continue the work we have begun on safeguarding in our Area Meeting, mindful of some of the areas in which current advice on best practice doesn't accord with our spirit led tradition. We will be open to advice and compromise.

We will support the work of our Local Development Officer and consider ways of working more closely with Area Meetings across East Anglia.

Jackie Bartlett- Clerk.

February 2022

RELIGIOUS SOCIETY OF FRIENDS (QUAKERS)



THAXTED AREA MEETING

Annual Accounts for the year ending 31 December 2021

The report and accompanying accounts cover the financial affairs of Thaxted Area Meeting consolidated with those of its four constituent meetings, namely Bardfield, Dunmow, Saffron Walden and Stansted Local Meetings.

In June the Area Meeting became a charity. The full title is "Thaxted Area Quaker Meeting of the Religious society of Friends (Quakers) in Britain", Thaxted Area Meeting in short, registered number 1194893. A scheme to govern the charity came into force on 20 October 2021.

Although the Area Meeting, through its trustees, is ultimately responsible in practice the care and maintenance of the Meeting Houses and other properties is generally undertaken by the Local Meetings and this is reflected in their accounts.

The accounts of the individual meetings show that, despite the effects of Covid, all are satisfactory. The increase in the value of the investments made up for the lack of income due to covid.

The Trustees have an agreed reserves policy and review the reserves each year.

All the accounts have been examined by a qualified person not connected with any of the meetings.

John Capper, Treasurer
18 Landscape View, Saffron Walden, CB11 4AU

Legal and Administrative Information

Constitution and Purpose

The Area Meeting is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation, charity number 1194893. Its objects are defined in its constitution, in particular the furtherance of the general religious and charitable purposes of the Religious Society of Friends (Quakers) in Britain.

The principal activity is the holding of Meetings for Worship in the constituent local meetings of Bardfield, Dunmow, Saffron Walden and Stansted.

The affairs of the Area Meeting are governed by "Quaker Faith and Practice", the Book of Discipline of Britain Yearly Meeting. There are Memoranda of Understanding with the Local Meetings.

The members of the Area Meeting are all those persons whose names are recorded in its official register. The Managing Trustees are appointed by a Meeting for worship for Business of the Area Meeting which also appoints a representative and an alternate to serve on Meeting for Sufferings, the representative body which advises the Trustee body for the centrally managed work of Britain Yearly Meeting.

Address for Correspondence

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Meeting House Addresses

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Dunmow Friends Meeting House, New Street, Great Dunmow, Essex, CM6 1BH
Saffron Walden Friends Meeting House, High Street, Saffron Walden, Essex, CB10 1AA
Stansted Friends Meeting House, 87 Chapel Hill, Stansted, Essex, CM24 8AE

Managing Trustees.

The following Friends served in 2021:

Jacqueline Bartlett, Clerk, 4 The Green Saffron Walden, Essex, CB10 2DS
John Capper, Treasurer, 18 Landscape View. Saffron Walden, Essex, CB11 4AU
Jonathan Morrell, 4 Priory Court, Apton Road, Bishops Stortford, Herts, CM23 3SF
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Mark Pivac, 72 Old Mill Road, Saffron Walden, Essex, CB11 3ER.

Bankers

Co-operative Bank, P.O. Box 260, Delf House, Southway, Skelmersdale, WN8 6WT
Barclays Bank PLC, 23 High Street, Royston, SG8 9AB

Holding Trustee

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

Accounting Policies

Basis of accounting.

These accounts have been prepared in accordance with the Charity Commission Statement of Recommended Practice SORP 2015 (Statement of Financial Activities).

Income and expenditure.

Contributions, grants, legacies, interest, dividends, and rents are all treated as income in the year in which they are received. Gift Aid recovered is treated as income for the year in which the donations are made.

Land and buildings.

The properties owned by the Area Meeting comprising the Meeting Houses and Wardens' accommodation are held for the furtherance of the Area Meeting's charitable objects.

There are two investment properties, 69 High Street, Saffron Walden and 2, Springhill Road, Saffron Walden.

