

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

**TRUSTEES REPORT FOR YEAR ENDING 31ST DECEMBER
2022**

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

Friends who served as trustees in 2022:

Rosemary Breen

John Capper (Treasurer)

Karl Gibbs

Heather Kent (part year)

Jane Mitchell (part year)

Jonathan Morrell

Jacqueline Bartlett (Clerk)

Holding Trustees – Friends Trusts Ltd, Friends House, 173 Euston
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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 46 - average attendance 22

Stansted - membership 7 - average attendance 7

Bardfield - membership 10 - average attendance 7

Dunmow - membership 4 - average attendance 3

There were five removals from membership in 2022 and one transfer of membership to Thaxted Area Meeting from Cambridgeshire Area Meeting. One member is unattached.

Total membership is slightly down on the year before, from 72 to 68. There are approximately 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.

Thaxted Area Meeting operates according to its constitution as a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO). 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.

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.

In 2022, Heather Kent served for a part of the year as a trustee following her appointment by Thaxted Area Meeting in June 2022. Jane Mitchell also served as a trustee until her death in September 2022.

Other appointments

Area Meeting also appoints a representative and alternate to Meeting for Sufferings, to Quaker Life Representative Council, Sibford, Ackworth and Leighton Park General Meetings and a correspondent to Quaker Council for Church and Interfaith Relations and receives occasional 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 2022 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 2022 income totalling £7,750 from the MSMF was awarded to charitable activities. Of this, £1,150 was awarded to young friends connected to our AM. A total of £5,600 was sent to charitable trusts supporting two Quaker schools, Brummana High School, near Beirut, and Ramallah Friends School on the West Bank in Palestine, and £1,000 was given to the Greenwood Trust to help young friends in other area meetings in Essex and Suffolk.

PROPERTY

2 Springhill Rd. Saffron Walden.

The tenancy to this property, which last year was extended to September 2025, continues to be beneficial to both the tenants and to the Area Meeting, granting time to Area Meeting to consider the long-term future of the property.

With regard to the allotment at 2 Springhill Rd, local Friends have been actively exploring opportunities to use the land 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 **(check latest position)**

Meeting Houses

All our meeting houses have reopened following the relaxing of pandemic restrictions. During the lockdowns some meetings began to use Zoom as a platform for Meetings for Worship and in some cases this has continued. Friends otherwise prevented from attending in person have found this to be a way of sharing in the life of the meeting.

Saffron Walden Friends

Membership numbers remain about the same, with more than 80 members and attenders on our membership list, some of whom

live abroad; numbers attending Meeting on Sunday regularly average 22 including children. We have lost three Friends who died this year, Hugh Loader, John Evans and Christina Simmons but we have also gained some new regular attenders.

In July there was an open day when the Burial Ground was opened to the public as a Peace Garden with craft activities for the children and a speaker on Quaker Peace work. Approximately 100 people attended from Saffron Walden and there were roughly 40 who listened to the peace talk and asked questions afterwards. One visitor has remained as an attender after coming to the talk.

The number of children varies on Sunday mornings between none and six. They carry on creative work during Meeting for Worship focused on Quaker faith and testimonies then join the rest of us for the last ten minutes of Worship.

Our children's and Young Peoples Advocate and members of our Meeting keep in touch with some of the young people who do not attend Meeting with us, via email, text and occasionally in person.

It's appreciated greatly that LM and AM, and also the Greenwood Trust, continue to offer encouragement and financial support for our children and young people.

Our pastoral care team of four has striven to keep in touch regularly with everyone. They have found the work very rewarding and are glad to see people returning to Meeting although some still prefer to use Zoom as we continue to hold blended meetings with a Zoom Meeting on Sunday and Wednesday evenings.

The allotment at Springhill Road has reached out to the local community with our commitment to ensure the survival of the gift from a Friend for the benefit of the local community and a resource for people in need. The number of volunteers on the site has increased and now we are supported by 'Dig-It' through their practical work with people who face personal challenges. The Social Prescribers have also recommended the site to their clients so we hope that the site will continue to flourish especially once the weather improves.

