

The Religious Society of Friends (Quakers) in Ireland, Grange Preparative Meeting

Northern Ireland · Charity number 107089

Details

Known as	Grange Friends Meeting Grange Preparative Meeting
Status	Received
Registered	2018-06-15
Register	View on the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland register

Contact

Address	21 Dreemore Road Grange Dungannon Co Tyrone Bt71 7E1 Bt71 7el BT71 7EL
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Activities

Purposes: The object of the Preparative Meeting is the advancement of the general religious purposes of the Religious Society of Friends by the following means, in so far as they are exclusively charitable: i. Strengthening the Christian understanding and religious development of the Quaker meeting both in the geographical area of the Preparative Meeting and beyond; ii. Contributing financially and practically to the relief of suffering at home and abroad; iii. Providing for the pastoral care of individual Members and Attenders including assistance to those in need;

What the charity does: The advancement of religion, The relief of those in need by reason of youth, age, ill-health, disability, financial hardship or other disadvantage

How the charity works: Religious activities

Who the charity helps: Children (5-13 year olds), Men, Older people, Preschool (0-5 year olds), Women, Youth (14-25 year olds)

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-12-31	£22,241	£49,124	£0	0

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Derek Hobson		
Katherine Stephenson		
Trevor Haydock		
William Greeves		

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Accounts for the year ended 2024

Opening balance 1st January 2024		£50519.28
Annual subscriptions	£13956.47	
Dividend income	£ 51.48	
Burial fees	£ 315.00	
Freewill offerings	£ 940.00	
NIE payment refund	£ 478.96	
Property income	£ 6500.00	
Total Income		<u>£22241.91</u>
		£72761.19
Less expenditure		
Building Insurance	£3037.19	
Oil and Electricity	£ 1603.27	
Rates and Water Charges	£ 2270.63	
Cleaner	£ 209.50	
Moiety	£ 7551.16	
Donations	£ 1289.46	
Travel expenses	£ 80.00	
Postage & Stationery	£ 221.85	
Property repairs/ maintenance	£32674,50	
Bank charges	£ 164.19	
Flowers	£ 12.50	
		<u>£49124.24</u>
Closing balance 31st December 2024		£23636.95

**GRANGE PREPARATIVE MEETING
RESTORATION FUND**

Opening Balance 1st January 2024	£9334.83
Donations	<u>£ 576.00</u>
	£9910.83
Less bank fees	<u>£ 30.36</u>
Closing balance 31st December	£9880,47

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Annual subscriptions	£18083.00	
Rental Income	£ 3948.00	
Dividend Income	£ 51.48	
Book sales	£ 50.00	
Donations (Peggy)	£ 700.00	
Wayleave payment NIE	£ 2.00	
Burial fees	£ 130.00	
Bequest (J Hobson)	£20000.00	
NIE	£ 1200.00	
Donation/free will offerings	£ 853.58	<u>£45018.06</u>
Total income		£88795.90
Less expenditure		
Building Insurance	£ 2787.46	
Oil & Electricity	£1550.36	
Rates & Water Charges	£2337.64	
Cleaner/kitchen equipment & food	£ 1324.94	
Moiety	£ 7550.90	
Donations/Tithe	£2456.95	
Travel expenses	£ 65.00	
Property repair & maintenance	£19870.46	
Postage/stationery	£ 103.00	
Bank charges	£ 229.91	
		<u>£38276.62</u>
Closing balance 31st December 2023		£50519.28

**GRANGE PREPARATIVE MEETING
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Less		
Bank fees		<u>£ 30.00</u>
Closing balance 31st December 2023		£9334.83

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Grange Preparative Preparative Meeting

Trustees (at 31st December 2023)

Katherine M Stephenson. (Clerk of Trustees)

Trevor R Haydock

Derek G Hobson

William C Greeves

Registered Address

Grange Friends Meeting house

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Dungannon

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Charity number

NIC. 107089

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Bankers

Danske Bank

Trustees' Report for year ended 31st December 2023

Introduction

This report has been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2015 and in line with the guidance produced by the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland.

