

Trustees Annual Report and Accounts East Kent Area Meeting, 2025

Annual report and accounts for the year ended 31st December 2025

Charity name: East Kent Area Quaker Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends (Quakers) in Britain (the Area Meeting).

Registration number: 1210610.

Principal Office: The address to use for Trustees is Clerk of Trustees, c/o Friends Meeting House, 6 The Friars, Canterbury, CT1 2AS.

Names of Trustees who served during the year and at report date (March 2026):

George Conyne (from 20 November 2021)

Eleanor Brooks (to 17 September 2025)

Dorothy Douse (to 17 September 2025)

Caroline Howden (to 17 September 2025)

Stephen Jewell (from 15 November 2025)

Tim Landsman (ex officio from January 2024)

Phil Laurie (from 15 November 2025)

Jeffrey Loffman (from 17 January 2026)

Hugh Miall (ex officio from January 2024)

Jane Short (from January 2025, Clerk from 17 January 2026)

Key officers in the Area Meeting at the time of writing (March 2026):

Co-Clerks of Area Meeting: Rose John, Danny Chesterman, Terry Wood, Liz Cooper

Co-Treasurers: Tim Landsman and Hugh Miall (from January 2024)

Bankers and Investments

Lloyds Bank Ltd, 25 Gresham Street, London EC2V 7HN.

Triodos Bank: Deanery Road, Bristol BS1 5AS

COIF Charities Ethical Investment Fund, CCLA, London EC4V 4ET

Independent Examiner:

For 2025 accounts:

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Nominee owner of property: Friends Trusts Limited, Friends House, 173 Euston Road, London NW1 2BJ (Company Number 188362, Registered Charity Number 237698)

Structure, governance, and management

A Governing Document was adopted on 17 November 2007 by Minute 4 of East Kent Area Quaker Meeting. It was revised by Minute 6(c) of East Kent Area Quaker Meeting on 21 May 2022. This added a provision for meetings to take place by zoom. The spiritual aspect of our structure and governance is set out in *Quaker faith and practice*, published by Britain Yearly Meeting.

Statement of public benefit

The trustees confirm that we have had due regard to public benefit guidance published by the Charity Commission and are guided by Quaker values as outlined below.

Charitable objectives

The object of East Kent Area Meeting is the furtherance of the general religious and charitable purposes of the Religious Society of Friends (Quakers) in Britain in East Kent Area Meeting and beyond. These purposes are explained more fully in a document called '*Our faith in the future*', approved by Quakers in Britain in September 2015 <https://www.quaker.org.uk/our-organisation/meeting-for-sufferings/our-faith-in-the-future>

To achieve these objectives, East Kent Quaker Area Meeting and its associated local meetings base their religious and charitable activities on the following themes.

- Meeting for Worship is the bedrock of living as a Quaker
- Quaker communities are loving, inclusive and all-age
- All Friends understand and live by Quaker discipline
- Quaker values are active in the world

- Quakers work collaboratively
- Quakers are well known and widely understood.

Meeting for Worship is the bedrock of living as a Quaker.

For many years, in-person Meetings for Worship, open to the public, have been held twice weekly by our larger local meeting (Canterbury), and weekly and monthly by our other three local meetings (Ashford and Folkstone, Faversham and Broadstairs).

In 2025 East Kent Area Meeting attracted a wider range of worshippers and increased the number of Meetings for Worship including an additional Meeting on Saturday afternoons in Broadstairs. During the year we have established twice monthly Meetings for worship in Deal, attracting attenders who are unable to travel to larger meetings.

Several of our Meetings for Worship are also held online, extending opportunities for worship to include sick, elderly and disabled Friends and those living abroad.

Quaker communities are loving, inclusive and all-age

During the year East Kent Area Meeting has made a concerted effort to attract younger attenders with their parents. In September we held an open house event in Canterbury to celebrate Heritage Day with a number of activities for children. We have been particularly mindful of safeguarding issues in this respect and have revised and published our safeguarding processes.



Tea by the sea 2025 - hosted by local Canterbury Friends.

All Friends understand and live by Quaker discipline

During 2025 Trustees visited all our local meetings to explain the role of trustees and their relationship with the meetings and Britain Yearly Meeting. Reference was made to Quaker Faith and Practice, Chapter 15 for those who wished to explore in more detail. We hope that a deeper understanding of the role of trustees may encourage more Members to be willing to enter this form of service.