Bible study has recently recommenced and it is hoped that we will meet once a month, in each other's homes, to read and discuss the books of the Bible, especially those with which we are less familiar.

Stansted Friends

Members and attenders at Stansted Local Meeting were deeply saddened by the death of their dear friend and clerk Jane Mitchell. Despite her illness, Jane remained in close contact with the Meeting and continued to provide guidance and advice up to just a few days before her death on 3rd September.

Following Jane's death, Stansted friends reviewed roles and responsibilities across the meeting to make the best use of the talents of members and attenders. This included appointing a new clerking team and assigning specific responsibility for the care of premises, music and fellowship on special occasions, eldership, pastoral care, treasurership, visibility and publicity and the Accra meeting fellowship group.

The link with Hill House in Accra, has continued to flourish with four meetings via Zoom during the course of the year. Topics for discussion have ranged from biblical texts to poetry and the theme of happiness.

The Experiment with Light group has continued to meet, normally on the second Saturday of each month, with attendance by people beyond our own Quaker meeting. The healing group has also continued to meet. Both groups have provided a safe and confidential space for growth and to offer each other support.

We have continued to be active in the local community. The meeting house is hired by a number of local groups and we aim to make the building comfortable and informative to help with outreach. We also continue to play an active part in Churches Together in Stansted and we aim to explore further interfaith relations in Hertfordshire and Essex.

One attender has continued offering support to refugee families in Stansted. She has enjoyed the friendship of four families, three from Syria and one from Afghanistan.

We have continued to contribute articles with a Quaker theme to the local community magazine *The Link*, delivered monthly to every household in Stansted, and to the local newspaper, *Bishop's Stortford Independent*.

Bardfield Friends

The occasions on which there is ministry are more frequent than the silent times. Both are valuable and our “afterwords” time can often be regarded as a continuation of ministry – more like “worship sharing” than a discussion. We all feel that the spiritual life of our Meeting is at the centre of what we are.

In January we welcomed years 5 and 6 from Great Bardfield Primary School who came to learn more about Quakerism and the Smith family whose contribution to Bardfield community life was significant. Our Friend Angela was the last representative of the family to be part of our Meeting. They were asked how the Meeting House differed from the Parish Church. We got the expected answers but had not thought before that one difference was that we have curtains at our windows!

In March we hosted the World Day of Prayer Service again for the first time after the pandemic.

The outside of our Meeting House has now been painted and the garden is kept in good shape by our gardener. The work we did last year under the yew tree has allowed an interesting variety of native wildflowers to emerge, although the bulbs we planted in the Autumn of 2020 have yet to spread to any great extent.

Hirers are returning including the Heart Song group. Hugh Belsey uses the meeting house for art lectures and a new group of musicians now practice there regularly and invited us to attend their first band concert.

We were delighted when Flora, one of our attenders (who has since applied for membership) held the prize-giving for the Jubilee window competition at the Meeting House. The garden was filled with local people and in true Quaker style everyone who had entered was awarded a prize.

Our numbers are small and occasionally we are obliged to leave a notice on the gate saying there will be no Meeting for Worship that day, but by forward planning we can almost always make sure that at least one of us can be there to open up and welcome any visitors. It is a pleasant surprise when someone from the AM or further afield joins us. We are not struggling to keep going but instead rejoice on the days when all of us meet together. We are in good heart.

Dunmow Friends

While a very small meeting, Dunmow Friends have continued to uphold each other in their weekly meetings. In addition to

routine gardening, we have completed some maintenance work during the year: gutter clearance, the replacement of one of the toilets and the repair of one of the outside drains damaged as a result of tree roots 'invading' from an adjacent property.

2022 was a difficult year for Wrens the pre-school nursery which rents our meeting house. Jane, their day-to-day manager, died very suddenly and unexpectedly of a heart attack while on holiday in St Lucia just a few days after her 60th birthday. With our agreement, the nursery has installed a bench in her memory in the front garden. Sadly the nursery continues to experience financial difficulties which may force its closure unless student numbers increase.