Constitution and governance

The Religious Society of Friends (Quakers) In Ireland, Grange Preparative Meeting is governed by its governing document which was agreed by the Preparative Meeting on 1st April 2018. The Meeting was registered as a charity by the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland on 15th June 2018.

The Trustees, of whom there should be not less than two, are appointed at the Annual General Meeting. They are appointed for a period of up to three years and are eligible for re-appointment for a further two terms. Trustees who served during the year ending 31st December 2023 were as follows:

Katherine M Stephenson (Clerk of Trustees)

Trevor R Haydock

Derek G Hobson

William C Greeves

The Trustees are responsible for the policies, activities and assets of the charity. No Trustee received any remuneration for services as a member of the Board of Trustees and the charity has no employees. It pays for the services of an ad hoc cleaner and groundsman.

The Trustees have put in place a data protection policy and a child protection policy, both of which are reviewed annually in accordance with guidelines provided by the Religious Society of Friends in Ireland.

Purposes of the charity

Grange Preparative Meeting is established by Grange and Richhill Monthly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends in Ireland. It is primarily a Meeting for Worship that practises in accordance with the principles of the Religious Society of Friends, also known as Quakers.

We are based in a grade B listed Meeting House in a rural setting between Dungannon and Moy, Co Tyrone. There are two meeting houses set in approximately an acre which includes a burial ground. The old meeting house, built in 1756 has a number of rooms and a kitchen which adjoins the caretakers cottage, with some outbuildings including an old stable and barn. The newer meeting house was built in 1816 and has recently undergone a major restoration project to provide a new roof and reinforcement of the balcony to bring this back into use.

A Premises Committee, works to oversee the maintenance and upkeep of the property and the burial grounds. Adjoining the burial ground, the Meeting is also responsible for a bungalow which was built in 1960, initially for use by retired missionaries. Following the death of a long term tenant this building is undergoing renovation in order to rent to a new tenant.

The purpose of our charity, as set out in our governing document, is the advancement of the general religious purposes of the Religious Society of Friends by the following means, in so far as they are exclusively charitable:

i. Strengthening the Christian understanding and religious development of the Quaker meeting both in the geographical area of the Preparative Meeting and beyond;

ii. Contributing financially and practically to the relief of suffering at home and abroad;

iii. Providing for the pastoral care of individual Members and Attenders including assistance to those in need.

A few members reside outside our area in Northern Ireland or overseas but still wish to retain an affiliation to the Meeting.

Our activities during 2023

As the Covid-19 restrictions eased, normality returned and we resumed our Meetings for Worship in the Meeting House. However, several Friends who were unable to attend Meetings in person asked that we maintained the 'WhatsApp' group, as they valued the encouragement from the messages posted by other Friends, so, in conjunction with Richhill Friends this remained active.

General business meetings were conducted through our the year.

Pastoral care returned to normal and home visits were made to those Friends who were unwell, were unable to attend Meetings in person, had experienced bereavement or were facing difficulties.. Members who did not attend on a regular basis were encouraged to attend. Notification of events was communicated to members through social media, email or personal telephone calls.

We have benefitted greatly from joining with Richhill Friends' Meeting for Bible study and social events, both of which recommenced after the lifting of Covid restrictions. These provided spiritual and social support to our members.

We thank God for His guidance and trust Him to lead and sustain us in the future.

Looking forward

In 2024, we hope to operate a full programme of activities to promote the spiritual welfare of our members.

Public Benefit

The Trustees of Grange Preparative Meeting are pleased to confirm that they have complied with their duty they have regard to the public benefit requirement statutory guidance of the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland.

Our public benefit has been demonstrated in a number of ways over the past year:

- We held a Meeting for Worship every Sunday morning which is open to members of the public as well as our own members and regular attenders. These Meetings provide spiritual nourishment and deepen the Christian experience and understanding of those who attend;
- We provided financial support to a range of other charities from regular and special collections at our Meetings. We supported Disaster relief, social need and Christian work at home and abroad,
- We engaged with the local community which we hope will make the Meeting House more visible and encourage others to join with us for fellowship and support;
- We undertook family visits to share fellowship and encourage members in times of joy, as well as difficult times of isolation, sickness and bereavement.

