

Religious Society of Friends (Quakers) North Scotland Area Meeting

Scottish charity number SC017958

Trustees' Annual Report and Accounts Year ending 31 December 2023

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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*.

'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. Including those online via Zoom, and where we have managed to blend both together.

'... Quaker communities are loving, inclusive and all-age.' Our local meetings come in all shapes and sizes and adapt to local needs. Meetings normally, naturally include social time when refreshments are often served, sometimes accompanied or followed by shared food. This year only Forres has been able to host regular, monthly all-age worship to include Young Friends; the General Meeting for Scotland's family 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'. 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 the Meeting – 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 traditionally large but the increased use of online and blended meetings has reduced that considerably saving cost, time and helping our contribution to the 'commitment'.

'... 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, community foodbanks and other local groups.

'... Quakers are well known and widely understood.' 'Quaker Week' in the autumn helped to focus us on outreach but our profile continues to be very low as we are an aging community, and the priority remains keeping our meetings functioning.

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Reference and administration details

Trustees who served during the year

Tom Sayles	Clerk to AM trustees
Edmund Holt	Assistant clerk to AM trustees.
Anthony Buxton	AM treasurer
Peter Heald	AM assistant treasurer
William McEwen	
Jane Booth	
Anthea Mason	
John Hitchen	

Trustees on date of approval of Trustees Annual Report

Tom Sayles	Clerk to Trustees
Anthony Buxton	AM treasurer
Peter Heald	AM assistant treasurer.
William McEwen	
Jane Booth	
Anthea Mason	
John Hitchen	Assistant Clerk to AM
Edmund Holt	Assistant Clerk to AM trustees.

Trustees who have completed their service.

New trustees

Tom Sayles	Clerk to Trustees.
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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 Quaker Meeting has Gordon Fraser of Fraser & Mulligan, 1 Carden Place, Aberdeen AB10 1UT as its solicitor.

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

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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 regarding both legal and political affairs, and to relationship to other Church denominations and Faiths.

Constituent local Quaker meetings of North Scotland Area Meeting in 2023 were: Aberdeen; Forres; Inverness; Lochaber & Lorn; Orkney; Shetland; Westray and Papa Westray (by the end of the year this is now a worship group). Worship Groups meet in Nairn, Dingwall and Caithness. These meetings are all under the care of Inverness Local Meeting. Banchory Worshipping Group has been laid down.

Additionally, there is a weekly Area Meeting online Meeting for Worship which has a regular membership of more isolated Friends, augmented by those who are unable to travel to an in-person Meeting for Worship that week.

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 2021

Trustees

Trustees are appointed in accordance with the Governing Document. The names of members are usually brought forward by the Nominations Committee and appointed by the 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 'Thirty-one: eight' 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 all 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*.

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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.

Because 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 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

2023 has been a year of building on our recovery from the pandemic. All Local Meetings are now meeting regularly, and Aberdeen is undertaking blended meetings. The weekly AM online Meeting for Worship on a Sunday morning has continued and continues to thrive with a more stable membership. Some local Meetings have continued to arranged additional meetings online for their own members. These are advertised through the AM page on the General Meeting for Scotland website www.quakerscotland.org or details are available from local Clerks.

Meetings for worship for church affairs (the business meetings of Area Meeting), have now become blended meetings where possible, supplemented by additional meetings online, these are 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. This year we have met again face to face at our traditional residential venue of Pluscarden and many Friends stayed for the weekend, while others came for the day.

Our experimentation with fellowship meetings has become an enjoyable success and has 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. We have sent young Friends to Junior Yearly Meeting, Summer School, Shindig and the General Meeting Families Weekend. General Meeting has met four times this year as blended meetings in different parts of Scotland, one being held in our area. Some Friends have attended in person as well as online. Some Friends have joined in online meetings in other parts of the country. 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 2023 7 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.