On a more cheerful front, we have been heartened to have a number of visitors joining us at Meeting for Worship since the start of the year. Two of our attenders also continue to attend.

PUBLIC BENEFIT

Following the pandemic, our meeting houses have now fully re-opened for public worship as well as supporting local community activities through meeting house lettings.

SUSTAINABILITY

As well as meeting in person, we have continued to use Zoom and blended meetings where possible, thus helping to limit our carbon footprint by reducing the need to travel.

Where possible we continue in our efforts to reduce our carbon footprint including, for example, Stansted Friends buying energy from renewable sources including a biogas component and Saffron Walden and Bardfield Friends having contracts for green energy supply. Individual Friends remain active in local sustainability initiatives.

SAFEGUARDING

Following Area Meeting's adoption in December 2021 of the BYM Safeguarding Policy and Safeguarding procedures/toolkit, a safeguarding subgroup was approved by AM, to undertake to review and monitor safeguarding matters across all meetings.

Heather Kent was appointed as a trustee in June 2022, and confirmed in her role as AM Safeguarding Co-ordinator from that

date. She is also a member of the National Safeguarding Forum for Quakers.

The subgroup has met on five occasions via zoom, and engaged with aspects of the AM Safeguarding Policy and Procedures. Initial focus has been on:

- DBS matters, including the appointment of an AM DBS Verifier which AM confirmed in June 2022.
- Record keeping, safe storage and qualified/limited access.
- Training via 31:8 online courses for roles deemed as 'essential' under the procedures – Safeguarding Co-ordinator; Clerk to Trustees; DBS Verifier; Pastoral Friends working with children and young adults and adults at risk. The courses have been paid by AM.
- Safer Appointments, including using/adapting the suggested BYM procedure for the appointment of a Trustee and the preparation of Role Descriptions (deemed as essential under the Safeguarding Procedure) for all the notified forthcoming AM appointments.

The subgroup members have been circulated with BYM updates on safeguarding matters throughout the year.

No safeguarding matters/concerns have been notified for 2022.

TRUSTEES AIMS FOR 2023

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.

We will continue to support the practical and spiritual life of our local meetings as well as making sure we have robust safeguarding arrangements in place across our Area Meeting. In doing so, we will be mindful of some of the areas in which current advice on best practice doesn't accord with our spirit led tradition. We will continue to be open to advice and compromise. Trustees will also explore how AM's nominations process can apply safer appointments practice.

We will provide support to Area Meeting as it seeks to discern the way forward for the long-term future use of 2 Springhill Road and

the associated allotment, taking into account legal advice and the wishes of local meetings.

We will continue to support the work of our Local Development Worker and consider ways of working more closely with area meetings across East Anglia.

Jonathan Morrell - Clerk.
2023

May

APPENDIX A

Thaxted Area Meeting Reserves December 2022

At the end of 2022 the Area Meeting reserves were:

	Deposits (£)	Investments (£)	Total (£)	
Current Account				
MSM Account (restricted): 0	13 600	30 100	43 700	
Area Meeting 100	27 500	12 900	40 400	3
S Walden : 900	36 300		36 300	8
Stansted 100		48 500	48 500	14
Dunmow 300	2 900	18 100	21 000	5
Bardfield 800				5
Total (excluding Springhill Rd) 100	66 700	79 500	146 200	34

£9 000 was withdrawn from Saffron Walden Reserves in 2022; The value of the existing investments has decreased so the total value has fallen by £13 000 this year.

Restricted Reserves (MSM) are treated separately.

Unrestricted Reserves total: £183 400

For historic buildings it is recommend that 2% of the insured value is kept in reserves

Excluding Springhill Road the insured value of the AMs property is 4 600 000.

2% of this is 92 000; 3% would be £138 000

Stansted also has £15 000 on long term loan to Green Pastures.