On the recommendation of the Quaker Stewardship Committee of Britain Yearly Meeting, the capital value of the properties is included in the accounts. The value of the properties is based on the insurance value, which is reviewed every five years in a quinquennial inspection. The contents of the Meeting Houses are written off at purchase.

Reserves.

The Reserves are at the level they have been for several years. They are in line with the reserves policy and are reviewed each year.

Local Meetings.

In accordance with guidance from the Charity Commission and the Quaker Stewardship Committee the unrestricted funds of Local Meetings are shown as designated funds.

Presentation of the Accounts

The accounts have been prepared using Data Developments "Finance Co-ordinator", the software package recommended by ACAT (The Association of Church Accounts and Treasurers). This does not support a spreadsheet showing in one table a breakdown of income and expenditure for the Area Meeting and all its constituent Local Meetings, so these have been printed separately.

Report of the Independent Examiner

I report on the consolidated accounts of Thaxted Area Quaker Meeting for the year ended 31 December 2021, which are set out below.

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(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act;

to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act; and

to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the 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, seeking explanations from 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 matter has come to my attention:

(1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements: to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act; and to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Act have not been met; or

(2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



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Thaxted Area Meeting
Statement of Financial Activities
For the period from 01 January 2021 to 31 December 2021

	Unrestricted funds	Designated funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Prior year total funds
Income and endowments from:						
Donations and legacies	—	49,552.57	—	—	49,552.57	40,341.79
Income from charitable activities	—	22,740.02	—	—	22,740.02	37,295.21
Investments	—	1,537.99	—	—	1,537.99	1,423.36
Other income	—	24,121.28	—	—	24,121.28	20,577.77
Total income	—	97,951.86	—	—	97,951.86	99,638.13
Expenditure on:						
Raising funds	—	1,509.46	—	—	1,509.46	3,763.14
Expenditure on charitable activities	—	108,441.94	—	—	108,441.94	97,052.30
Other expenditure	—	414.00	—	—	414.00	353.00
Total expenditure	—	110,365.40	—	—	110,365.40	101,168.44
Gains / losses on investment assets	—	4,596.11	—	—	4,596.11	—
Net income / (expenditure) resources before transfer	—	(7,817.43)	—	—	(7,817.43)	(1,530.31)
Transfers						
Gross transfers between funds - in	—	—	—	—	—	—
Gross transfers between funds - out	—	—	—	—	—	—
Other recognised gains / losses						
Gains on revaluation, fixed assets, charity's own use	—	4,555.01	—	—	4,555.01	—
Net movement in funds	—	(3,262.42)	—	—	(3,262.42)	(1,530.31)
Reconciliation of funds						
Total funds brought forward	—	3,861,238.45	—	—	3,861,238.45	3,862,768.76
Total funds carried forward	—	3,857,976.03	—	—	3,857,976.03	3,861,238.45

Thaxted Area Meeting

Balance sheet (Separate funds)

As at: 31 December 2021

	General Fund	Designated Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Accumulation Funds	Accumulation Funds
Fixed assets						
Tangible assets	—	882,826.21	—	—	882,826.21	882,826.21
Heritage assets	—	2,707,145.10	—	—	2,707,145.10	2,707,145.10
Fixed assets	—	3,589,965.20	—	—	3,589,965.20	3,589,965.20
Current assets						
Investments	—	227,140.50	—	—	227,140.50	227,140.50
Cash at bank and in hand	—	40,870.23	—	—	40,870.23	40,870.23
Current assets	—	268,010.83	—	—	268,010.83	268,010.83
Net current assets less current liabilities	—	268,010.83	—	—	268,010.83	268,010.83
Total assets less current liabilities	—	3,857,976.03	—	—	3,857,976.03	3,857,976.03
Total net assets less liabilities	—	3,857,976.03	—	—	3,857,976.03	3,857,976.03
Represented by						
Unrestricted						
Unrestricted - General fund	—	—	—	—	—	—
Designated						
Designated - Thaxted Area Meeting	—	2,372.06	—	—	2,372.06	2,372.06
Designated - SW COIF Deposit Fund	—	—	—	—	—	—
Designated - Saffron Walden Local Meeting	—	2,479,484.22	—	—	2,479,484.22	2,479,484.22
Designated - Smith & Nephew MSM Shares	—	34,524.00	—	—	34,524.00	34,524.00
Designated - Stansted Local Meeting	—	272,744.72	—	—	272,744.72	272,744.72
Designated - Pension reserves	—	(22.38)	—	—	(22.38)	(22.38)
Designated - AM COIF accumulation Units	—	23,213.80	—	—	23,213.80	23,213.80
Designated - Thaxted AM COIF Deposit Fund	—	6,524.56	—	—	6,524.56	6,524.56
Designated - BMO Global AM Investment	—	14,198.92	—	—	14,198.92	14,198.92
Designated - Bardfield Local Meeting	—	368,424.75	—	—	368,424.75	368,424.75
Designated - Dunmow Local Meeting	—	358,811.46	—	—	358,811.46	358,811.46
Designated - MSM Account	—	283,165.82	—	—	283,165.82	283,165.82
Designated - MSM COIF Deposit Fund	—	13,482.34	—	—	13,482.34	13,482.34
Designated - M & G Charibond AM investment	—	1,051.76	—	—	1,051.76	1,051.76
Funds of the church	—	3,857,976.03	—	—	3,857,976.03	3,857,976.03

Thaxted Area Meeting

Balance Sheet detailed

	As at 31/12/2021	As at 31/12/2020
Fixed assets		
001: Saffron Walden Meeting House	1,824,639.00	1,824,639.00
002: Stansted Meeting House	189,902.00	189,902.00
003: Bardfield Meeting House	363,059.00	363,059.00
004: Dunmow Meeting House	329,545.00	329,545.00
005: 69A High Street (Wardens House)	230,000.00	230,000.00
006: 69 High Street	369,721.00	369,721.00
007: 2 Springhill Road	283,099.20	283,099.20
Total Fixed assets	3,589,965.20	3,589,965.20
Current assets		
100: Co-op Account Saffron Walden	4,858.41	8,385.64
103: Barclays Saffron Walden	816.09	566.09
104: COIF Deposit Account S Walden	4,343.91	5,343.29
105: COIF Investment Fund Accumulation Units	45,105.81	47,752.70
250: MSM Account Springhill Road Barclays	44.24	—
251: MSM COIF Deposit Account	13,482.34	13,480.72
252: Smith & Nephew MSM Shares	34,524.00	42,031.60
350: Co-op Account Thaxted Area Meeting	2,372.06	5,800.73
351: AM COIF deposit Account	6,524.56	6,523.76
352: M & G Charibond Units AM	1,051.76	1,089.17
353: BMO Units AM	14,198.92	11,821.74
354: AM COIF Accumulation Units	23,213.80	19,873.40
770: Dunmow Business Investor	5,146.06	6,926.34
771: Dunmow Treasurers Trust Account	2,896.72	2,892.37
772: Dunmow Friends Provident/BSO Investment	21,186.19	17,560.75
773: Dunmow Petty Cash	37.49	45.14
870: Bardfield Co-op bank	2,486.22	2,628.14
871: Bardfield Triodos Bank	2,879.53	2,877.16
970: Stansted Barclays Account	19,333.41	12,494.46
971: Stansted CAF Fixed Interest Investment	48,509.31	48,180.05
972: Stansted Green Pastures	15,000.00	15,000.00
Total Current assets	268,010.83	271,273.25
Net Asset surplus (deficit)	3,857,976.03	3,861,238.45

	As at 31/12/2021	As at 31/12/2020
Reserves		
Excess / (deficit) to date	12,413.84	—
Z01: Starting balances	3,861,238.45	3,861,238.45
Z02: Other gains/(losses)	4,558.71	—
Z03: Gains/(losses) on reval of fixed assets	4,558.71	—
Total Reserves	3,857,976.03	3,861,238.45

Represented by Funds		
Unrestricted	—	—
Designated	3,857,976.03	3,861,238.45
Restricted	—	—
Endowment	—	—
Total	3,857,976.03	3,861,238.45

Thaxted Area Meeting

Analysis of income and expenditure Selected period: 01 January 2021 to 31 December 2021

