

The Religious Society of Friends
(Quakers) In Ireland,
Richhill Preparative Meeting

Annual Report & Accounts for year ended
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Trustees (at 30th June 2022)

Ian James Chapman

Michael Steven Boyd

Mary Frances Chapman

Walter Paul Sinton

Registered Address

c/o Ian Chapman

36 Battlehill Road

Portadown BT62 4ER

Charity number

NIC 107090

Bankers

Danske Bank

Trustees' Report for year ended 30th June 2022

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, Richhill Preparative Meeting is governed by its governing document which was agreed by the Preparative Meeting in 2018. The Meeting was registered as a charity by the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland on 15^h 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 30th June 2022 were as follows:

Ian James Chapman (Clerk of Trustees)

Michael Steven Boyd

Mary Frances Chapman

Walter Paul Sinton

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.

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Purposes of the charity

Richhill Preparative Meeting is established by Grange & 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 Meeting House at Irish Street in Richhill.

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

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Our activities during the year to 30th June 2022

The programme of activities for the year was again disrupted to an extent due to covid.

During this year the meeting has been re-establishing its in-person weekly worship, after large periods of lockdown because of the covid pandemic over the previous 2 years. Meeting for worship was held every Sunday at 11.00am. A coffee morning has been held after Meeting on the last Sunday of each month.

Although travelling and inter visitation has also been slow to return after the pandemic we have had a number of visitors throughout the year. They came from as far away as USA and there were also some visiting us from various parts of the UK and Ireland.

Sunday School was reasonably well attended throughout the year which is a blessing to our meeting. Parental support is greatly appreciated as parents faithfully bring their children along. Sunday School teachers provide an invaluable service of nurturing the spiritual growth of our young members. A well attended Sunday School Christmas party was held in December.

In March Ministry and Oversight organised an online Bible Study on 3 different evenings.

In June we held a barbeque at the Moyallon Centre which was well attended.

Public Benefit

The trustees of Richhill Preparative Meeting are pleased to confirm that they have complied with their duty to 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 hold regular Meeting for Worship every Sunday morning and these Meetings are 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 have engaged with the local community which we hope will make the Meeting House more visible and encourage others to join us for worship. A local charity IncredAble used the facilities for the benefit of local young adults with learning disabilities.
- We provide family visits to share fellowship and encourage other members in times joy, upon the occasion of marriage or the birth of a child, and difficulty times of sickness and bereavement.

Financial Review

Our financial statement for the period 1st July 2021 to 30th June 2022 is attached to this report and shows that we had a surplus of £6,723 for the year. As a result, our total funds at 30th June 2022 decreased to £18,746 compared with £12,023 at 30th June 2021.

The key elements of our finances in the past year included:

- A 12% increase in membership subscriptions from £10,690 in 2021 to £11,940 in 2022
- An decrease of 67% in National & Provincial payments from £13,134 in 2021 to £4,333 in 2022. This decrease was mainly as a result of additional payments of National & Provincial Charges in 2021 and reduced payments required by Ireland Yearly meeting in 2022 due to financial difficulties of meetings due to the pandemic.

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- The value of our investments at 30th June 2022 was £19,586 and income from these investments during the year amounted to £594

Declaration

This report was approved at the Annual General Meeting on 30th March 2022 and is signed on behalf of trustees.

Ian James Chapman
Clerk of Trustees

Statement of Receipts & Payments - year ended 30th June 2022

	2022	2021
	£	£
Receipts		
From Charitable Activities		
Annual subscriptions	11,940	10,690
Weekly collections	-	77
Voluntary receipts		
Donations and bequests	2,600	2,200
Appeals	145	520
Bank interest	14	10
Investment receipts – unrestricted funds	594	513
Gift Aid receipts	368	1,997
Total receipts	15,661	16,007
Payments		
Cost of Charitable activities	8,932	15,995
Donations	-	520
Bank fees	36	27
Cost of fixtures and fittings	-	-
Total payments	8,938	16,542
Surplus / (deficit) for the year	6723	(535)

Statement of Assets & Liabilities - year ended 30th June 2022

	2022 £	2021 £
Cash at 30 th June 2021	12,023	12,558
Surplus / (Deficit) for the year	6,723	(535)
Cash at 30th June 2022	18,746	12,023
Current Account	16,730	10,007
Business Investment Account	2,016	2,016
Bank Account Total	18,746	12,023

Investments Value at 30th June 2022 (unrestricted)

Ref D9	111 shares	
Ref D10	111 shares	
Ref Inv 107	450 shares	
Ref Inv 112	182 shares	
Ref Inv 132	331 shares	
Ref Inv 133	165 shares	
Total shares	1,350 shares @ £14.5084 / share	£19,586.34

(valuation per NICIFC Update June 2022)

Fixed Asset Listing

Meeting House contents at 15 Irish Street,
Richhill

Including:

Ladies cloakroom
Wooden benches
Library books
Book cabinet
Quaker bonnet
Quaker paintings
Oil heating system
Lawn mower

Sunday School Hall contents at 15 Irish
Street, Richhill

Including:

Folding wooden tables
Chairs
Piano
Projector system
Cooker
Coffee maker
Water heater
Cups, plates, bowls
Electric heating system

Approved by the trustees on _____ and signed on their behalf by:

Signature

Print Name