Likely expenditure not covered from current income is:

Dunmow: £15 000 for central heating

Saffron Walden: some thousands dealing with the damp cellar in 69a
£50-60 000 replacing heating system in the next 10 years

Suggested Format for Reserves:

Meeting	Unforeseen Emergency 2% valuation	Uncertain Income 2 months	Expected Commitment	Uneven Cash Flow	Total Required	Actual
Bardfield	11 800	1 000			12 800	5 800
Dunmow	10 500	1 000	15 000 (central heating)		11 500	26 300
Saffron Walden	47 500 69 8 800 69a 5 800	11 600	In due course 55000 (Heating)		59 100 8 800 5 800	45 200
Stansted	3% 10 900	1 800			12 700	62 600
Area Meeting	0	1 000	0	4 000	5 000	43 500
Total	95 300	16 400	70 000		115 700	183 400

RELIGIOUS SOCIETY OF FRIENDS (QUAKERS)



THAXTED AREA MEETING

Annual Accounts for the year ending 31 December 2022

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.

As 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.

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

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

Margaret Somerville, 54 Glebe Avenue, Braintree, Essex, CM7 4SR

Meeting House Addresses

Bardfield Friends Meeting House, Brook Street, Great Bardfield, Essex, CM7 4SR

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 2022:

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

Jane Mitchell, 8 Bartholomew Road, Bishops Stortford, Herts, CM23 3TR

Karl Gibbs, 69a High Street, Saffron Walden, Essex, CB10 1AA

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 year by the Methodist Insurance Company. The contents of the Meeting Houses are written off at purchase.

Reserves.

The Reserves are a little less, primarily due to a drop in the values of investments. 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 2022, 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.



Name: Amanda Prentice

Address: Bentens, Abbey House, 51 High Street, Saffron Walden, Essex, CB10 1AF

**THAXTED AREA MEETING
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
PERIOD 1 JANUARY - 31 DECEMBER 2022**

	TOTAL UN- RESTRICTED FUNDS	PRIOR YEAR TOTAL FUNDS
Income and endowments from		
Donations and legacies	34082	49553
Income from charitable activities	51688	22740
Investments	1858	1538
Other	130	24121
	87758	97952
 Expenditure		
Raising funds		
Expenditure on charitable activities	50200	1510
Other expenditure	49582	52613
		56243
Total expenditure	99782	110366
 Excess income over expenditure	(12024)	(24763)
 Gains/losses on investments	(15946)	4596
 Net income/expenditure	(27970)	(7818)
 Other recognised gains/losses		
Gains on revaluations	1276125	4555
 Net movement in funds	1248155	(3263)
 Total fixed assets b/fwd	3589965	3589965
Total other funds b/fwd	268053	271273
Total b/fwd	3857978	3861238
 Total c/fwd	5106133	385975

**THAXTED AREA MEETING
BALANCE SHEET - DETAILED
PERIOD 1 JANUARY - 31 DECEMBER 2022**

	As at 31/12/2022	As at 31/12/2021
Fixed Assets		
Saffron Walden Meeting House	2375212	1824639
Stansted Meeting House	361653	189902
Bardfield Meeting House	588452	363059
Dunmow Meeting House	527155	329545
69A High Street (Warden's House)	290584	230000
69 High Street	439935	369721
2 Springhill Road	283099	283099
Total Fixed Assets	<u>4866090</u>	<u>3589965</u>

Current Assets**Designated**

Co-op Account Saffron Walden	8924	4858
Barclays Saffron Walden	-	816
COIF Deposit account Saffron Walden	10372	4344
COIF Investment Fund Accumulation Units	26037	45106
MSM Account Springhill Road Barclays	101	44
MSM COIF Deposit Account	13614	13482
Smith & Nephew MSM Shares	30140	34524
Co-op Account Thaxted Area Meeting	3087	2372
AM COIF Deposit Account	6588	6525
M&G Charibond Units AM	940	1052
BMO Units AM	12042	14199
AM COIF Accumulation Units	20962	23214
Dunmow Business Investor	-	5146
Dunmow Treasurers Trust Account	-	2897
Dunmow Friends Provident/BSO Investment	18150	21186
Dunmow Petty Cash	34	37
Dunmow Co-op Account	5382	-
Bardfield Co-op Bank	3087	2486
Bardfield Triodos Bank	2882	2880
Stansted Barclays Account	14191	19333
Stansted CAF Fixed Interest Investment	48509	48509
Stansted Green Pastures	15000	15000
Total Current Assets	240043	268011
Net Asset surplus (Deficit)	5106133	3857975