	Unrestricted	Designated	Restricted	Endowment	This year	Total Last year
Income and endowments						
Donations and legacies						
200 - Donations via LM	—	15,341.24	—	—	15,341.24	16,939.24
201 - Collections	—	12,741.00	—	—	12,741.00	12,949.70
202 - Gift Aid Reclaim	—	6,000.33	—	—	6,000.33	6,997.45
504 - Legacy to AM	—	2,500.00	—	—	2,500.00	—
631 - Bardfield Contributions Gift Aidable	—	795.00	—	—	795.00	1,350.00
632 - Bardfield Contributions non Gift Aidable	—	225.00	—	—	225.00	345.00
701 - Dunmow Contributions	—	785.00	—	—	785.00	770.00
901 - Stansted Legacy	—	1,000.00	—	—	1,000.00	—
902 - Stansted Uttlesford Grant	—	10,000.00	—	—	10,000.00	10,000.00
903 - Stansted Donations to LM	—	100.00	—	—	100.00	—
904 - Stansted Collections	—	65.00	—	—	65.00	—
Donations and legacies Totals	—	49,552.57	—	—	49,552.57	40,291.35
Income from charitable activities						
203 - Lettings	—	3,226.00	—	—	3,226.00	11,044.00
204 - 69 High Street Rent	—	4,823.24	—	—	4,823.24	12,919.05
500 - Contributions from LMs	—	1,575.00	—	—	1,575.00	2,100.00
501 - Dividends Thaxted AM	—	265.41	—	—	265.41	101.15
502 - Deposit Account Interest	—	—	—	—	—	10.10
503 - Balance from Regional Gathering	—	69.13	—	—	69.13	—
560 - Rent, 2 Springhill Road	—	9,000.00	—	—	9,000.00	5,025.00
633 - Bardfield Hirings	—	320.00	—	—	320.00	612.00
634 - Bardfield Opus compensation	—	60.00	—	—	60.00	32.79
635 - Bardfield Quaker Activities	—	5.00	—	—	5.00	50.00
702 - Dunmow Hirings	—	1,400.00	—	—	1,400.00	1,200.00
705 - Dunmow payments from Wrens for Electrici	—	661.24	—	—	661.24	838.00
906 - Stansted Lettings	—	1,335.00	—	—	1,335.00	3,373.00
Income from charitable activities Totals	—	22,740.02	—	—	22,740.02	37,312.33
Investments						
190 - Interest SW COIF Deposit Account	—	0.62	—	—	0.62	14.01
191 - AM COIF Deposit Account Interest	—	0.80	—	—	0.80	17.12
561 - Dividend Smith & Nephew	—	743.09	—	—	743.09	814.60
562 - MSM CCLA Deposit Account Interest	—	1.62	—	—	1.62	111.41
630 - Bardfield Triodos Interest	—	2.37	—	—	2.37	7.42
703 - Dunmow Business Investor Interest	—	5.88	—	—	5.88	7.36
704 - Dunmow Treasurers Trust Account Interest	—	4.35	—	—	4.35	1.44
905 - Stansted COIF Income	—	329.26	—	—	329.26	—
907 - Green Pastures Investment Income	—	450.00	—	—	450.00	450.00
Investments Totals	—	1,537.99	—	—	1,537.99	1,423.36

	Unrestricted	Designated	Restricted	Endowment	Total	
					This year	Last year
Other income						
205 - The Friend (Repayments)	—	274.00	—	—	274.00	480.50
206 - HMRC Furlough Grant	—	11,847.28	—	—	11,847.28	9,097.27
207 - Government Covid-19 Grant (via Uttlesfo	—	12,000.00	—	—	12,000.00	11,000.00
800 - Increase in Property Value	—	—	—	—	—	—
Other income Totals	—	24,121.28	—	—	24,121.28	20,577.77
Income and endowments	—	97,951.86	—	—	97,951.86	99,638.13
Grand totals						

Expenditure

Raising funds

322 - 69 High Street	—	1,509.46	—	—	1,509.46	3,763.14
Raising funds Totals	—	1,509.46	—	—	1,509.46	3,763.14

