

# The Religious Society of Friends (Quakers), Grange and Richhill Monthly Meeting

Northern Ireland · Charity number 108020

## Details

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**Status** Received

**Registered** 2021-02-12

**Register** [View on the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland register](#)

## Contact

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**Address** Friends Meeting House  
(Quakers)  
21 Dreemore Road  
Dungannon  
County Tyrone  
Bt71 7el  
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**Phone** 02887784527

## Activities

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**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 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.

**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

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Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-12-31	£17,978	£17,994	£0	0

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## Trustees

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Name	Role	Appointed
Mr Evan Frederick Hobson		
Mr Walter Paul Sinton		
Mrs Lesley Patricia Haydock		

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# Accounts

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## Grange and Richhill Montly Meeting Accounts YE 31st December 2024

	£
Starting Bank Bal	157.87
<b>Income</b>	
Grange Moiety	7,551.16
Richhill Moiety	10,427.79
Total Income	17,978.95
<b>Expenditure</b>	
Bank Fees	15.57
UQM Contribution	17,965.95
Book of Members	13.00
Total Expenditure	17,994.52
Closing Bank Balance	142.30
	Check
<b>Investments</b>	
No Investments	£0.00

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# Accounts

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Starting Bank Bal	173.18
<b>Income</b>	
Grange Moiety	7,550.90
Richhill Moiety	7,859.10
Total Income	15,410.00
<b>Expenditure</b>	
Bank Fees	15.31
UQM Contribution	15,410.00
Total Expenditure	15,425.31
Closing Bank Balance	157.87
	Check
<b>Investments</b>	
No Investments	£0.00

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# Annual report

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**The Religious Society of Friends (Quakers) in Ireland, Grange and Richhill Monthly Meeting Annual Report and Accounts for year ending 31<sup>st</sup> December 2023**

**Grange and Richhill Monthly Meeting**

**Trustees (at 31<sup>st</sup> December 2023)**

**Evan F Hobson (Clerk of Trustees)**

**W Paul Sinton**

**Lesley P Haydock**

**Address**

**Grange Friends Meeting House**

**21 Dreemore Road**

**Grange**

**Dungannon**

**BT71 7EL**

**Charity number**

**NIC 108020**

**Email : [ruthevan@btinternet.com](mailto:ruthevan@btinternet.com)**

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**County Tyrone**

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# **The Religious Society of Friends (Quakers) in Ireland, Grange and Richhill Monthly Meeting Annual Report and Accounts for year ending 31<sup>st</sup> December 2023**

## **Trustee's Report for year ending 31<sup>st</sup> 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 and Richhill Monthly Meeting, is governed by its Governing Document which was adopted by Monthly Meeting on the 6<sup>th</sup> October 2020. The meeting was registered by the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland on 12<sup>th</sup> February 2021.

The Trustees, of whom there should not be 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 31<sup>st</sup> December 2023 were as follows :

Evan F Hobson (Clerk of Trustees)

W Paul Sinton

Lesley Patricia Haydock

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.

Each of the Meetings i.e Grange and Richhill; have put in place a data protection policy, based on the guidelines from Ireland Yearly Meeting, both of which are reviewed regularly and reported to Monthly Meeting.

### Purposes of the Charity (Grange and Richhill Monthly Meeting)

Grange and Richhill Monthly Meeting is primarily a Meeting for Worship 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 :

1. Strengthening the Christian understanding and religious development in the geographical area of responsibility of the Monthly Meeting;
2. Contributing financially and practically to the relief of suffering at home and abroad; and
3. Providing for the pastoral care of individual Members and Attenders of Preparative Meetings, including assistance of those in need.

A Monthly Meeting consists of all those persons who are recorded upon its list of members. Meetings are held alternatively between Grange and Richhill Meeting Houses on the Wednesday following the first Sunday during the months of February, April, May, September, October and

December. Meetings are held to carry out the business of Grange and Richhill Monthly Meeting and to ensure that they are represented at the Quarterly Meeting of which they form a part. They also nominate representatives to attend Yearly Meeting which are forwarded for appointment by Quarterly Meeting.