RESERVES

Excess/deficit in period	(12024)	(12414)
Starting balances	3857975	3861238
Other gains/(losses) in the period	(15946)	4596
Gains/(losses) on revaluation of fixed assets	1276125	4555
Rounding diff	3	-
	<u>5106133</u>	<u>3857975</u>

Analysis of income and expenditure
Selected period: 01 January 2022 to 31 December 2022

	Unrestricted	Designated	Restricted	Endowment	This year	Total Last year
Income and endowments						
Donations and legacies						
200 - Donations via LM	—	15,665.13 ✓	—	—	15,665.13	15,341.24
201 - Collections	—	10,692.00 ✓	—	—	10,692.00	12,741.00
202 - Gift Aid Reclaim	—	5,835.00 ✓	—	—	5,835.00	6,000.33
504 - Legacy to AM	—	—	—	—	—	2,500.00
631 - Bardfield Contributions Gift Aidable	—	1,105.00 ✓	—	—	1,105.00	795.00
632 - Bardfield Contributions not Gift Aidable	—	295.00 ✓	—	—	295.00	225.00
701 - Dunmow Contributions	—	490.00 ✓	—	—	490.00	785.00
901 - Stansted Legacy	—	—	—	—	—	1,000.00
902 - Stansted Uttlesford Grant	—	—	—	—	—	10,000.00
903 - Stansted Donations to LM	—	—	—	—	—	100.00
904 - Stansted Collections	—	—	—	—	—	65.00
Donations and legacies Totals	—	34,082.13	—	—	34,082.13	49,552.57
Income from charitable activities						
203 - Lettings	—	19,054.00 ✓	—	—	19,054.00	3,226.00
204 - 69 High Street Rent	—	12,134.66 ✓	—	—	12,134.66	4,823.24
500 - Contributions from LMs	—	1,890.00 ✓	—	—	1,890.00	1,575.00
501 - Dividends Thaxted AM	—	— ✓	—	—	—	265.41
503 - Balance from Regional Gathering	—	—	—	—	—	69.13
560 - Rent, 2 Springhill Road	—	9,000.00 ✓	—	—	9,000.00	9,000.00
633 - Bardfield Hirings	—	1,815.00 ✓	—	—	1,815.00	320.00
634 - Bardfield Opus compensation	—	—	—	—	—	60.00
635 - Bardfield Quaker Activities	—	—	—	—	—	5.00
702 - Dunmow Hirings	—	600.00 ✓	—	—	600.00	1,400.00
705 - Dunmow payments from Wrens for Electricity	—	222.27 ✓	—	—	222.27	661.24
906 - Stansted Lettings	—	6,972.00 ✓	—	—	6,972.00	1,335.00
Income from charitable activities Totals	—	51,687.93	—	—	51,687.93	22,740.02
Investments						
190 - Interest SW COIF Deposit Account	—	26.42 ✓	—	—	26.42	0.62
Dividends Thaxted AM	—	386.10	—	—	386.10	
561 - Dividend Smith & Nephew	—	857.89 ✓	—	—	857.89	743.09
562 - MSM CCLA Deposit Account Interest	—	131.54 ✓	—	—	131.54	1.62
630 - Bardfield Triodos Interest	—	2.04 ✓	—	—	2.04	2.37
703 - Dunmow Business Investor Interest	—	3.59 ✓	—	—	3.59	5.88
704 - Dunmow Treasurers Trust A/c Interest	—	1.61 ✓	—	—	1.61	4.35
905 - Stansted COIF Income	—	—	—	—	—	329.26
907 - Green Pastures Investment Income	—	450.00 ✓	—	—	450.00	450.00
Investments Totals	—	1,859.19	—	—	1,859.19	1,537.99