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Achievements and performance

2023 has been a good year but also a sad one as we have lost a number of long-standing Friends of considerable influence across the Area Meeting. Most of our meetings have attracted new attenders which has enhanced our Meetings and fellowship and presents new challenges. We meet regularly in person and have continued the use of online meetings particularly for committees and business. As an AM we have considered the topics of ecocide, supporting refugees, peace at the heart and community justice. We managed our residential Area Meeting at Pluscarden again in August on the theme of 'Building Resilience'. This was also an opportunity for some of our young people to get together and they brought the Meeting alive with their creativity. We have continued to have our Fellowship meetings online, without business of any kind, e.g. the pre-Christmas social. We have gathered new faces and some regular attenders have become members. Our exposure to the public has thus increased both from our own and with other bodies. We have stayed together and grown together.

The Area Meeting continued to support members and attenders from local meetings throughout the North of Scotland to enable them to attend Quaker conferences and training courses offered by the Woodbrooke Quaker Study Centre and by Britain Yearly Meeting both online and in person. 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 their blended 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, some online.

Trustees

During the year trustees have met on a number of occasions online to deal with routine business.

In common with other organisations with commercial assets similar to 100 Crown Street the property continues to give concern. Both the market for the use of this type of property and the effect of the economic climate increase the financial risks and questions the viability of retaining the building in its present form.

Financial review

Local funds.

During the year the Banchory account was closed, and its assets added to the Area Meeting Account.

The Inverness reserve account now has new signatories and has been reduced slightly in accordance with the Meetings wishes.

Members' contributions

Members and attenders have continued to contribute enough to enable the Area Meeting to maintain a balanced budget and to hold its level of reserves. Contributions overall have risen slightly despite the loss of some regular contributors. The Area Meeting has been able

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to continue the level of giving to parts of the Religious Society of Friends it has traditionally supported, including the centrally managed work of the Society.

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. The Quota for 2023 was £3,229.58 including our 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. In 2023 donations of £6,950 and grants of £690 from Local Meeting funds were sent to Britain Yearly Meeting. Some members made direct contributions totaling £2,072, bringing the total amount sent to support the centrally managed work of the Society to £9,712. We have 133 members, which gives an average of £73 per member, slightly down from £74 last year.

Accounts for 2023

The Area Meeting accounts for 2023 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 £54,020 (2022: £39,590) and the total payments were £52,243 (2022: £32,312) leading to a surplus of £1,777 (2022: Surplus £7,278). On 31 December 2023, the bank balances totalled £144,185 (2022: £142,408).

Property

The Area Meeting owns the Quaker Meeting House at 98 Crown Street Aberdeen which was given a restatement value in the event of a total loss by Ralph Ogg & Partners on 29.01.2021 of £900,000. And the Commercial property at 100 Crown St which was given a restatement value in the event of a total loss by Ralph Ogg & Partners on 29.01.2021 of £1,100,000. The Area meeting also owns Quaker burial grounds at Kingswells and Kinmuck that are considered to have no commercial value.

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.

NSQT Fund

This fund consists of an original permanent financial endowment and an accumulated expendable restricted endowment. The former cannot be quantified in modern financial terms as the two endowments have been run together since inception. The fund currently comprises £85,957.97 held in the Charity bank and the Bank of Scotland. This is currently below the figure recommended in guidance from Britain Yearly Meeting for the value of property the Area Meeting holds. 100 Crown Street and the Kinmuck Burial ground form part of the permanent endowment.

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Insurance

Trustees agreed that the NSQT fund should pay the cost of the insurance for 100 Crown Street and asked Aberdeen Local Meeting to contribute towards the insurance that covered 98 Crown Street and the activities of the AM.

Sustainability

Building a low-carbon, sustainable community is a challenge given the distances between individuals and Meetings when we cover an area from Shetland to Oban and across to the Outer Hebrides in one direction, and across to Aberdeen in the other. Our carbon footprint is traditionally large and consequently we measure it when we meet face to face. This year the Area Meetings have been blended and online and consequently less Friends are travelling although there is encouragement to participate in the social aspects of face-to-face meetings. Consequently, our carbon footprint has increased slightly although Friends use public transport where they can.