Meetings for Learning on topics related to Quaker values were held in local meetings on a regular basis

Quaker values are active in the world

Members and attenders of East Kent Area have upheld the Quaker testimonies of peace, equality and sustainability by participating in vigils for peace and demonstrations for equality and the right to campaign. We are also active in climate change and sustainability groups in Kent.

Quakers work collaboratively

East Kent Quaker Meeting houses are available for hire by community groups and charities at fair rates. During 2025 East Kent Area Friends collaborated with a local charity to welcome and support a refugee family selected under the UK Resettlement Scheme. The family moved into a house purchased by East Kent Area Meeting to house refugees under the Safe Haven project.

Recruitment, appointment, and activities of Trustees

Trustees are appointed by Area Meeting following nomination by East Kent Area Meeting Nominations Committee. The Trustees nominate one of their number to be Clerk to Trustees and the appointment is made by Area Meeting. The Area Meeting Treasurer is appointed by Area Meeting following nomination by East Kent Area Meeting Nominations Committee. The Area Meeting Treasurer is appointed a Trustee *ex-officio*.

Trustees met six times during the year. Their work included the following:

- We continued to oversee the Safe Haven project during the refurbishment and furnishing of the property purchased in 2023. The construction work included: removal of asbestos and repairs and insulation to the roof of the house, re-plastering water damaged walls, replacement of the heating system and fitting an accessible bathroom. The work was completed within budget and the proposed time frame.
- As Trustees, we signed an agreement with a local property management agent to collect rent and arrange maintenance of the property.
- We received monthly progress reports from The Safe Haven project group.
- The AM Finance Committee met regularly and drafted a five-year strategy for the Building Fund to be presented to Area Meeting.
- We appointed Rev Alan Clements as Independent Examiner for the 2025 account.
- To comply with our policy of ethical investment, we transferred the Philcott endowment funds to a Churches, Charities and Local Authorities (CCLA) Ethical Investment Fund.
- Working with Local Meeting premises committees, we approved expenditures to maintain, repair and upgrade our three Meeting Houses.
- We appointed Adkins surveyors to carry out the quinquennial inspections on our Meeting Houses in 2026. We will ensure that the inspections assess the sustainability of our Meeting Houses.
- We completed the revised Memoranda of Understanding (MoUs) between AM and the Local Meetings. These were approved by Area Meeting in on 15 November.
- With the aim of informing and encouraging East Kent Friends to serve as trustees, we completed a written role description of Trustee duties and invited individuals to attend Trustee meetings.
- We approved revised policies on Internal Financial Controls, Data Protection, Health and Safety and Safeguarding.
- We adopted Britain Yearly Meeting Employment policies, which include: Equality and Diversity, Bullying and Harassment, Workforce Data Protection and Whistleblowing.
- We received reports from the South East Quaker Working Group, which is studying the feasibility of a structure of Quaker Governance that would span several Area Meetings. We begin to have more clarity as to the objectives of this proposed amalgamation of Area Meetings and look forward to further discernment on creating common Trustees, policies, accounting frameworks and reserves in the future.

Detailed reports from each of our local meetings and the Safe Haven project continue below

THE LIFE AND WORK OF EAST KENT MEETINGS IN 2025

ASHFORD AND FOLKESTONE

THE LIFE AND WORK OF OUR MEETING IN 2025

Meeting for worship is the bedrock of living as a Quaker. We have held meetings for each Sunday in Ashford Meeting House. Usually about ten or twelve people from the Ashford and Folkestone areas are present.

Meetings have also been held in the Folkestone area in the houses of Friends.

Quaker communities are loving, inclusive and all age. During the year we remained in touch with members of our meeting based abroad, and heard letters from some of them at our programmed meeting in December.

We have provided for the pastoral care of members and attenders in our meeting. Our elder pastoral carers have met regularly to plan meetings for learning and to review our pastoral clusters. We held a bring-and-share lunch with barbecue on 10 August.