	Unrestricted	Designated	Restricted	Endowment	Total	
					This year	Last year
Other income						
205 - The Friend (Repayments)	—	130.00 ✓	—	—	130.00	274.00
206 - HMRC Furlough Grant	—	—	—	—	—	11,847.28
207 - Government Covid-19 Grant (via Uttlesford)	—	—	—	—	—	12,000.00
800 - Increase in Property Value	—	—	—	—	—	—
Other income Totals	—	130.00	—	—	130.00	24,121.28
Income and endowments	—	877.58	—	—	877.58	97,951.86
Grand totals						

Expenditure

Raising funds

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

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Expenditure on charitable activities

301 - Donations to BYM	—	15,237.50	—	—	15,237.50	17,042.50
302 - Donations to Quaker Charities	—	8,157.50	—	—	8,157.50	8,046.50
303 - Donations to non Quaker Charities	—	2,525.00	—	—	2,525.00	2,350.00
304 - Grants agreed by Local Meeting	—	100.00	—	—	100.00	100.00
323 - Courses & Conferences SW Friends	—	—	—	—	—	255.98
325 - Annual Contribution to Thaxted AM	—	1,080.00	—	—	1,080.00	900.00
327 - Annual Subscriptions eg Churches Together	—	225.00	—	—	225.00	298.75
550 - Courses and Conferences Thaxted AM	—	402.00	—	—	402.00	279.97
551 - Child Protection Fee	—	129.00	—	—	129.00	129.00
552 - Examination of Accounts	—	780.00	—	—	780.00	660.00
553 - AM Officer & Trustee Expenses	—	108.37	—	—	108.37	100.18
554 - Annual Subs Living Wage, QICJ	—	142.00	—	—	142.00	142.00
555 - Fees for advice for Charity Registration	—	—	—	—	—	4,700.00
556 - Membership Secretary	—	—	—	—	—	94.88
557 - Bardfield Meeting House	—	—	—	—	—	1,622.60
558 - AM Notices in The Friend	—	—	—	—	—	35.83
592 - Grants to Young Friends	—	1,150.00	—	—	1,150.00	795.50
594 - Grant to Greenwood Trust	—	1,000.00	—	—	1,000.00	—
595 - Grants to Quaker Educational Bodies	—	5,600.00	—	—	5,600.00	6,950.00
597 - Springhill Road	—	—	—	—	—	—
640 - Bardfield Cleaner	—	590.00	—	—	590.00	150.00
641 - Bardfield Cleaning Materials	—	9.01	—	—	9.01	0.90
642 - Bardfield Fire and windows maintenance	—	94.00	—	—	94.00	52.20
643 - Bardfield Electricity	—	500.78	—	—	500.78	91.08
644 - Bardfield Water	—	163.42	—	—	163.42	160.13
645 - Bardfield Gardener	—	370.00	—	—	370.00	240.00
646 - Bardfield Insurance	—	796.52	—	—	796.52	710.32
647 - Bardfield contribution to AM	—	90.00	—	—	90.00	75.00
648 - Bardfield Catering	—	—	—	—	—	67.29
649 - Bardfield Maintenance & Purchases	—	—	—	—	—	—
751 - Dunmow Water	—	273.52	—	—	273.52	239.08
752 - Dunmow Electricity	—	1,323.71	—	—	1,323.71	1,256.10

	Unrestricted	Designated	Restricted	Endowment	Total	
					This year	Last year
756 - Dunmow Miscellaneous	—	3.60	—	—	3.60	7.65
757 - Dunmow Insurance	—	715.24	—	—	715.24	639.58
758 - Dunmow Contribution to AM	—	360.00	—	—	360.00	300.00
953 - Stansted Repairs and Maintenance	—	1,461.67	—	—	1,461.67	260.20
957 - Stansted Contribution to Area Meeting	—	360.00	—	—	360.00	300.00
958 - Stansted Contribution to BYM	—	2,090.00	—	—	2,090.00	90.00
959 - Stansted Donations	—	3,017.69	—	—	3,017.69	1,272.00
962 - Stansted Furniture & equipment	—	39.99	—	—	39.99	—
Expenditure on charitable activities Totals	—	50,201.04	—	—	50,201.04	52,612.86
Other expenditure						
300 - Warden Wages	—	22,196.23	—	—	22,196.23	20,665.63
305 - Insurance Saffron Walden LM	—	2,734.96	—	—	2,734.96	2,093.83
306 - Repairs and Maintenance Meeting House	—	1,390.80	—	—	1,390.80	7,277.54
307 - Repairs and Maintenance 69A	—	677.23	—	—	677.23	4,791.78
308 - Equipment	—	241.97	—	—	241.97	4,797.57
309 - Garden	—	2,360.30	—	—	2,360.30	522.50
310 - Electricity	—	5,437.32	—	—	5,437.32	3,227.02
311 - Water/Sewerage	—	884.42	—	—	884.42	588.81
312 - Council Tax	—	2,485.89	—	—	2,485.89	2,391.91
314 - Cleaning Materials	—	484.59	—	—	484.59	132.47
315 - Catering	—	33.66	—	—	33.66	31.95
316 - Publicity inc Newsletter, outreach	—	476.08	—	—	476.08	225.17
317 - Parking Permits	—	84.00	—	—	84.00	293.00
318 - Bookkeeper charge	—	300.00	—	—	300.00	550.00
319 - Website and Zoom	—	584.12	—	—	584.12	550.48
320 - Internet inc licenses, not zoom	—	532.09	—	—	532.09	522.86
321 - The Friend	—	219.00	—	—	219.00	414.00
324 - Window Cleaning	—	360.00	—	—	360.00	300.00
326 - Stationary & Postage	—	78.59	—	—	78.59	154.36
328 - Telephone	—	—	—	—	—	210.00
329 - Gravestones	—	—	—	—	—	360.00
330 - Plaques	—	374.97	—	—	374.97	—
590 - Springhill Road Insurance	—	273.06	—	—	273.06	255.35
591 - Springhill Road Repairs and Maintenance	—	1,328.00	—	—	1,328.00	462.00
593 - Springhill Road, Electrical Work	—	—	—	—	—	1,236.00
596 - Springhill Rad Garden	—	450.00	—	—	450.00	—
951 - Stansted Cleaner	—	1,651.00	—	—	1,651.00	998.00
952 - Stansted Materials & Supplies	—	122.64	—	—	122.64	198.81
954 - Stansted Water & Sewage	—	343.61	—	—	343.61	218.16
955 - Stansted Gas, electricity, wifi	—	1,613.68	—	—	1,613.68	1,443.13
956 - Stansted Insurance	—	512.18	—	—	512.18	480.25
960 - Stansted other costs of Quaker activities	—	477.00	—	—	477.00	378.00
961 - Stansted Gardener	—	875.00	—	—	875.00	472.50
Other expenditure Totals	—	49,582.39	—	—	49,582.39	56,243.08
Expenditure Grand totals	—	99,783.43	—	—	99,783.43	110,365.40

Thaxted Area Meeting
Statement of Assets and Liabilities (by code)
As at: 31 December 2022

Class and nominal code	General	Designated	Restricted	Endowment	Total	Last year
Fixed assets - Heritage assets						
001 : Saffron Walden Meeting House	—	2,375,212.00	—	—	2,375,212.00	1,824,639.00
002 : Stansted Meeting House	—	361,653.00	—	—	361,653.00	189,902.00
003 : Bardfield Meeting House	—	588,452.00	—	—	588,452.00	363,059.00
004 : Dunmow Meeting House	—	527,155.00	—	—	527,155.00	329,545.00
Total	—	3,852,472.00	—	—	3,852,472.00	2,707,145.00
Fixed assets - Tangible assets						
005 : 69A High Street (Wardens House)	—	290,584.00	—	—	290,584.00	230,000.00
006 : 69 High Street	—	439,935.00	—	—	439,935.00	369,721.00
007 : 2 Springhill Road	—	283,099.20	—	—	283,099.20	283,099.20
Total	—	1,013,618.20	—	—	1,013,618.20	882,820.20
Current assets - Cash at bank and in hand						
100 : Co-op Account Saffron Walden	—	8,924.07	—	—	8,924.07	4,858.41
103 : Barclays Saffron Walden	—	—	—	—	—	816.09
250 : MSM Account Springhill Road Barclays	—	101.07	—	—	101.07	44.24
350 : Co-op Account Thaxted Area Meeting	—	3,086.79	—	—	3,086.79	2,372.06
770 : Dunmow Business Investor	—	—	—	—	—	5,146.06
771 : Dunmow Treasurers Trust Account	—	—	—	—	—	2,896.72
773 : Dunmow Petty Cash	—	33.89	—	—	33.89	37.49
774 : Dunmow Co-op Account	—	5,382.26	—	—	5,382.26	—
870 : Bardfield Co-op bank	—	3,087.49	—	—	3,087.49	2,486.22
871 : Bardfield Triodos Bank	—	2,881.57	—	—	2,881.57	2,879.53
970 : Stansted Barclays Account	—	14,190.95	—	—	14,190.95	19,333.41
Total	—	37,688.09	—	—	37,688.09	40,870.23
Current assets - Investments						
104 : COIF Deposit Account S Walden	—	10,372.29	—	—	10,372.29	4,343.91
105 : COIF Investment Fund Accumulation Units	—	26,037.06	—	—	26,037.06	45,105.81
251 : MSM COIF Deposit Account	—	13,613.88	—	—	13,613.88	13,482.34
252 : Smith & Nephew MSM Shares	—	30,140.00	—	—	30,140.00	34,524.00

Class and nominal code	General	Designated	Restricted	Endowment	Total	Last year
351 : AM COIF deposit Account	—	6,588.22	—	—	6,588.22	6,524.56
352 : M & G Charibond Units AM	—	940.13	—	—	940.13	1,051.76
353 : BMO Units AM	—	12,042.34	—	—	12,042.34	14,198.92
354 : AM COIF Accumulation Units	—	20,961.59	—	—	20,961.59	23,213.80
772 : Dunmow Friends Provident/BSO Investment	—	18,149.69	—	—	18,149.69	21,186.19
971 : Stansted CAF Fixed Interest Investment	—	48,509.31	—	—	48,509.31	48,509.31
972 : Stansted Green Pastures	—	15,000.00	—	—	15,000.00	15,000.00
Total	—	202,354.51	—	—	202,354.51	227,140.60
Net total assets	—	5,106,132.80	—	—	5,106,132.80	3,857,976.03
Represented by						
Designated - AM	—	(1,432.26)	—	—	(1,432.26)	2,372.06
Designated - AMAcc	—	23,213.80	—	—	23,213.80	23,213.80
Designated - AMDep	—	6,590.18	—	—	6,590.18	6,524.56
Designated - BMO	—	14,222.98	—	—	14,222.98	14,198.92
Designated - Bardfield	—	594,421.06	—	—	594,421.06	368,424.75
Designated - Dunmow	—	550,720.84	—	—	550,720.84	358,811.46
Designated - MSM	—	278,970.19	—	—	278,970.19	283,165.82
Designated - MSMDep	—	13,482.34	—	—	13,482.34	13,482.34
Designated - MandG	—	1,026.33	—	—	1,026.33	1,051.76
Designated - SWLM	—	3,151,062.46	—	—	3,151,062.46	2,479,484.22
Designated - SmithNeph	—	34,524.00	—	—	34,524.00	34,524.00
Designated - Stansted	—	439,353.26	—	—	439,353.26	272,744.72
Designated - ZPension	—	(22.38)	—	—	(22.38)	(22.38)
Total	—	5,106,132.80	—	—	5,106,132.80	3,857,976.03

Notes to the Accounts

Trustee Remuneration

Trustees were not remunerated.

Trustee Expenses

The only expenses claimed by the Trustees were £37.49 for computer ink and paper purchased by the clerk and £5 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 under "Grants agreed by Local Meeting".

Report of the Independent Examiner

I report on the consolidated accounts of Thaxted Area Quaker Meeting for the year ended 31 December 2022, 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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