Expenditure on charitable activities

300 - Warden Wages	—	20,665.63	—	—	20,665.63	20,417.34
301 - Donations to BYM	—	17,042.50	—	—	17,042.50	20,569.15
302 - Donations to Quaker Charities	—	8,046.50	—	—	8,046.50	7,124.90
303 - Donations to non Quaker Charities	—	2,350.00	—	—	2,350.00	3,682.50
304 - Grants agreed by Local Meeting	—	100.00	—	—	100.00	302.50
305 - Insurance Saffron Walden LM	—	2,093.83	—	—	2,093.83	2,068.33
306 - Repairs and Maintenance Meeting House	—	7,277.54	—	—	7,277.54	1,120.74
307 - Repairs and Maintenance 69A	—	4,791.78	—	—	4,791.78	111.48
308 - Equipment	—	4,797.57	—	—	4,797.57	507.94
309 - Garden	—	522.50	—	—	522.50	1,218.20
310 - Electricity	—	3,227.02	—	—	3,227.02	4,622.66
311 - Water/Sewerage	—	588.81	—	—	588.81	1,699.50
312 - Council Tax	—	2,391.91	—	—	2,391.91	2,343.31
314 - Cleaning Materials	—	132.47	—	—	132.47	479.10
315 - Catering	—	31.95	—	—	31.95	220.36
316 - Publicity inc Newsletter, outreach	—	225.17	—	—	225.17	330.29
317 - Parking Permits	—	293.00	—	—	293.00	70.00
318 - Bookkeeper charge	—	550.00	—	—	550.00	475.00
319 - Website and Zoom	—	550.48	—	—	550.48	473.53
320 - Internet inc licenses, not zoom	—	522.86	—	—	522.86	696.63
323 - Courses & Conferences SW Friends	—	255.98	—	—	255.98	691.00
324 - Window Cleaning	—	300.00	—	—	300.00	—
325 - Annual Contribution to Thaxted AM	—	900.00	—	—	900.00	1,200.00
326 - Stationary & Postage	—	154.36	—	—	154.36	—
327 - Annual Subscriptions eg Churches Togethe	—	298.75	—	—	298.75	—
328 - Telephone	—	210.00	—	—	210.00	—
329 - Gravestones	—	360.00	—	—	360.00	—
330 - Plaques	—	—	—	—	—	221.68
331 - Improvements Meeting House	—	—	—	—	—	2,494.75
550 - Courses and Conferences Thaxted AM	—	279.97	—	—	279.97	860.00
551 - Child Protection Fee	—	129.00	—	—	129.00	120.00
552 - Examination of Accounts	—	660.00	—	—	660.00	660.00
553 - AM Officer & Trustee Expenses	—	100.18	—	—	100.18	76.11
554 - Annual Subs Living Wage, QICJ	—	142.00	—	—	142.00	215.75

