

# Religious Society of Friends (Quakers) North Scotland Area Meeting

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## Trustees' Annual Report and Accounts Year ending 31 December 2020

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The Area Meeting's principal address: Quaker Meeting House, 98 Crown Street, Aberdeen AB11 6HJ

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## Annual Report

### Introduction: Living our faith

North Scotland Quakers share in the current sense of direction and purpose of Quakers in Britain, set out in *Our faith in the future*. Here are some examples of the pre-pandemic life in our area meeting, seen through the main headings of that short document:

#### **'Facing turbulent times, Quakers in Britain seek a future where ...**

**'... meeting for worship is the bedrock of living as a Quaker.'** Our meetings, and the discernment arising out of worship, are the source of all our community and work, as well as being a spiritual resource or home for each of us. Our meetings for worship are open to all, simple, and we hope accessible in every way.

**'... Quaker communities are loving, inclusive and all-age.'** Our local meetings come in all shapes and sizes and adapt to local needs. Meetings naturally include social time when refreshments are often served sometimes accompanied or followed by shared food. There are regular and thriving children's meetings in Forres, Inverness, and Westray & Papa Westray, and all-age worship is a feature of other meetings; the General Meeting for Scotland family Link weekend has been enjoyed and friendships have followed.

**'... all Friends understand and live by Quaker discipline.'** The core of our discipline is, through worship, and through such practices as the Experiment with Light, to 'become the transformation' that love requires. Some meetings organise study and discussion groups, especially focusing on *Quaker Faith & Practice*. Local meetings may have a library, or share through a 'virtual library', or in one case through the meeting's Kindle device. There is a challenge, especially for those of us in isolated situations, to experience at first hand a variety of Quaker practices in settings where they are well understood. Several members of the Area Meeting are appointed to serve the General Meeting and Yearly Meeting. We encourage Friends – especially those appointed to serve in particular roles – to attend events and training that will enrich all our understanding.

**'... Quaker values are active in the world.'** There is a continuing concern to raise awareness of increasing militarisation, especially in Scottish schools. Friends in North Scotland support the work done on this by the General Meeting's Parliamentary liaison officer and through involvement with local and National Peace groups. Nurturing awareness with the inclusion of white poppies in War Memorial events is also part of our witness. British Quakers' 'Canterbury Commitment' to build a low-carbon, sustainable community is a challenge given the distances between us and the rest of the UK; our carbon footprint is large and consequently we have begun to measure it when we meet face to face. There is increasing use of conference facilities for committee meetings to reduce travel time and costs.

**'... Quakers work collaboratively.'** We work and witness with other groups in many ways, including for peace and for interfaith understanding. Friends have become involved with the Extinction Rebellion events and some have been arrested as a result. Other Friends are involved with Women in Black, Highlands Supports Refugees and Moray Supports Refugees, Community foodbanks and other local groups.

**'... Quakers are well known and widely understood.'** 'Quaker Week' in the autumn helped to focus us on outreach.

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## Reference and administration details

### **Trustees who served during the year**

David James	Clerk to AM trustees
Anthony Buxton	AM treasurer
Peter Heald	AM assistant treasurer
Tom Sayles	
William McEwen	
Jane Booth	
Anthea Mason	

### **Trustees on date of approval of Trustees Annual Report**

David James	Clerk to AM trustees
Anthony Buxton	AM treasurer
Peter Heald	AM assistant treasurer
William McEwen	
Jane Booth	
Anthea Mason	

### **Trustees who have completed their service**

Tom Sayles	31st December 2020
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### **New trustees**

Jane Booth	25th July 2020
Anthea Mason	25th July 2020

### **Bankers**

Bank holding Current account: Bank of Scotland, 201 Union Street, Aberdeen AB11 6UG.

Some Local Meetings also hold separate bank accounts.

### **Solicitors**

North Scotland Area Meeting has accepted the advice of Ashley Swanson of Fraser & Mulligan, 1 Carden Place, Aberdeen AB10 1UT (solicitor to the North of Scotland Quaker Trust), regarding property titles.