All Friends understand and live by Quaker discipline. We have held meetings for learning on the first Sunday of alternate months throughout the year: subjects have included our peace testimony, the Ecochurch initiative, and a viewing of the Swarthmore lecture. In March we held an awayday in Ashford for LM members and attenders, facilitated by our local development group which helped us to get to know one another “in the things which are eternal”. In October we held a very successful day workshop for East Kent AM led by The Kindlers, on the theme “Exploring Quaker Spirituality”.

Quakers are well known and widely understood. We have welcomed enquirers and attenders to our meeting. We have held monthly coffee mornings at a hotel in Folkestone, to which enquirers are invited. In May we held an outreach coffee morning in Ashford Meeting House: despite the fact that we advertised it, it did not attract immediate interest from many outside the Society of Friends. However, we welcomed some members of our LM whom we had not seen for some time. In July we welcomed members of the Nepalese community in Ashford to our meeting, and heard from them about something of their beliefs and customs.

We have maintained our meeting house and garden as a place for public worship and for the use of community organisations.

Quakers work collaboratively. We collect money after each meeting for worship to donate to a different charity each month. We aim to give to non-Quaker as well as to Quaker charities.

BROADSTAIRS AND DEAL

Meetings for Worship were held regularly each Sunday all year with up to fifty attending. A passage from Advices & Queries was read on the first of each month. In addition, since April meeting for worship has been held on Saturday afternoons with a smaller number of friends attending but a number of first-time attenders. Meetings at Broadstairs is often completely silent but friends appreciate the quiet and the friendship exchange afterwards. Friends vary widely in age. As we do not hold a children's meeting we have made a child friendly area in the meeting room; so far only one child has attended, a young visitor from China.

Meeting for Worship in Deal was held on the second and fourth Sunday every month at the Golf Road Community Centre, with a reading from A & Q on the second Sunday. The number of attenders at Deal has stayed consistent.

Meetings for Business were held every other month. Less formal meetings of Friends have been held as needed (four times in 2025). Following a simple meeting with willing friends rather than nominating elders and pastoral friends continue to support the meeting's work.

Friends held meeting for worship in the chapel at Yoakley Retirement home twice in 2025.

Meetings for learning have continued to be held every two weeks discussing aspects of Quaker spirituality. These have been well attended, both by Broadstairs friends and those from other meetings.

Lunch on the lawn (a potluck lunch) was held in July. There was also a shared meal in January.

The meeting hosted AM in July giving us a chance to welcome members from other meetings.

Broadstairs meeting took part in the Friends of Kent Churches annual "Ride and Ride" on the second Saturday in September, with a Friend riding for the meeting, and friends welcoming participants in the Meeting house.

The Broadstairs meeting house is also a regular venue for other faith groups, community groups and classes, particularly for the U3A. Room hire is by suggested donation.

CANTERBURY

Introduction

2025 has been a successful year for Canterbury Local Meeting. We are a vibrant and joyful community with a sense of purpose in our worship and witness. We have shared our joys and sorrows, and had fun in our activities.

In July, recognising that we cannot do everything at once with limited resources, we agreed to focus on two areas of Our Faith in the Future – *Quaker communities are loving, inclusive and all-age* and *Quakers are well known and widely understood* for the rest of the year. In December we reviewed our progress. We agreed that our 2026 theme will be *Quaker values are active in the world*.

Meeting for worship is the bedrock of living as a Quaker.

We continued to hold blended meetings for worship on Sunday mornings, with attendance usually about thirty, sometimes higher, and children's meeting on the fourth Sunday of the month. The Thursday lunchtime meeting for worship was not blended and attracted about ten to fifteen worshippers. A safeguarding concern led us to restrict online attendance at our blended meetings for worship to existing members of the Quaker community in Kent.

Quaker communities are loving, inclusive and all-age.

Our community is gradually becoming more diverse, including in age, interests and ethnicity. Activities to strengthen our community included

- We held an all-age meeting for worship in which we made Lego and thought about what our Quaker community means to us. We held a 'traditional' meeting for worship in parallel for those who find it more comfortable.
- A meeting for learning led by our regional development worker on being a multigenerational worshipping community
- A Woodbrooke Where You Are workshop on developing our Quaker community
- Shared meals, with more provision for vegans and particular dietary needs.
- Supporting members who have been unable to attend meeting for worship through age and infirmity.
- Working as a team to prepare the Safe Haven house for occupation by a refugee family.

All Friends understand and live by Quaker discipline.