An important duty which falls upon the Monthly Meeting is the ongoing keeping of careful and accurate records of births, marriages, deaths and transfers of membership. As is the norm, in December 2023 a group of Friends was appointed to complete the annual statistical return which showed the total number of members to be 300 at 31<sup>st</sup> December 2023, which was a decrease of 28 on the previous year. This was mainly due to a detailed review of the membership following which, in accordance with the guidelines as stated in the Book of Organisation and Christian Discipline, a number of names were removed from the list of members as they were deemed "lapsed membership" i.e. they no longer were seen as taking an active part or showing any interest in the running of the Society or its Meetings for Worship. In addition 3 members passed away during the year.

During the year the Monthly Meeting Education Committee applied to Quarterly Meeting for financial assistance to be provided to a number of boys and girls towards their education. Subsequently grants were made to 5 boys and 5 girls from Richhill Meeting and 1 girl from Grange Meeting.

Monthly Meeting is responsible for providing each local meeting with the resources for oversight i.e. the pastoral care of all members and attenders of the meeting. In February 2021 the meeting appointed 4 Overseers from Grange and 7 Overseers from Richhill for a 3-year period ending in January 2024. It also nominated 6 Elders from Grange and 4 Elders from Richhill. These Friends continued to carry out their duties during 2023.

Our activities in 2023 are reflected in the summary of Annual Reports from both Grange and Richhill Meetings.

Richhill Meeting organised a short series of bible studies based on a book by Tony Merida called "Love your Church". Both Meetings got together to explore the theme "The Jesus I didn't know" based on a series of videos written and presented by the Christian writer Philip Yancy. A Thanksgiving celebration was held to highlight the work of the recently established Life Triumphant Church. Both Meetings ended the year holding their annual Christmas Carol Service which was well supported by adults and children. Richhill Friends participated in the local Women's World Day of Prayer held at St Patrick's Roman Catholic Church, Stonebridge.

#### Public Benefit

The Trustees of Grange and Richhill 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 the following ways over the past year:

- We have held regular Meetings for Worship immediately prior to the Monthly Meeting business meetings which are open to the public as well as our own members and attenders. These Meetings for Worship provide spiritual nourishment and deepen the Christian experience and understanding of those who attend;
- We have provided financial assistance towards the education of children within the meeting where required;

- We have undertaken pastoral and family visits to those who were ill, bereaved, lonely and those, for whatever the reason, were unable to attend Meeting for Worship; and
- We brought to the notice of members annually the importance of keeping their financial affairs in good order and of making and revising their wills in time of health.

### Financial Review

Our financial statement for the period 1<sup>st</sup> January 2023 to 31<sup>st</sup> December 2023 is attached to this report. The account had an opening balance on 1<sup>st</sup> January 2023 of £173.18 and a closing balance on 31<sup>st</sup> December 2023 of £157.87.

### Declaration

The Annual General Meeting of the Trustees was held on 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2024.

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

*Evan F Hobson*

Evan F Hobson (Clerk of Trustees)

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# Annual return

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**Independent examiner's report to the charity trustees of Grange & Richhill 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: CATHERINE M. LOWEY

Address: 90 ANNAREACH ROAD  
RICHILL BT61 9JY

Date: 28/09/24

Signature:

Catherine M. Lowey

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Richhill Moiety	4,986.71
Total Income	9,777.87
<b>Expenditure</b>	
Bank Fees	15.36
UQM Contribution	9,777.87
Total Expenditure	9,793.23
Closing Bank Balance	173.18
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Following the easing of the pandemic things gradually began to return to normal. Meetings in person resumed albeit with some caution and business continued as usual with perhaps the most welcome being the return of pastoral care and friendship visits by Friends to those members and attenders who were ill, bereaved, lonely as well as those who, for whatever reason were unable to attend Meeting for Worship.

An important duty which falls upon the Monthly Meeting is the ongoing keeping of careful and accurate records of births, marriages, deaths and transfers of membership. In December 2022 a group of Friends was appointed to complete the annual statistical return which showed the total number of members to be 328 which was a decrease of 3 on the previous year. There was an increase of one member with 4 members having passed away during the year. A statistical return was forwarded to Quarterly Meeting.

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#### Looking Forward

Now that the restrictions on meeting have been lifted we look forward to returning to normality and in particular to being able to fulfil our pastoral visits.

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### Declaration

The Annual General Meeting of the Trustees was held on 13<sup>th</sup> October 2023.

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

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Evan F. Hobson". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Evan F Hobson (Clerk of Trustees)

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# Annual return

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**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: SIMON C. LAURE

Address: 19 CLOUGHAN ROAD

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BT61 8JR

Date: 7/10/23

Signature:

