

The Religious Society of Friends (Quakers) in Ireland, Lurgan Monthly Meeting

Northern Ireland · Charity number 108019

Details

Status	Received
Registered	2021-02-15
Register	View on the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland register

Contact

Address	11 Greenisland Road Portadown Craigavon BT62 1uz BT62 1UZ
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Activities

Purposes: The object of the Monthly 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 Monthly 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: Religious activities,Welfare/benevolent

Who the charity helps: Children (5-13 year olds),General public

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-12-31	£8,649	£8,221	£0	0

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Anne Gamble		
Arnold Lutton		
Jane Lutton		
Lesley Burney		

Accounts

Religious Society of Friends (Quakers) in Ireland

Lurgan Monthly Meeting

Statement of Accounts for Year Ending 31.12.2024

During the year National Charge payments totalling £8189 were collected from Preparative Meetings. £8188.55 was forwarded to the Ulster Quarterly Meeting Treasurer.

Interest on Danske Bank current account of £9.72 was received and the Charifund units gave an income of £41.40.

The Magowan Fund provided a yield of £409.20

Danske Bank charged fees totalling £32.73.

Balances at 31.12.2024 were as follows:

At debit	2024	2023
William Adams Bequest	£ 50.00	£ 50.00
Jane Hill Bequest	£ 5.00	£ 5.00
Henry Greer Bequest	£ 5.00	£ 5.00
Lurgan Monthly Meeting Account	£ 9248.90	£ 8836.86
	£ 9308.90	£ 8896.86
 At credit		
46 Charifund Units	£ 80.00	£ 80.00
Danske Bank Current Account	£ 9228.90	£ 8816.86
	£ 9308.90	£ 8896.86

Prepared by,
Arnold Lutton, Treasurer, Lurgan Monthly Meeting

Examined by,
John Campton, Moyallon Preparative Meeting

Accounts

Religious Society of Friends (Quakers) in Ireland

Lurgan Monthly Meeting

Statement of Accounts for Year Ending 31.12.2023

During the year National Charge payments totalling £6263 were collected from Preparative Meetings. £6267.78 was forwarded to the Ulster Quarterly Meeting Treasurer. As the Lurgan Monthly Meeting first moiety cheque for £1147 was payable to Ulster Quarterly Meeting this had been forwarded directly.

Interest on Danske Bank current account of £8.88 was received and the Charifund units gave an income of £39.33.

The Magowan Fund provided a yield of £409.20

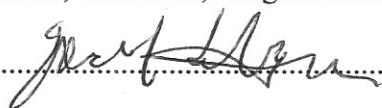
Danske Bank charged fees totalling £32.53.

Balances at 31.12.2023 were as follows:

At debit	2023	2022
William Adams Bequest	£ 50.00	£ 50.00
Jane Hill Bequest	£ 5.00	£ 5.00
Henry Greer Bequest	£ 5.00	£ 5.00
Lurgan Monthly Meeting Account	£ 8836.86	£ 8416.76
	£ 8896.86	£ 8476.76
At credit		
46 Charifund Units	£ 80.00	£ 80.00
Danske Bank Current Account	£ 8816.86	£ 8396.76
	£ 8896.86	£ 8476.76

Prepared by,
Arnold Lutton, Treasurer, Lurgan Monthly Meeting

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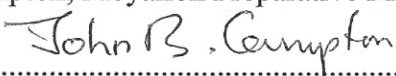


Date

11/9/2024

Examined by,
John Campton, Moyallon Preparative Meeting

Signed.....



Date

18/9/24

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Annual report

The Religious Society of Friends in Ireland

Lurgan Monthly Meeting

Annual Report and Accounts for year ended 31/12/2023

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, Lurgan Monthly Meeting is governed by its governing document which was agreed by the Meeting on 10th June 2020. The Meeting was registered as a charity by the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland on 15th February 2021.

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:

Lesley Burney

Anne E Gamble

Jane E Lutton

J Arnold Lutton

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.

The Meeting has put in place a data protection policy, based on guidelines from Ireland Yearly Meeting, which is reviewed regularly.

Purposes of the charity

Lurgan Monthly Meeting is a Meeting for Worship of the Religious Society of Friends in Ireland that practises in accordance with the principles of the Religious Society of Friends, also known as Quakers.

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 in the geographical area of responsibility of the Monthly Meeting;

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 of Preparative Meetings, including assistance to those in need.

At 31st December 2023 we had a total of 132 members as well as 12 regular attenders

Our activities during 2023

The three Preparative Meetings of Lurgan Monthly Meeting have carried out the duties as they are set out in Chapter 4 of Organisation and Christian Discipline during 2023 and the Child Safeguarding reports have been sent to the Clerk of Ireland Yearly Meeting Education Committee.

We are pleased to report that all three Meetings have increased in size, albeit by a small amount, over the course of the year. Our Preparative Meetings, Bessbrook and Lurgan, continue to meet weekly and Moyallon opens its doors on each of the first, and third Sundays with the addition now of the fifth Sundays which are well attended. More than 40 Friends meet over the three Meeting Houses each month.

All three Meetings have had to contend with ill health amongst its Friends during the past year but the strength of the community has helped keep everyone afloat. We are small but spiritually strong and have a good relationship within all three Meetings. A number of Friends came together for a Christmas lunch in a local restaurant, organised by Lesley Burney. This is proving an enjoyable annual event. Another joint venture is, of course, our annual open Ministry & Oversight session where, in 2023, we heard Ann Loney talk on our Quaker inheritance.

Our numbers for Monthly Meetings have been quite sparse and we are still looking at how we can encourage more Friends to attend, especially in the winter months, as many are not keen to drive at night. In 2022 we tried afternoon meetings which

didn't get a good response so in 2023 we tried Zoom in the evenings but, again, this did not seem to work well. We will look at this again at our April 2024 Monthly Meeting and, hopefully, be able to bring a positive update in next year's report.

Lurgan Monthly Meeting welcomes 38 adult Friends and one child in total to their Meetings.

Looking forward

We look forward to God's continued blessing on our Meetings in 2024 and we hope to see growth in Christian understanding and spiritual experience in all our Meetings.

Public benefit

The trustees of Lurgan Monthly 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:

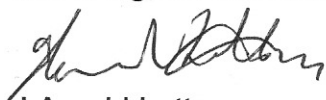
- We ensured that our Meetings hold regular Meetings for Worship and these Meetings are open to members of the public as well as our own members and regular attenders – these Meetings provide spiritual nourishment and deepen the Christian experience and understanding of those who attend;
- Using legacy and bequest funds that have been left to the Meetings, we provide financial support to those in need within our Meetings and for other charitable causes;

Financial review

Our financial statement for the period 1st January to 31st December 2023 is attached to this report and shows that we had a small surplus of income over expenditure of £420.10 for the year. As a result, our total current funds at 31st December 2023 increased to £8816.36 compared with £8396.76 at 31st December 2022.

Declaration

This report was approved at the Annual General Meeting on 11th September 2024 and is signed on behalf of trustees.



J. Arnold Lutton
Clerk of Trustees

The Religious Society of Friends (Quakers) in Ireland, Lurgan Monthly Meeting

Northern Ireland - Charity number 108019

Annual return

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

I 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 my 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 my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's report

I have examined your charity accounts as required under section 65 of the Charities Act and my 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.

My 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.

My role is to state whether any material matters have come to my attention giving me 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

I have completed my 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, I have found no matters that require drawing to your attention.

Name: John B. Campion
Address: 11 Larchwood,
Portadown, BT63 5UL
Date: 18th September 2024
Signature: J B Campion.

Accounts

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Lurgan Monthly Meeting

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Interest on Danske Bank current account of £9.03 was received and the Charifund units gave an income of £38.18.

The Magowan Fund provided a yield of £418.50.

Danske Bank charged fees totalling £32.52.

Balances at 31.12.2022 were as follows:

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William Adams Bequest	£ 50.00	£ 50.00
Jane Hill Bequest	£ 5.00	£ 5.00
Henry Greer Bequest	£ 5.00	£ 5.00
Lurgan Monthly Meeting Account	£ 8396.76	£ 7984.27
	£ 8456.76	£ 8044.27
At credit		
46 Charifund Units	£ 80.00	£ 80.00
Danske Bank Current Account	£ 8376.76	£ 7964.27
	£ 8456.76	£ 8044.27

Prepared by:

Arnold Lutton, Treasurer, Lurgan Monthly Meeting

Signed:

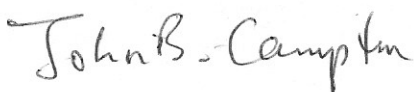


Date 13th September 2023

Examined by:

John Campton, Moyallon PM

Signed



Date 13th September 2023

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At 31st December 2022 we had a total of 126 members as well as 12 regular Attenders.

Our activities during 2022

We are responsible for three Preparative Meetings in Bessbrook, Lurgan and Moyallon. Monthly Meeting met on 5 occasions during the year with an average attendance of 11 members. Our activities in 2022 are reflected in the summary of Annual Reports from these Meetings which follows.

In some respects, 2022 was a sombre year for Lurgan Monthly Meeting as we lost four much loved and respected Members, two from Bessbrook and one each from Lurgan and Moyallon, all were women and all sadly missed from within and without of the Society of Friends. Even so, it must be acknowledged that each had had long and well lived lives, leaving behind them legacies of love and kindness.

Happily, each of the three Meetings have also enjoyed communal activities, including meals and one of fundraising for Macmillan Cancer Support. On the harmonic front, some Members of Bessbrook joined the local churches in December for a carol concert, with one Member singing in the choir.

On a somewhat bigger scale, a large contingency of the Blackburn Association, from the United States, came to visit Moyallon and Lurgan in July, ostensibly to view the headstones and premises where their ancestors have been buried and would have worshipped. On the Sunday we all lunched together in Moyallon Centre, spilling onto the picnic tables outside as there were so many, two coach loads in fact. Thankfully, it was a dry, sunny day and the food was prepared by outside caterers so there were no dishes to wash. On the Monday Lurgan Meeting opened its burial ground to enable the group to wander round. Although some had been concerned as to whether both Meetings could manage such a large number of visitors it went smoothly, and all seemed to find it enriching.

During the course of the year all duties, as set out in the book of Organisation and Christian Discipline have been carried out by the three Preparative Meetings and the Child Safeguarding reports have been sent to the Clerk of IYM Education Committee. Lurgan Monthly Meeting welcomes 38 adult Friends and one child in total to their Meetings.

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- We opened our historic site at Moyallon to the public on World Heritage Day.

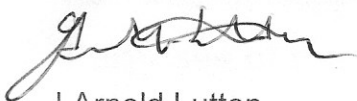
Financial review

Our financial statement for the period 1st January to 31st December 2022 is attached to this report and shows that we had a deficit of income over expenditure of £4301.53 for the year, although this was mainly due to a payment of £3740 from the previous year being made in 2022. As a result, our total current funds at 31st December 2022 decreased to £7964.27 compared with £9525.80 at 31st December 2021.

We also spent £1000 to support the work of Quaker Service and £1000 to Irish Quaker Faith in Action.

Declaration

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Name: JOHN B. CAMPTON

Address: 11 LARCHWOOD, PORTADOWN, BT63 5UL

Date: John B. Campton

Signature: 13th September 2023