We held a series of Becoming Friends sessions for attenders. It was a small group; we keep trying to find the right format for this learning.

Two of our young Friends went to Young Friends General Meeting in October and found it supported their growth as Quakers.

Quaker values are active in the world. A member of the meeting concluded her period of service as an Ecumenical Accompanier in Palestine and Israel in February. This was followed up by events including a local meeting simple meal, reflection and worship-sharing on Gaza and talks to other faith groups.



Vigil for Peace in Canterbury - 2025

The meeting became an associate member of the Quiet Garden Movement and we opened our garden as a place of rest and refreshment for people attending Canterbury Pride. We have continued to work to improve the sustainability of our meeting, including Eco Church status.

Quakers work collaboratively.

We agreed to take action to witness for peace. We held three, well attended vigils for peace in Gaza in the Buttermarket during the year, in collaboration with other churches. Several people have witnessed for peace at events in London.



Walk of Witness – London 2025

Quakers are well known and widely understood. We put on a much-expanded exhibition and welcoming activity for Heritage Open Day and the Friends of Kent Churches Ride & Stride.

This built community within the team engaged with the event. They enjoyed inquiring conversations with the ninety visitors.

FAVERSHAM

Meeting for Worship is the bedrock of living as a Quaker

2025 has been a mixed year for Faversham Meeting. On one hand we have lost a few regular attenders (for diverse reasons) but on the other hand have attracted a steady trickle of new attenders who bring new energy and gifts. Faversham Quakers have met once a month on the 2nd Sunday of the month. We have an attendance of 97 for the year (an average of 8 people per Meeting). We experimented with 3 additional Wednesday evening meetings in the summer but attendance numbers were low and didn't cover cost so we have suspended this for now.

Quaker Communities are loving, inclusive and all age.

We had a meeting in a care home particularly for our Friend Mary Brookman. She was subsequently able to attend, with her sons, our Sunday meeting for worship in Faversham on a number of occasions. Faversham Quakers participate in a Quaker listening group across East Kent. We have a number of younger attenders (below 50) on a regular basis.

All Friends understand and live by Quaker discipline

Faversham Meeting fully supports a member who robustly brings his Quaker faith and concern for the ecological crisis into (peaceful) conflict with authority. We are actively supporting his request to undertake a Travelling Ministry. He was recently awarded the Quaker Truth and Integrity award. We ran a newcomer session for what it means to be a Quaker.

Quaker values are active in the world

Many members and attenders are involved individually in community activities. In recent political demonstrations, including a flag campaign, some Faversham Quakers have actively but peacefully opposed these.

We made a donation to Pilgrims Hospice in 2025 . Friends regularly give service in local charities.

Quakers work collaboratively

Faversham Meeting shares its administration through Willing Friends and a network of volunteers who undertake specific tasks. After our monthly meeting for worship we discuss business matters and pragmatically make decisions. Faversham hosted an area meeting in September. The meeting has links with the local interfaith community.

Quakers are well known and widely understood

Three Friends joined Westminster Meeting walkers at Chilham for their annual Kent walk.

A member of our meeting undertook a pilgrimage to Winchester staying at various locations on route with other members of Faversham meeting joining this pilgrimage for a short time.

Faversham Meeting 26/02/2026

SAFE HAVEN

During 2025 we reached a milestone in the evolution of the Safe Haven project, which was first proposed in 2022. Over the three months from January to March 2025 the house was refurbished and adapted to meet the needs of a refugee family that included a member with limited mobility.

Thanks to all those who donated materially, financially, with their practical skills and spiritual support, the house was fully equipped and furnished by July, The project demonstrated how effectively Quakers put their faith into action and work with the community .

Our partners in the project, Canterbury Welcomes Refugees, successfully sponsored a suitable family through the Community Sponsorship pathway in the UK Resettlement Scheme, funded by the Home Office.

The family arrived in the UK on 19th August, when volunteers from Canterbury Welcomes Refugees met them at the airport and accompanied them to the house in Canterbury. The local Bruderhof Community generously provided transport.

Taking into account the composition of the family, we set the rent at a rate based on the housing element of Universal Credit and, under the guidance of Canterbury Welcomes Refugees, the family signed a renewable 1 year tenancy with a local estate agent,. The agency is responsible for managing and maintaining the property on behalf of East Kent Area Meeting, who are the legal landlords.