	Unrestricted	Designated	Restricted	Endowment	This year	Total Last year
555 - Fees for advice for Charity Registration	—	4,700.00	—	—	4,700.00	—
556 - Membership Secretary	—	94.88	—	—	94.88	—
557 - Bardfield Meeting House	—	1,622.60	—	—	1,622.60	—
558 - AM Notices in The Friend	—	35.83	—	—	35.83	34.56
590 - Springhill Road Insurance	—	255.35	—	—	255.35	285.43
591 - Springhill Road Repairs and Maintenance	—	462.00	—	—	462.00	2,890.18
592 - Grants to Young Friends	—	795.50	—	—	795.50	—
593 - Springhill Road, Electrical Work	—	1,236.00	—	—	1,236.00	—
594 - Grant to Greenwood Trust	—	—	—	—	—	1,127.37
595 - Grants to Quaker Educational Bodies	—	6,950.00	—	—	6,950.00	—
596 - Springhill Rad Garden	—	—	—	—	—	858.00
597 - Springhill Road	—	—	—	—	—	751.00
640 - Bardfield Cleaner	—	150.00	—	—	150.00	975.00
641 - Bardfield Cleaning Materials	—	0.90	—	—	0.90	—
642 - Bardfield Fire and windows maintenance	—	52.20	—	—	52.20	51.00
643 - Bardfield Electricity	—	91.08	—	—	91.08	651.61
644 - Bardfield Water	—	160.13	—	—	160.13	93.81
645 - Bardfield Gardener	—	240.00	—	—	240.00	360.00
646 - Bardfield Insurance	—	710.32	—	—	710.32	708.50
647 - Bardfield contribution to AM	—	75.00	—	—	75.00	100.00
648 - Bardfield Catering	—	67.29	—	—	67.29	—
649 - Bardfield Maintenance & Purchases	—	—	—	—	—	791.16
751 - Dunmow Water	—	239.08	—	—	239.08	136.11
752 - Dunmow Electricity	—	1,256.10	—	—	1,256.10	1,373.83
753 - Dunmow Garden	—	—	—	—	—	360.00
754 - Dunmow Maintenance & Repairs	—	2,135.00	—	—	2,135.00	2,102.00
755 - Dunmow Fire Protection	—	62.64	—	—	62.64	130.56
756 - Dunmow Miscellaneous	—	7.65	—	—	7.65	52.19
757 - Dunmow Insurance	—	639.58	—	—	639.58	637.89
758 - Dunmow Contribution to AM	—	300.00	—	—	300.00	400.00
951 - Stansted Cleaner	—	998.00	—	—	998.00	1,170.00
952 - Stansted Materials & Supplies	—	198.81	—	—	198.81	590.40
953 - Stansted Repairs and Maintenance	—	260.20	—	—	260.20	1,476.47
954 - Stansted Water & Sewage	—	218.16	—	—	218.16	69.39
955 - Stansted Gas, electricity, wifi	—	1,443.13	—	—	1,443.13	1,324.50
956 - Stansted Insurance	—	480.25	—	—	480.25	479.00
957 - Stansted Contribution to Area Meeting	—	300.00	—	—	300.00	400.00
958 - Stansted Contribution to BYM	—	90.00	—	—	90.00	90.00
959 - Stansted Donations	—	1,272.00	—	—	1,272.00	159.60
960 - Stansted other costs of Quaker activities	—	378.00	—	—	378.00	526.99
961 - Stansted Gardener	—	472.50	—	—	472.50	813.00
Expenditure on charitable activities Totals	—	108,441.94	—	—	108,441.94	97,052.30
Other expenditure						
321 - The Friend	—	414.00	—	—	414.00	353.00
Other expenditure Totals	—	414.00	—	—	414.00	353.00
Expenditure Grand totals	—	110,365.40	—	—	110,365.40	101,168.44

Thaxted Area Meeting
Statement of Assets and Liabilities (by code)
As at: 31 December 2021

Class and nominal code	General	Designated	Restricted	Endowment	Total	Last year
Fixed assets - Heritage assets						
001 : Saffron Walden Meeting House	—	1,824,639.00	—	—	1,824,639.00	1,824,639.00
002 : Stansted Meeting House	—	189,902.00	—	—	189,902.00	189,902.00
003 : Bardfield Meeting House	—	363,059.00	—	—	363,059.00	363,059.00
004 : Dunmow Meeting House	—	329,545.00	—	—	329,545.00	329,545.00
Total	—	2,707,145.00	—	—	2,707,145.00	2,707,145.00
Fixed assets - Tangible assets						
005 : 69A High Street (Wardens House)	—	230,000.00	—	—	230,000.00	230,000.00
006 : 69 High Street	—	369,721.00	—	—	369,721.00	369,721.00
007 : 2 Springhill Road	—	283,099.20	—	—	283,099.20	283,099.20
Total	—	882,820.20	—	—	882,820.20	882,820.20
Current assets - Cash at bank and in hand						
100 : Co-op Account Saffron Walden	—	4,858.41	—	—	4,858.41	8,385.64
103 : Barclays Saffron Walden	—	816.09	—	—	816.09	566.09
250 : MSM Account Springhill Road Barclays	—	44.24	—	—	44.24	—
350 : Co-op Account Thaxted Area Meeting	—	2,372.06	—	—	2,372.06	5,800.73
770 : Dunmow Business Investor	—	5,146.06	—	—	5,146.06	6,926.34
771 : Dunmow Treasurers Trust Account	—	2,896.72	—	—	2,896.72	2,892.37
773 : Dunmow Petty Cash	—	37.49	—	—	37.49	45.14
870 : Bardfield Co-op bank	—	2,486.22	—	—	2,486.22	2,628.14
871 : Bardfield Triodos Bank	—	2,879.53	—	—	2,879.53	2,877.16
970 : Stansted Barclays Account	—	19,333.41	—	—	19,333.41	12,494.46
Total	—	40,870.23	—	—	40,870.23	42,616.07
Current assets - Investments						
104 : COIF Deposit Account S Walden	—	4,343.91	—	—	4,343.91	5,343.29
105 : COIF Investment Fund Accumulation Units	—	45,105.81	—	—	45,105.81	47,752.70
251 : MSM COIF Deposit Account	—	13,482.34	—	—	13,482.34	13,480.72
252 : Smith & Nephew MSM Shares	—	34,524.00	—	—	34,524.00	42,031.60
351 : AM COIF deposit Account	—	6,524.56	—	—	6,524.56	6,523.76

Class and nominal code	General	Designated	Restricted	Endowment	Total	Last year
352 : M & G Charibond Units AM	—	1,051.76	—	—	1,051.76	1,089.17
353 : BMO Units AM	—	14,198.92	—	—	14,198.92	11,821.74
354 : AM COIF Accumulation Units	—	23,213.80	—	—	23,213.80	19,873.40
772 : Dunmow Friends Provident/BSO Investment	—	21,186.19	—	—	21,186.19	17,969.60
971 : Stansted CAF Fixed Interest Investment	—	48,509.31	—	—	48,509.31	48,464.35
972 : Stansted Green Pastures	—	15,000.00	—	—	15,000.00	15,000.00
Total	—	227,140.60	—	—	227,140.60	228,657.18
Net total assets	—	3,857,976.03	—	—	3,857,976.03	3,861,238.45
Represented by						
Designated - AM	—	2,372.06	—	—	2,372.06	5,800.73
Designated - AMAcc	—	23,213.80	—	—	23,213.80	19,873.40
Designated - AMDep	—	6,524.56	—	—	6,524.56	6,523.76
Designated - BMO	—	14,198.92	—	—	14,198.92	11,821.74
Designated - Bardfield	—	368,424.75	—	—	368,424.75	368,564.30
Designated - Dunmow	—	358,811.46	—	—	358,811.46	356,969.60
Designated - MSM	—	283,165.82	—	—	283,165.82	283,121.58
Designated - MSMDep	—	13,482.34	—	—	13,482.34	13,480.72
Designated - MandG	—	1,051.76	—	—	1,051.76	1,089.17
Designated - SWLM	—	2,479,484.22	—	—	2,479,484.22	2,486,407.72
Designated - SmithNeph	—	34,524.00	—	—	34,524.00	42,031.60
Designated - Stansted	—	272,744.72	—	—	272,744.72	265,576.51
Designated - ZPension	—	(22.38)	—	—	(22.38)	(22.38)
Total	—	3,857,976.03	—	—	3,857,976.03	3,861,238.45

Notes to the Accounts

Trustee Remuneration

Trustees were not remunerated.

Trustee Expenses

The only expenses claimed by the Trustees were £51.98 for computer ink and paper purchased by the clerk and £10 for stamps and paper by the Treasurer.

Related Party Transactions

There were no related party transactions.

Ex Gratia Payments

There were no ex gratia payments.

Contributions to BYM and other charities.

Local Meetings agree any grants to Britain Yearly Meeting.

Saffron Walden has weekly collections. The charity to be collected for on a particular week is agreed at a local meeting for business and individual Friends make contributions if they wish to support the charity concerned; the last collection each month is for central funds. Occasionally at a local meeting for business will agree to support a particular appeal, often for Local Meeting Building Appeals, from Local Meeting funds; these are shown separately in the accounts.

Report of the Independent Examiner

I report on the consolidated accounts of Thaxted Area Quaker Meeting for the year ended 31 December 2021, which are set out below.

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(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act;

to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act; and

to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the 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, seeking explanations from 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 matter has come to my attention:

(1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements: to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act; and to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Act have not been met; or

(2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



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