### **Independent Examiner**

A.J.B. Scholes Ltd. 8 Albert Street, Kirkwall, Orkney KW15 1HP

## Structure, governance and management

### **Organisation**

North Scotland Area Meeting is the primary administrative unit for church affairs of the Religious Society of Friends (Quakers) in the area of North Scotland and is itself a constituent part of Britain Yearly Meeting, which is the final constitutional authority of the Religious Society of Friends (Quakers) in Britain. The members of North Scotland Area Meeting are all those persons whose names are for the time being recorded in the official register maintained in accordance with the book of discipline of Britain Yearly Meeting, *Quaker Faith & Practice*. *Quaker Faith & Practice* is a book of faith and practice and constitutes the Christian discipline of the Religious Society of Friends in Britain. It was first

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issued in manuscript form in 1738 and has been revised at periodic intervals; the most recent edition was published in 2013.

North Scotland Area Meeting along with the other three Area Meetings in Scotland form the membership of the General Meeting for Scotland, which acts on behalf of Britain Yearly Meeting in relation to the Scottish Parliament in regard to both legal and political affairs, and to ACTS (Action of Churches Together in Scotland).

Constituent local Quaker meetings of North Scotland Area Meeting in 2020 were: Aberdeen; Forres; Inverness; Lochaber & Lorn; Orkney; Shetland; Skye; Westray and Papa Westray. Additionally, we have Worship Groups meeting in Banchory; Nairn; Dingwall and Caithness. These meetings are all under the care of Inverness Local Meeting with the exception of Banchory which is looked after by Aberdeen Local Meeting.

### **Governing Document**

North Scotland Area Meeting adopted a revised Governing Document, based on *Quaker Faith & Practice*, which has been approved by the Office of the Scottish Charities Regulator (OSCR), in November 2018

### **Trustees**

Trustees are appointed in accordance with the Governing Document. The names of members are brought forward by the Nominations Committee and appointed by North Scotland Area Meeting in session.

Trustees are given a copy of the Governing Document and Trustees Terms of Reference; and directed to the *Handbook for Trustees of Quaker Meetings* and the *OSCR Guidance for Charity Trustees*, which are available on the internet.

The Trustees meet regularly and are responsible for ensuring compliance with charity law and other relevant legislation. The Annual Report and Accounts of the Area Meeting are approved at a meeting of the Trustees and are then accepted by the Area Meeting in session.

Since 2012 we have had in place a Policy on Safeguarding and Procedures for Safeguarding, and the AM appointed a Safeguarding Co-ordinator and deputy. The Area Meeting subscribes to the Churches Child Protection Advisory Service for guidance on this issue.

Trustees have an appropriate form for a Memorandum of Understanding between Local Meetings and the Area Meeting, and an agreement is now in place with most meetings.

Trustees attend relevant conferences and training courses to enable them to fulfil their duties.

### **Objectives and activities**

#### **Charitable purpose**

The charitable object of North Scotland Area Meeting is the advancement of the religious and charitable purposes of the Religious Society of Friends (Quakers) in Britain in the area of North Scotland and beyond as laid down in *Quaker Faith and Practice*.

North Scotland Area Meeting supports the spiritual development and religious beliefs of its members and attenders. It enables Quaker Meetings for Worship to be held within North Scotland. It maintains the Quaker witness and presence within the area. It provides public benefit by its provision of Meetings for Worship which are open to everyone.

As a consequence of our witness to the Grace of God made known to us in worship and life, Friends are often involved in social concerns, both local and global, which we see as the outward expression of our sense that 'true godliness don't take us out of the world

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but excites our endeavours to mend it' (William Penn). A full account of the nature of the Religious Society of Friends and of its principles of church governance can be found in *Quaker Faith and Practice*.

### Activities

2020 has been dominated by the pandemic and a number of lockdowns of varying degrees throughout the Area Meeting. A face-to-face Area Meeting (AM) took place in early February in Inverness and was well attended. Since then, the majority of Meetings have gone online. There is a weekly AM wide Meeting for Worship on a Sunday morning that regularly attracts 40+ participants. Most local Meetings have arranged additional meetings online for their own members. These are advertised through the General Meeting for Scotland website [www.quakerscotland.org](http://www.quakerscotland.org). or details are available from local Clerks.

Meetings for worship for church affairs (the business meetings of Area Meeting), again online, have become more frequent and shorter at which decisions are made without voting. In business meetings those present seek through worship to discern the right way forward with God's guidance. Once the meeting has come to a decision it is recorded in minutes which are approved and signed in the meeting.