From this point CWR and their volunteers began to support the family in the process of settling in to their new life: opening bank and utility accounts, registering with doctors, claiming benefits, enrolling in English and Further Education classes and socialising informally.

Several Friends joined the CWR volunteer group and provided local meetings with updates and requests for support. The Safe Haven group continues to liaise with CWR, the estate agent, EKAM Trustees and Area Meeting.

We adopted a risk management plan to guard against the risk of rent arrears.

FINANCIAL REPORT AND ANNUAL ACCOUNTS

East Kent Area Meeting

1. Performance against our overall EKAM budget

We knew this would be an unusually expensive year with the Safe Haven refugee house refurbishment although the net deficit was only £72,000 instead of the £83,000 we had expected:

- Overall Income at £96,500 was £700 more than budgeted
- Overall Expenditure at £169,500 was £10,000 less than budgeted due to a combination of less new furniture and equipment than predicted and lower than expected administration and legal costs.

2. Despite the large annual deficit, EKAM overall still has enough money to meet the level of contingency funds that we like to hold in reserve, although the central funds at the end of year were £1,000 less than the target, due to the fall in value of its CCLA COIF investments

3. Safe Haven refurbishment

The Safe Haven project team has now spent the money they collected on refurbishing the house over the last few years and are now receiving an income from the letting.

4. Philcott Permanent Endowment Fund

The endowment capital has been managed in ethical investment funds by Craven Wealth Management for a number of years but during 2025, we were forced into transferring the investments that make up this fund as Craven Wealth decided our funds were too small for them to manage. The funds were moved into an ethical fund run by CCLA in the middle of the year and dividends have continued to be paid to Canterbury LM. The funds had performed well in the first half of the year under Craven Wealth and the level of dividends was higher than usual. Unfortunately, their value has fallen significantly under CCLA and ended the year 2% lower than the 2024 value. Note - During 2026, the value of the fund has since recovered to its original level.

5. Reserves for next few years

We are aware that each of the LM's have plans for significant building improvement during the next few years that will be paid for out of central funds as well as the unknown costs arising from the Quinquennial surveys to be carried out in 2026. To meet these costs we will need to raise the LM contributions for the next few years but even so are expecting our level of reserves to drop below the level required by our policy. We will plan to restore them by the end of 2028.

Overall Income and Expenditure EKAM 2025

All values in £, negative values in brackets, '-' = zero

	Total Unrestricted	Total restricted	Endowment Funds	Total 2025	Total 2024
Total Receipts	92,245	4,317		96,562	105,682
Total Payments	144,123	25,316		169,439	97,512
Asset sales					
Asset purchases					
Transfers In/Out (Net)					
Surplus/(Deficit) after transfers	(51,878)	(20,999)		(72,877)	8,169

EKAM Statement of assets and liabilities at 31/12/2025

	Total 31 Dec 2025	Total 31 Dec 2024
Cash funds		
Cash in hand	53	134
Current accounts	52,167	130,482
Savings accounts	132,797	119,108
Total cash funds	185,017	249,724
Other monetary assets		
COIF Income units AM funds	56,877	58,342
CCLA - Philcott Endowment capital	123,386	125,032
Total other assets	180,263	183,374
Total monetary assets	365,280	433,098

Full details can be found in the accompanying spreadsheet.

**Independent examiner's
report on the accounts**



**CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES**

Section A Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/ members of	<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> Charity Name East Kent Area Quaker Meeting. 1210610 </div>		
On accounts for the year ended	31 st . December 2025	On accounts for the year ended	
Set out on pages	One and two (remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)		

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31/12/2025. DD / MM / YYYY.

Responsibilities and basis of report	As the charity trustees of the Trust, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act"). I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed 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 which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act or the accounts do not accord with the accounting records <p>I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.</p>

Signed: *Alan A Clements* Signed: 12th May 2026

Name: Rev'd. Alan A. Clements

Relevant professional qualification(s) or body (if any): Fellow Association of Charity Independent Examiners

Address: 15 Carleton Road, Great Knowley, Chorley PR6 8TQ



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Charity Name	No (if any)
East Kent Area Quaker Meeting	1210610

Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period from	Period start date	To	Period end date
	01/01/2025		31/12/2025

Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Last year
	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Contributions and collections	41,063	-	-	41,063	31,275
Grants and legacies	-	-	-	-	27,306
Hiring rooms	45,459	-	-	45,459	37,130
Income from Quaker activities	75	-	-	75	60
Investment income	4,807	4,317	-	9,123	9,483
Other receipts	841	-	-	841	427
Sub total	92,245	4,317	-	96,562	105,682
A2 Asset and investment sales					
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	92,245	4,317	-	96,562	105,682
A3 Payments					
Quaker Activities	6,729	-	-	6,729	5,188
Grants and Donations Given	28,235	-	-	28,235	28,728
Premises Building & Garden	108,452	25,316	-	133,768	62,782
Other support costs	607	-	-	607	714
Costs of governance	100	-	-	100	100
Sub total	144,123	25,316	-	169,439	97,512
A4 Asset and investment purchases					
Safe Haven house	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	144,123	25,316	-	169,439	97,512
Net of receipts/(payments)	(51,878)	- 20,999	-	- 72,877	8,169
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	236,895	20,999	-	257,894	249,724
Cash funds this year end	185,017	-	-	185,017	257,894

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	Cash in Hand	53	-	-
	Current accounts	52,167	-	-
	Savings accounts	132,797	-	-
	Total cash funds (agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	185,017	-	-
		Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets	Details		-	
B3 Investment assets	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
	CCLA investments	56,877	-	123,386
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
	Meeting Houses		-	2,432,000
	Safe Haven house		-	260,000
	Kennington burial ground		-	-
B5 Liabilities	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
			-	

East Kent Area Quaker Meeting

2025 ACCOUNTS

Receipts and payments accounts for the year ended 31 December 2025 All in £, negative numbers in brackets

	Unrestricted Funds								Restricted Funds			Endowment Funds	Total Funds 2025	Total Funds 2024
	AM Central Fund	AM Building Fund	Ashford & Folkestone LM	Broadstairs LM	Canterbury LM	Faversham LM	Safehaven	Total Unrestricted	Safehaven	Philcott Endowment Income	Total restricted	Philcott Endowment Capital		
Our Cash funds at 1/01/2025	3,705	34,729	38,818	17,161	81,429	178	60,875	236,895	20,999		20,999		257,894	
Receipts														
Contributions and collections	530		6,234	4,272	21,187	511	8,328	41,063					41,063	31,275
Grants and legacies														27,306
Hiring rooms			15,221	2,256	19,981		8,002	45,459					45,459	37,130
Income from Quaker activities			75					75					75	60
Investment income	1,964		519	299	1,473		551	4,807		4,317	4,317		9,123	9,483
Other receipts			100		741			841					841	427
Total Receipts	2,494		22,049	6,928	43,383	511	16,880	92,245		4,317	4,317		96,562	105,682
Payments														
Quaker Activities	2,782		614	330	2,493	510		6,729					6,729	5,188
and Donations Given			7,135	3,600	17,375	125		28,235					28,235	28,728
as Building & Garden	2,163	7,083	14,117	2,614	14,167		68,307	108,452	20,999	4,317	25,316		133,768	62,782
Other support costs	208			60	159		180	607						714
Costs of governance	100							100						100
Total Payments	5,254	7,083	21,866	6,604	34,194	635	68,487	144,123	20,999	4,317	25,316		169,439	97,512
Asset sales														
Asset purchases														
Transfers In/Out (Net)	3,500	7,000	(2,750)	(1,210)	(12,040)		5,500							
Surplus/(Deficit) after transfers	740	(83)	(2,567)	(886)	(2,851)	(124)	(46,107)	(51,878)	(20,999)		(20,999)		(72,877)	8,169
Cash funds at 1/01/2025	3,705	34,729	38,818	17,161	81,429	178	60,875	236,895	20,999		20,999		257,894	249,724
Calculated Cash funds at 31/12/2025	4,446	34,646	36,251	16,274	78,578	53	14,768	185,017					185,017	257,894

Statement of assets and liabilities at 31/12/2025

	AM Central funds		Ashford & Folkestone LM	Broadstairs LM	Canterbury LM	Faversham LM	Safehaven	Total
Cash funds								
Cash in hand	-		-	-	-	53	-	53
Current accounts	24,520		9,194	1,200	12,902	-	4,350	52,167
Savings accounts	14,572		27,057	15,074	65,676	-	10,418	132,797
Total cash funds	39,092		36,251	16,274	78,578	53	14,768	185,017
Other monetary assets								
COIF Income units AM funds	56,877		-	-	-	-	-	56,877
AEGON - Philcott Endowment capital	123,386		-	-	-	-	-	123,386
Total other assets	180,262		-	-	-	-	-	180,262
Total monetary assets	219,354		36,251	16,274	78,578	53	14,768	365,279

Total Funds 31 Dec 2024
134
130,482
119,108
249,724
58,342
125,032
183,374
433,098

Opening and Closing Debtors and Creditors

		Total	
Start of Year Creditors	815	815	FWCC
Start of Year Debtors	-	-	
End of Year Creditors	800	800	FWCC, QSA, Amnesty Intl
End of Year Debtors	-	-	

Notes to the accounts

1. Assets retained for the charity's own use and purposes

Ashford, Broadstairs and Canterbury Meeting Houses: insurance value of buildings £2,337,000 and contents £95,600.

Kennington burial ground

Safehaven house for refugees: insurance value of buildings £235,000 and contents £10,000

2 Philcott Endowment

This is a permanent endowment left by Richard Philcott in 1727. The income can only be spent for the public benefit of Canterbury Local Meeting and is currently used to part fund the Canterbury Warden's salary. The income is received into EKAM central account and passed directly onto Canterbury's accounts, so is recorded as income received by Canterbury and pass-through (acting as agent) funds in EKAM Central books.

The endowment capital was managed in ethical investment funds by Craven Wealth Management but during 2025, we were forced into transferring the investments that make up this fund as Craven Wealth decided our funds were too small for them. The funds were moved into an ethical fund run by CCLA in the middle of the year and dividends have continued to be paid to Canterbury LM. The funds had performed well in the first half of the year under Craven Wealth and the level of dividends was higher than usual. Unfortunately their value has fallen significantly under CCLA and ended the year 2% lower than the 2024 value. Note - During 2026, the value of the fund has since recovered to the level we invested it at.

5. Reserves

Target reserve levels have been set in accordance with the EKM Reserves Policy to:

a) General contingency - the average expenditure for the past three years + 10%. See following table

b) 4% of the insurance of buildings and contents for the Meeting Houses in the building fund = £93,490

Safehaven normal annual expenditure is as yet unknown but a initial £10,000 reserve has been assumed

	AM Central Fund	Ashford & Folkestone LM	Broadstairs LM	Canterbury LM	Faversham LM	Safehaven	Overall
Expenses 2023	3,255	14,481	8,222	44,787			
Expenses 2024	2,963	18,032	7,308	38,767			
Expenses 2025	3,769	21,866	6,604	43,511			
Average + 10% = General Contingency Target	3,420	19,939	8,116	46,590			78,065
Building Reserve Target	93,490						93,490
Overall Reserve Target	96,910	19,939	8,116	46,590		10,000	171,555
Unrestricted cash funds at 31/12/2025	95,969	36,251	16,274	78,578	53	14,768	227,072
Earmarked for specific uses				24,774			24,774
Giving additional funds over target reserves of:	(941)	16,312	8,158	7,214	53	4,768	30,743

6. Donations made

	AM Central Fund	Ashford & Folkestone LM	Broadstairs LM	Canterbury LM	Faversham LM	Safehaven	Total
BYM		6,750	3,000	17,000	-		26,750
Other Quaker		385	200	250			835
Other organisations		-	400	125			525
Grants to individuals (hardship)							-
Total	-	7,135	3,600	17,375	-	-	28,110

7. Acting as Agent collections - amount received and paid away during 2025

	Received	Paid	Net	
BYM	20	20	-	
Other Quaker	1,123	913	210	Paid Jan 2026
Other organisations	681	391	290	Amnesty (£130) paid Jan 2026, Kensington Women refuge (£160) outstanding due to lack of payee details
Total	1,824	1,324	500	

Approved by the Trustees at their meeting of 3 March 2026 and by Area Meeting at its meeting on 14 March 2026.

Signed on behalf of Trustees by:

Jane Short, Clerk, [signed]

and

Liz Cooper, EKAM Clerking Team [signed]

Independent examiner's report