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Financial Review

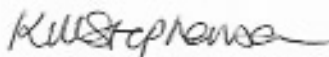
Our financial statement for the period 1st January 2023 to 31st December 2023 is attached to this report shows that we had an opening balance in the Meeting house Account 32 on the 1st January 2023 of £43777.84 and a closing balance on 31st December 2023 of £50519.28

The restoration fund for the Meeting House Project had an opening balance of on 1st January 2023 OF £9364.83 and a closing balance on 31st December 2023 of £9334.83

Declaration

The Annual General Meeting of the Trustees was held in Grange Friends Meeting House 26th May 2024.

This report is approved and is signed on behalf of the Trustees.



Katherine M Stephenson

Clerk of Trustees

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Independent examiner's report to the charity trustees of Grange Preparative Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends (Quakers) in Ireland

We report on the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2023

Respective responsibilities of charity trustees and examiner

As the charity's trustees you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008.

It is our responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 65 of the Charities Act
- follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Commission under section 65(9)(b) of the Charities Act
- state whether particular matters have come to our attention.

Basis of independent examiner's report

We have examined your charity accounts as required under section 65 of the Charities Act and our examination was carried out in accordance with the general Directions given by the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland under section 65(9)(b) of the Charities Act.

Our examination included a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also included consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as charity trustees concerning any such matters.

Our role is to state whether any material matters have come to our attention giving us cause to believe:

1. That accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 63 of the Charities Act
2. That the accounts do not accord with those accounting records
3. That the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act
4. That there is further information needed for a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Independent examiner's statement

We have completed our examination and have no concerns in respect of the matters (1) to (4) listed above and, in connection with following the Directions of the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland, we have found no matters that require drawing to your attention.

Name: LP HAYDOCK
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Date: 13 MARCH 2024
Signature: LP Haydock

Name: J A GREEVES
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Date: 13 MARCH 2024
Signature: Julie Greaves

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ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 2022

Opening balance 1st January 2022		39252.67
Annual subscriptions	15753.00	
Rent	7460.00	
Dividends	52.65	
Donations	280.00	
Free Will Offerings	533.50	
Book sales	37.00	
Wayleave Agreement (NIE)	2.00	
Burial Fee	65.00	
		<u>24183.15</u>
Total Income		63435.82
Less expenditure		
Building Insurance	2489.89	
Oil & Electricity	1544.56	
Rates	1472.04	
Moiety	4791.16	
Gardener	4899.80	
Cleaner & equipment	676.94	
Bank fees	125.31	
Water rates	149.06	
Donations	1135.29	
Repairs & maintenance	2232.65	
Travel exp	45.00	
Postage	96.28	
		<u>19657.98</u>
Closing balance 32 December 2022		43777.84

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RESTORATION FUND

Opening balance 1 January 2022		9349.88
Donations		<u>45.00</u>
		9394.88
Less		
Bank fees		<u>30.05</u>
Closing balance 31 December 2022		9364.83

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- ii. Contributing financially and practically to the relief of suffering at home and abroad;
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Several of our members reside outside our area in Northern Ireland or overseas but still wish to retain an affiliation to the Meeting. At 31st December 2022 we had around 40 different members attending at some time during the year with a weekly average of 16 members and attenders. During the year we have welcomed over 34 visitors to meeting both from other Meetings in Ireland and some Friends who came with a travelling minute from Yellow Springs Monthly Meeting, Ohio, USA

Our activities during 2022

Meeting for Worship was held each Sunday morning during 2022. These were open to members of the public as well as our own members and attenders.

WhatsApp Meetings also continued this year on a less formal basis to provide spiritual nourishment to those still unable to meet in public spaces post-Covid 19.

Pastoral care for our members continued and we have been encouraged spiritually and socially by our engagement with the local community on a number of occasions.

Our annual tithe and free will offerings this year have been used to support the work of Christian and Quaker missions involved in the relief of suffering after disasters such as floods and earthquakes during the year.

We thank God for his love and protection throughout the year, and although our numbers are small, we continue to share fellowship and encouragement among our members and the wider community.

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Declaration

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Clerk of Trustees

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Signature: L P Huddyock