We have also experimented with a fellowship meeting which was an enjoyable success and likely to become part of our annual programme. Online Meetings have been a bonus for some isolated Friends and those not normally able to get to a regular Meeting. But not everyone is connected or willing to use the technology and we have had to resort to old ways of keeping in touch by phone and letter with some Friends. Aberdeen Meeting House has been able to re-open for some periods for face-to-face meetings and some other Local Meetings have met outside or occasionally inside when possible. The General Meeting link weekend also happened online. Some Friends have joined in online meetings in other parts of the country. Training courses and some conferences have also managed to be held online. The Area Meeting covers a large geographical area, from Oban to Unst and from the Outer Hebrides to Aberdeen. Within the area there were in 2020 8 local meetings, some of which support relatively small numbers of members and attenders in remote locations. The Area Meeting seeks to ensure, both from its own resources and from those generously donated by other bodies supportive of the Religious Society of Friends, that no member or attender should be prevented by financial constraints from participating in Quaker worship and learning.

The Area Meeting fundraises from its members and others for the furtherance of its objectives and to support the work of the General Meeting for Scotland and the centrally managed work of the Society carried out by Britain Yearly Meeting.

### Achievements and performance

The pandemic has changed our lives and activities during the majority of 2020. Most of us have only met virtually since March. That has been a sea change of huge proportions that will impact on our future. What we have managed to do is largely stay together, there are exceptions; and grow together. We have gathered a few new faces and some regular attenders have become members. Our exposure to the public has however dropped with the lack of physical meetings both of our own and with other bodies.

In 2020, the Area Meeting held only one physical Meeting but many more virtual ones. We held our first Fellowship Meeting without business of any kind, some of us sharing parts of our lives. We lost our residential Meeting for Worship for Business normally held at Pluscarden in August, and most of our interaction as a meeting with our children.

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We have had a year without outside speakers but have found new ways to receive reports and talk about them through the use of chat rooms.

The Area Meeting continued to support members and attenders from local meetings throughout the North of Scotland to enable them to attend online Quaker conferences and training courses offered by the Woodbrooke Quaker Study Centre and by Britain Yearly Meeting. Young people are encouraged to take part in activities arranged for their age group.

The Area Meeting financially supported the work of General Meeting for Scotland and representatives attended all their online meetings.

The Area Meeting contributed to the centrally managed work of the Society carried out by Britain Yearly Meeting. Members of the Area Meeting serve on various of the national committees of the Society and attended Yearly Meeting online.

### **Trustees**

During the year trustees authorised the opening of a new Account with the Charity Bank to hold reserve funds principally from the NSQT fund. They negotiated a reduced rental agreement for a further year with the tenant of 100 Crown Street and instigated a quinquennial inspection of both the AM's Aberdeen properties and took that opportunity to update the valuations for insurance purposes. Regular meetings have been held online to deal with routine business.

### **Financial review**

#### **Members' contributions**

Members and attenders have continued to contribute sufficient amounts to enable the Area Meeting as a whole to maintain a balanced budget and to hold its level of reserves. However, contributions have fallen by £4,754 this year throughout our meetings and a larger number than normal have not contributed at all through the AM account. The level of giving to support the centrally managed work of the Society remains below the amount suggested by Britain Yearly Meeting trustees.

The Area Meeting has been able to continue the level of giving to other parts of the Religious Society of Friends it has traditionally supported.

To support the national structure of the Religious Society of Friends the Area Meeting shares with the other three area meetings in Scotland the cost of financing the work carried out by General Meeting for Scotland. In 2020 the quota was £3,161 (£3,088 in 2019), now including a contribution to the salary of the Scottish Parliamentary Liaison Officer. To support the work done by Britain Yearly Meeting the Area Meeting collects contributions from its members and attenders and passes the funds on as donations to Britain Yearly Meeting along with a grant from the area meeting's funds. In 2020 donations of £8,846 and grants of £800 from Local Meeting funds were sent to Britain Yearly Meeting. Some members made direct contributions and some meetings held special collections bringing the total amount sent to support the centrally managed work of the Society to £13,146. We have 135 members which gives an average of £97 per member.

#### **Accounts for 2020**

The Area Meeting accounts for 2020 have been prepared by Heather Hartman CA. A.J.B. Scholes Ltd. acted as Independent Examiner. The report and accounts are available on request. The total receipts for the year came to £51,801 (2019: £125,240) and the total

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payments were £30,205 (2019: £59,988) leading to a surplus of £21,596 (2019: surplus of £65,252) At 31 December 2020, the bank balances totalled £135,454 (2019: £113,858).

Inverness meeting has redefined its Premises fund as follows:

### **Inverness Local meeting Premises Support, Outreach and Development Fund (Previously known as the Inverness Premises fund)**

In the light of views expressed nationally and locally that the purchase of properties to serve as Meeting houses was no longer in harmony with current Quaker beliefs, it was agreed at an Inverness Business Meeting on 8/03/2020 that the accumulated fund which had been contributed to over many years may now also be used for more pressing purposes. It was decided that the fund should be re-designated an Inverness Premises Support, Outreach and Development Fund.

A minute was prepared and sent to Area meeting Trustees to this effect and was endorsed by Trustees minute 25/20.

This fund will be retained by Inverness local meeting in a separate bank account from normal local meeting funds and will be utilised over coming years for the purposes so described.

The fund may now be used:-

- to secure the appropriate and long-term provision of a physical base for Inverness Meeting, the original intention of members over many years;
- to support Inverness Friends travelling in the light;
- to support Friends in need;
- to support worthy Quaker causes out with the immediate geographical range of Inverness local meeting;
- to purchase equipment and materials to assist and support local members both within meeting for worship or other Quaker purposes - for example in association with Outreach activity.

The fund may be drawn upon to the extent that the proposed uses were not able to be met out of the normal annual income of the meeting.

All members of Inverness local meeting will have the opportunity to suggest these and other possible uses of the fund and all such suggestions will be considered by a local meeting Funds Management committee comprising the Inverness Clerk, Convenor to E/O's and treasurer. If the Management committee deems the proposed use of funds to be acceptable, a formal proposal will be made to the next available Inverness business meeting for consideration and if appropriate approval. Thereafter the funds agreed will be utilised for the discerned purpose.

Each year, the Inverness Treasurer will report to all Inverness Friends and attenders on the generic use of the funds over the previous 12 months and will refresh the understanding of the use of the funds and benefit it offers to members and attenders of Inverness meeting.

At the end of each financial year, the Inverness treasurer will report to the AM Trustees on the state of Inverness finances including the level of funds remaining in the Premises Support, Outreach and Development Fund.

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### Property

The Area Meeting owns the Quaker Meeting House at 98 Crown Street Aberdeen, which was valued by Ralph Ogg & Partners on 29.01.2021 at £900,000, together with the Commercial property at 100 Crown St, valued at the same time at £1,100,000. The Area meeting also owns the Quaker burial grounds at Kingswells and Kinmuck that are considered to have no commercial value. 100 Crown Street and the Kinmuck Burial ground form part of the NSQT endowment fund.

### Reserves policy

The policy of the Area Meeting is to hold 30% of annual expenditure in the general fund. We recommend to local meetings that they hold a similar level of reserves.

### Local meeting funds

In accordance with advice received from the Quaker Stewardship Committee, acting on behalf of Britain Yearly Meeting and following advice issued by the Office of the Scottish Charity Regulator, local meeting funds are considered to be unrestricted funds which have been designated for the charitable purposes of the individual local meetings.

### Remuneration of trustees

During the period, no trustee received any remuneration other than reimbursement of expenses for activities undertaken on behalf of the Area Meeting. Trustees have not claimed expenses this year. (2019 £80.39).

### Plans for the future

The priority for North Scotland Area Meeting is to maintain and support its worshipping communities in North Scotland. It also has a responsibility to increase the profile of Quakerism within this area. To enable the Meeting to fulfil its responsibilities it will continue to manage its costs and maintain its reserves.

### Declaration

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signed

Date

David James  
North Scotland Area Meeting Clerk of Trustees



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## Independent Examiner's Report for year ending 31 December 2020

I report on the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2020, which are set out on pages 10 to 16.

### *Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner*

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the terms of the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005 and the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006.

The charity trustees consider that the audit requirement of Regulation 10(1) (d) of the Accounts Regulations does not apply. It is my responsibility to examine the accounts as required under section 44(1) (c) of the Act and to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

### **Basis of independent examiner's statement**

My examination is carried out in accordance with Regulation 11 of the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts and seeks explanations from the trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently I do not express an audit opinion on the view given by the accounts.

### **Independent examiner's statement**

In the course of my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

1. which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:
  - to keep accounting records in accordance with Section 44(1) (a) of the 2005 Act and Regulation 4 of the 2006 Accounts Regulations, and
  - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with Regulation 9 of the 2006 Accounts Regulations

have not been met, or

2. to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

**Ivan Houston CA**  
**Chartered Accountant**  
**Independent Examiner**  
**8 Albert Street, Kirkwall, Orkney KW15 1HP**

Date:

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Receipts and payments accounts							
For the period from	Period start date			to	Period end date		
	Day	Month	Year		Day	Month	Year
	01	January	2020		31	December	2020

## Section A Statement of receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Expendable endowment funds to nearest £	Permanent endowment funds to nearest £	Total funds current period to nearest £	Total funds last period to nearest £
<b>A1 Receipts</b>						
Donations	33,286		606		33,892	109,059
Legacies					-	
Grants	2,300				2,300	2,000
Grants paid to individuals refunded			2,100		2,100	
Receipts from fundraising activities	431				431	2,495
Gross trading receipts					-	
Income from investments other than land and buildings	152		312		464	147
Rents from land & buildings			12,265		12,265	8,044
Gross receipts from other charitable activities	349				349	3,495
<b>A1 Sub total</b>	<b>36,518</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>15,283</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>51,801</b>	<b>125,240</b>
<b>A2 Receipts from asset &amp; investment sales</b>						
Proceeds from sale of fixed assets					-	
Proceeds from sale of investments					-	
<b>A2 Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total receipts</b>	<b>36,518</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>15,283</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>51,801</b>	<b>125,240</b>
<b>A3 Payments</b>						
Expenses for fundraising activities					-	14
Gross trading payments			1,799		1,799	1,636
Investment management costs					-	
Payments relating directly to charitable activities	8,941		537		9,478	25,698
Grants and donations	15,181		450		15,631	25,576
Governance costs:					-	
Audit / independent examination	630		175		805	793
Preparation of annual accounts	550				550	500
Legal costs			444		444	810
Other	1,498				1,498	4,961
<b>A3 Sub total</b>	<b>26,800</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>3,405</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>30,205</b>	<b>59,988</b>
<b>A4 Payments relating to asset and investment movements</b>						
Purchases of fixed assets					-	
Purchase of investments					-	
<b>A4 Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total payments</b>	<b>26,800</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>3,405</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>30,205</b>	<b>59,988</b>
<b>Net receipts / (payments)</b>	<b>9,718</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>11,878</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>21,596</b>	<b>65,252</b>
<b>A5 Transfers to / (from) funds</b>						
					-	
<b>Surplus / (deficit) for year</b>	<b>9,718</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>11,878</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>21,596</b>	<b>65,252</b>

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## Section B Statement of balances

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Expendable endowment funds to nearest £	Permanent endowment funds to nearest £	Total current period to nearest £	Total last period to nearest £
<b>B1 Cash funds</b>	Cash and bank balances at start of year	47,388		66,470		113,858	48,606
	Surplus / (deficit) shown on receipts and payments account	9,718		11,878		21,596	65,252
						-	
	Cash and bank balances at end of year	57,106	-	78,348	-	135,454	113,858

Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Market valuation to nearest £	Last year to nearest £
<b>B2 Investments</b>				
<b>Total</b>			-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (if available) to nearest £	Current value (if available) to nearest £	Last year to nearest £
<b>B3 Other assets</b>	98 & 100 Crown Street, Aberdeen	Permanent Endowment Fund	335,000	2,000,000	335,000
	Quaker Burial Ground, Kinmuck, Inverurie				
	Quaker Burial Ground, Kingswells, Aberdeen				
<b>Total</b>			335,000	2,000,000	335,000

Categories	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due to nearest £	Last year to nearest £
<b>B4 Liabilities</b>	Independent Examination Fee	Unrestricted	480	468
	Accounts Preparation Fee	Unrestricted	500	500
	Grants & donations	Unrestricted	500	-
<b>Total</b>			1,480	968

Categories	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (estimate) to nearest £	Last year to nearest £
<b>B5 Contingent liabilities</b>				
<b>Total</b>			-	-

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees	Signature	Print Name	Date of approval

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## Notes to the Accounts for year ending 31 December 2020

### Notes to the accounts

- 1 Basis of accounts**                    These accounts have been prepared on the Receipts & Payments basis in accordance with the Charities & Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005 and the Charities Accounts (Scotland) regulations 2006 (as amended).
- 2 Nature and purpose of funds**

**Area Meeting funds** ~ these are funds held and managed by the Area Meeting. They are an unrestricted fund used for general purposes.

**Local Meeting funds** ~ these are funds held and managed by local meetings and are designated for use by the individual local meetings for charitable purposes.

**Expendable Endowment Funds** ~ income and expenditure generated from the properties held as a permanent endowment fund.

**Permanent Endowment Funds** ~ the properties 98 & 100 Crown Street Aberdeen and the Quaker burial grounds at Kinmuck, Inverurie and Kingswells, Aberdeen.

The area meeting manages the finances of the Forres and Nairn Local Meetings on their behalf. The balances at 31/12/20 were Forres LM £732 (2019: £213), Nairn LM £1,295 (2019: £903).

Inverness Local Meeting has redesignated its Premises Fund as a Premises Support, Outreach and Development Fund (see Trustees Report Page 7). The balance of the fund at 31 December 2020 is £19,430 (2019: £19,312). The purposes of the fund are wider ranging including the support of the local meeting base and its charitable work. Along with general meeting funds of £5,291, this allows Inverness Local Meeting to comply with best practice on holding a reserve that would cover one year's gross expenditure (including property rental).'
- 3 Grants and donations**                    Grants are given to other bodies in accordance with the governing document to further the work and witness of the Religious Society of Friends (Quakers).

Grants were given to 11 institutions and 3 individuals, totaling £15,631 (£25,576 in 2019). A grant of £2,100 to an individual, reported in the previous year, was returned in the current year.
- 4 Other assets and liabilities**                    The accounts are prepared on a receipts and payments basis but at the year end these figures were outstanding:

Liabilities: Examination fee £480; Accounts Preparation fee £500; Donations to Britain Yearly Meeting from Lochaber & Lorne LM £100 and Orkney LM £400; contributions of £3,606.90 for October – December 2020 not passed on to Local Meetings and Britain Yearly Meeting until January 2021.
- 5 Trustee remuneration**                    No remuneration was paid to any charity trustees or person connected to a trustee.
- 6 Trustee expenses**                    Trustees received reimbursement of expenses of £nil (2019: £80.39): for postage and stationery.
- 7 Quaker activities**                    These include room hire for meeting for worship and property costs for the running of the Aberdeen Meeting House.

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### Breakdown of grants

	Expendable Endowment funds	Area Meeting funds	Local Meeting funds	<b>Total 2020</b>	<b>Total 2019</b>
Britain Yearly Meeting		8,846	300	<b>9,146</b>	<b>13,410</b>
General Meeting for Scotland		3,473		<b>3,473</b>	<b>3,088</b>
Northern Friends Peace Board		1,215		<b>1,215</b>	<b>1,281</b>
Northern Friends Youth Events Trust		702		<b>702</b>	<b>697</b>
Quaker Action on Alcohol & Drugs			(75)	<b>(75)</b>	<b>75</b>
Quaker Council for European Affairs			40	<b>40</b>	<b>180</b>
Quaker International Trust (Ramalla School)			100	<b>100</b>	<b>175</b>
European & Middle Eastern Friends Section of FWCC				<b>0</b>	<b>180</b>
Young Friends General Meeting				<b>0</b>	<b>360</b>
Meeting House Appeals				<b>0</b>	<b>60</b>
Quaker Social Action			100	<b>100</b>	<b>175</b>
Quaker Tapestry				<b>0</b>	<b>75</b>
Prison Phoenix Trust			100	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>
Orkney Food Bank				<b>0</b>	<b>175</b>
Orkney Street Pastors				<b>0</b>	<b>75</b>
Rwandan School Village Project			180	<b>180</b>	<b>180</b>
Woodbrooke				<b>0</b>	<b>180</b>
Small grants (2, < £100)			100	<b>100</b>	<b>140</b>
Grants to individuals (3, ≤ £2,500)	450		100	<b>550</b>	<b>4,970</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>450</b>	<b>14,236</b>	<b>945</b>	<b>15,631</b>	<b>25,576</b>

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## Breakdown of Area Meeting General funds

	Total 2020	Total 2019
	£	£
<b>Receipts</b>		
Scheduled Contributions to AM	11,044	12,337
Scheduled contributions to BYM & LM's (bal pending transfer to LM)	9,750	10,324
Grants	2,300	2,000
Bank interest	24	9
Receipts from Quaker activities	82	1,782
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>23,200</b>	<b>26,452</b>
<b>Payments</b>		
Fundraising activities	-	-
Cost of Quaker activities	2,636	7,099
Grants & donations	14,236	17,246
Governance costs		
Examination	480	468
Other	2,048	4,938
Other	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>19,400</b>	<b>29,751</b>
<b>Surplus/(deficit) before transfers</b>	<b>3,800</b>	<b>(3,299)</b>
Net transfers to AM funds	250	400
<b>Gross transfers</b>	<b>250</b>	<b>400</b>
<b>Surplus/(deficit) for the year</b>	<b>4,050</b>	<b>(2,899)</b>
<b>Cash funds</b>		
Cash & bank balance at start of year	13,009	15,908
Surplus/(deficit) for the year	4,050	(2,899)
<b>Cash &amp; bank balance at end of year</b>	<b>17,059</b>	<b>13,009</b>
<b>Bank &amp; cash balances</b>		
Deposit account	11,827	11,540
Current account	5,232	1,469
	<b>17,059</b>	<b>13,009</b>

## Religious Society of Friends (Quakers) North Scotland Area Meeting

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### Breakdown of Local Meeting funds

	Aberdeen	Banchory	Forres	Inverness	Lochaber & Lorn	Nairn	Orkney	Shetland	Skye	Total 2020	Total 2019
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
<b>Receipts</b>											
Contributions	2,571	25	380	646	290	184	58	-	718	4,872	6,419
Scheduled contributions	2,785	155	712	1,976	50	720	1,109	50	63	7,620	8,960
Receipts fundraising activities	431									431	2,495
Bank interest	10			118						128	138
Gross receipts charitable activities										-	475
Other receipts	267									267	1,238
<b>Total receipts</b>	<b>6,064</b>	<b>180</b>	<b>1,092</b>	<b>2,740</b>	<b>340</b>	<b>904</b>	<b>1,167</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>781</b>	<b>13,318</b>	<b>19,725</b>
<b>Payments</b>											£
Cost of generating funds										-	14
Bank charges											
Payments relating to charitable activities	3,353		573	556		512	381	165	84	5,624	13,052
Grants & donations	(75)	180		450	300		90			945	3,360
Governance costs:											
Independent examination	150									150	150
Preparation of annual accounts											
Other expenses	681									681	1,068
<b>Total payments</b>	<b>4,109</b>	<b>180</b>	<b>573</b>	<b>1,006</b>	<b>300</b>	<b>512</b>	<b>471</b>	<b>165</b>	<b>84</b>	<b>7,400</b>	<b>17,644</b>
<b>Surplus/(deficit) before transfers</b>	<b>1,955</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>519</b>	<b>1,734</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>392</b>	<b>696</b>	<b>(115)</b>	<b>697</b>	<b>5,918</b>	<b>2,081</b>

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	Aberdeen	Banchory	Forres	Inverness	Lochaber & Lorn	Nairn	Orkney	Shetland	Skye	Total 2020	Total 2019
Net transfers from AM											
Net transfers to AM				(250)						(250)	(400)
<b>Gross transfers</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>(250)</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>(250)</b>	<b>(400)</b>
<b>Surplus/(deficit) for the year</b>	<b>1,955</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>519</b>	<b>1,484</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>392</b>	<b>696</b>	<b>(115)</b>	<b>697</b>	<b>5,668</b>	<b>1,681</b>
<b>Cash funds</b>											
Cash & bank balance at start of year	6,566	1,043	213	23,237	526	903	659	543	689	<b>34,379</b>	<b>32,698</b>
Surplus/(deficit) for the year	1,955	-	519	1,484	40	392	696	(115)	697	<b>5,668</b>	<b>1,681</b>
<b>Cash &amp; bank balance at end of year</b>	<b>8,521</b>	<b>1,043</b>	<b>732</b>	<b>24,721</b>	<b>566</b>	<b>1,295</b>	<b>1,355</b>	<b>428</b>	<b>1,386</b>	<b>40,047</b>	<b>34,379</b>
<b>Statement of balances At 31 December 2020</b>											
Current account	6,329	1,043	732	5,291	566	1,295	1,355	428	1,386	<b>18,425</b>	
Savings accounts	2,192			19,430						<b>21,622</b>	
Cash in hand											
<b>Total</b>	<b>8,521</b>	<b>1,043</b>	<b>732</b>	<b>24,721</b>	<b>566</b>	<b>1,295</b>	<b>1,355</b>	<b>428</b>	<b>1,386</b>	<b>40,047</b>	