

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

Northern Ireland · Charity number 107093

Details

Known as	Coleraine Friends Meeting Coleraine Preparative Meeting
Status	Received
Registered	2018-06-01
Register	View on the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland register

Contact

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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

How the charity works: General charitable purposes, 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	£19,960	£22,110	£0	0

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Lynn Finnegan		
Terence Brown		
Valerie Morgan		

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Accounts

Accounts for January 1 2024 to December 31 2024

Balance	5703.53		
Income		Expenditure	
Direct Debits	3204.00	Electricity	612.00
Cash Donations	1862.81	Gas	1895.00
Rent of flat	5100.00	Gas safety certificate	144.00
Investment income	734.80	Smoke alarm	210.00
Utilities contribution (tenant)	2104.55	To central funds	1394.50
Gas refund	148.81	Letting agent fees	306.00
		Tenant resigning fee	90.00
Cairns Bequest	1540.00	Bank fees	79.09
Transfer from savings	4400.00	Painting and decorating	1840.00
Bank interest	4.62	Woodbrooke course	160.00
Gift aid refund	860.54	New fridge for flat	205.00
		Books for library	49.00
Notes to accounts		Charitable giving	1650.00
1 Excess of expenditure over income		Transfer from savings	4329.71
result of high costs of work to gas		Rates for flat	684.85
heating system		Water rates	202.22
2 Investment income is interest from		Windows and garden	200.00
Investment held by Lisburn Monthly		Utilities overpayment	240.30
Meeting for which we are partial		Insurance	1141.16
beneficieries		Dish washer	334.00
		Upgrade of gas heating	6143.80
		M and O Expenses	200.00
Total income	19960.13	total expenditure	22110.63
Total with balance in bank	25663.66		
Balance in bank 31 December 2024	3553.03		

29/1/25

Terence Brown
C. M. Bunting

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Balance brought forward 4150.12

Income		Expenditure	
Direct debit and			
Cheques	2874.00	Bank fees	57.30
Cash donations	1551.89	Insurance	1126.23
Rental Income	5100.00	Electricity	618.00
Utilities contribution	1444.93	Gas	1487.02
Bank interest	4.40	The Friend	
Govt cost of		Publication	114.00
living grant	600.00	General repairs	1049.00
Investment income	2114.80	Agents fee	396.00
		Rates for flat	625.30
		Moiety	1311.70
		Woodbrooke	
		Courses	120.00
		Donations	600.00
		Water rates	192.06
		Govt cost of	
		Living to tenant	600.00
		Garden clearance	3840.00
Total income	13690.02	Total expenditure	12136.61
Balance	5703.53		

Terence Brown
29/1/2024

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Annual Report and Account for the year ended 31st December 2023

Coleraine Preparative Meeting

Trustees as at 31st December 2023

Terence Brown – chair

Lynn Finnegan

Valerie Morgan

Registered address

52 Union Street, Coleraine BT52 1QB

Charity Number

NI 107093

Bankers

Danske Bank, The Diamond, Coleraine

Trustees Report for the year ended December 31st 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 provided by the Charities Commission for Northern Ireland

Constitution and Governance

The religious Society of Friends (Quakers) in Ireland, Coleraine Preparative Meeting is governed by its governing document which was agreed by the Preparative Meeting in March 2018. The Meeting was registered as a charity by the Charity Commission NI in May 2018

The Trustees, of whom there should not be less than 2, are appointed by the Annual General Meeting. They are appointed for a period of up to 3 years and they are eligible for reappointment for a further 2 terms.

Trustees who served during the year ended 31st December 2023 were, Terence Brown, Lynn Finnegan and Valerie Morgan

The Trustees are responsible for the policies, activities and assets of the Meeting. No Trustees receives any remuneration for their service and the charity has no employees. The Trustees have a data protection policy and a child protection policy and these are reviewed annually

Purposes of the Charity

Coleraine Preparative Meeting was established by Lisburn Monthly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends in Ireland. It is primarily a Meeting for Worship that practices in accordance with the principles of the Religious Society of Friends , also known as Quakers.

We are based in a Meeting House at 52 Union Street in Coleraine. The property is owned by Lisburn Monthly Meeting. As well as the Meeting Room where we meet for worship on Sundays we have a kitchen, a toilet and one further room. These rooms comprise the ground floor of an early 20th century terrace house. The two floors above are a self-contained flat which is leased to a tenant.

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

- Strengthening the Christian understanding and religious development of the Quakers Meeting in our area

- Contributing financially and practically to the relief of suffering at home and abroad
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Report of activities for 2023

Coleraine Meeting remains a small meeting but we have grown in numbers over the year and now average 15 -17 Friends attending. Our numbers have been boosted by the steadfast attendance of several Attenders who take an active part in the life and worship of the Coleraine Meeting. We value the intermittent attendance of members from other Meetings who regularly visit the North Coast. We were pleased when a members and her young family returned to reside in the area, the presence of children is warmly welcomed.

We have welcomed 2 new Members to our Meeting and we also have new Attenders. This growth is positive for our Meeting.

Throughout the year our elder has continued to send regular thoughtful email epistles to all Coleraine Friends some in Germany and others nearer home in Waterford. We hope that this has maintained a strong connection with Coleraine Friends so that they may feel part of our Quaker community even though they may not attend Meeting for Worship. These epistles from our elder stimulate valuable comment and reflection.

A Member has reintroduced the Newsletter which Friends contribute to. This is an interesting source of communication.

In addition we hold monthly discussions after Meeting for Worship, topics discussed included, the Bible, concepts of God, Meeting for Worship, War in Europe and refugees in Northern Ireland. We also undertook a spiritual review which was supported by a Friend from South Belfast Meeting.

We had our customary shared meal five times this year with an additional shared meal in World Quaker Day and we held our usual

seasonal celebration in December. We have also met socially in the homes of Friends several times during the year. In July a number of Friends enjoyed an outing to visit a garden in Upperlands.

Our tenants in the upstairs flat wish to remain for another year and welcomed a baby daughter in July

The garden at the rear of the Meeting House has been fenced. There is parking space available.

Financial Review

Our financial statement for the period 1st January 2023 to 31st December 2023 is attached to this report.

This shows that we had a balance of 4150.12 in our account at the beginning of the year and a balance of 5703.53 at the end of the year

All financial requirements regarding charitable status continue to be fulfilled. We have maintained our financial contribution of £100 annually to Bishop Street Meeting. This year we made our usual contribution to Quaker Service we have also supported Friends Hillsborough and two Friends Meeting Houses in England who are carrying out repairs.

This year has been active socially and spiritually we have ensured that all our listed duties have been attended to and we look forward to 2024 with hope and thankfulness

Agreed by the General Meeting on 29 January 2024

Valerie Morgan

Clerk and Trustee

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Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Coleraine 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 the charity trustees and examiners

As the charities 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 Charities 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 their records. It also included consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts and seeking explanation 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:-

These accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 65 of the Charities Act

That the accounts do not accord with these accounting records

That the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements of Charities Act

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 to the matters 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.

Martha Sheldon
29/1/2024

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Accounts

Religious Society of Friends (Quakers)
 Accounts for the year ending December 31 2022

Balance B/F 5320.11

Income

Expenditure

Donations Cheques and DD 2211.00
 Cash Donations 704.31
 Rent from flat 3650.00
 Tenants utilities 573.64
 Bank interest 4.94
 Investment interest 2054.00

Gas 703.00
 Electricity 359.46
 Fee letting agent 168.00
 Cleaning/repairs 535.00
 Water rates 168.93
 Rates -flat 584.77
 National charge 651.06
 Publications 114.00
 Heating repairs 2144.53
 Clearing rear land 3498.00

Total 9190.89

Total 8926.7

Balance 5591.25

Jesse Cairns saver Account 4034

Andrew Young saver account 1492

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Trustees who served during the year ended 31st December 2021 were

Terence Brown (chair of trustees)

Lunn Finnegan

Valerie Morgan

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Activities during 2021

Coleraine remains a small meeting but we have grown in numbers over the year and now average 10-12 members, attenders and visitors

The flat above the Meeting House was vacant for a short period in late summer but a new tenant moved in during the autumn

We have as usual contributed to a range of local charities

The regular epistles from our Elder have continued and stimulate valuable comment and reflection. In addition we hold monthly discussions after Meeting for Worship. We also had shared meals after Meeting for Worship 5 times, and meal at the home of one of our members. A meeting for Worship was also held in the home of a member who is no longer able to attend Sunday worship.

Five members visited Waterford meeting in October to celebrate World Quaker Day with friends there. Two members attended Ireland yearly meeting which was held this year in Belfast.

All our listed duties and responsibilities have been attended to and we look forward to 2022 with hope and thankfulness.

Public benefit

The Trustees of Coleraine Preparative Meeting confirm that they have complied with their duty to have regard to the public benefit requirement of the 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 all members of the public as well as our own Members and regular Attenders.
- these Meetings provide spiritual support and help to deepen the Christian experience of those who attend.
- we are able to provide some financial support where needed to those within our Meeting
- we provide financial support to Quaker Service and a range of other charities. From a number of collections and individual donations, in 2022 £1200 was given to charities.
- we work with other Christian groups in our area through the Coleraine Churches Forum and take an active part in events, fund raising and worship organised through the Forum.

Financial review

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This shows that we had a balance of £5320.11 in our current account at the beginning of the year and a balance of £5501.25 at the end of the year.

In our Jesse Cairns saver account we had a balance of £4034

In our Andrew Young saver account we had £1492

The balance in our current account at the end of the year was very similar to that at the beginning of the year

The flat above the meeting house was vacant for 2 months but was then let to a new tenant

Donations - cheques, direct debits and cash donations - from members and attenders continued to increase

We had major expenditure on repairs to our gas central heating system and for the clearance of the land at the rear of our property which had become completely overgrown

The capital value of our bequests at 31 December 2022 was

Andrew Young Legacy £27,078.88

Coleraine Meeting share (20%) of Jessie Cairns Bequest £47,651.80

This report was approved at the Annual General Meeting on 22 August 2022 and is signed on behalf of the trustees

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