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 claimed expenses totaling £38 this year (2022: £nil).

Plans for the future.

Explorations are taking place to form a single charity for all Quakers in Scotland and our Area Meeting is keen for this to happen to reduce the burden of administration and the call on an aging membership.

In the interim 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 Tom Sayles

Date 22nd March 2024

for
North Scotland Area Meeting Trustees

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Independent Examiner's Report for year ending 31 December 2023

I report on the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2023, 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.

Ryan Allan

**Ryan Allan FCCA
Chartered Certified Accountant
Independent Examiner
A.J.B. Scholes Limited
8 Albert Street, Kirkwall, Orkney KW15 1HP**

Date: 22 May 2024

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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	2023		31	December	2023

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 £
A1 Receipts						
Donations	28,451				28,451	25,877
Legacies	10,000				10,000	2,200
Grants	2,000				2,000	1,000
Grants paid to individuals refunded						
Receipts from fundraising activities	3,176				3,176	1,306
Gross trading receipts					-	
Income from investments other than land and buildings	368		1,403		1,771	514
Rents from land & buildings			7,500		7,500	7,500
Gross receipts from other charitable activities	1,122				1,122	1,193
					-	
A1 Sub total	45,117	-	8,903	-	54,020	39,590
A2 Receipts from asset & investment sales						
Proceeds from sale of fixed assets					-	
Proceeds from sale of investments					-	
A2 Sub total	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	45,117	-	8,903	-	54,020	39,590
A3 Payments						
Expenses for fundraising activities					-	-
Gross trading payments			7,367		7,367	3,238
Investment management costs					-	
Payments relating directly to charitable activities	22,999				22,999	11,902
Grants and donations	18,912				18,912	14,955
Governance costs:					-	
Audit / independent examination	702				702	660
Preparation of annual accounts	367				367	525
Legal costs					-	-
Other	1,896				1,896	1,032
					-	
A3 Sub total	44,876	-	7,367	-	52,243	32,312
A4 Payments relating to asset and investment movements						
Purchases of fixed assets					-	
Purchase of investments					-	
A4 Sub total	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	44,876	-	7,367	-	52,243	32,312
Net receipts / (payments)	241	-	1,536	-	1,777	7,278
A5 Transfers to / (from) funds						
					-	
Surplus / (deficit) for year	241	-	1,536	-	1,777	7,278

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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 £
B1 Cash funds	Cash and bank balances at start of year	57,986		84,422		142,408	135,130
	Surplus / (deficit) shown on receipts and payments account	241		1,536		1,777	7,278
						-	
	Cash and bank balances at end of year	58,227	-	85,958	-	144,185	142,408

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

Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (if available) to nearest £	Current value (if available) to nearest £	Last year to nearest £
B3 Other assets	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				
			Total	335,000	2,000,000

Categories	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due to nearest £	Last year to nearest £
B4 Liabilities	Independent Examination Fee	Unrestricted	552	510
	Accounts Preparation Fee	Unrestricted	385	367
	Accountancy support	Unrestricted	474	474
		Total	1,411	1,351

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

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
Anthony Buxton Tom Sayles	Anthony Buxton (treasurer) Tom Sayles (clerk)	22nd March 2024
		22nd March 2024

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Notes to the Accounts for year ending 31 December 2023

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, Nairn and Inverness (Including Skye) Local Meetings on their behalf. The balances at 31/12/23 were Forres LM £1,184 (2022: £1,213), Nairn LM £834 (2022: £1,202), Inverness LM £5,084 (2022: £8,638).

Inverness Local Meeting has redesignated its Premises Fund as a Premises Support, Outreach and Development Fund. The balance of the fund at 31 December 2023 is £14,891 (2022: £17,469). 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 £5,084 (2022: £8,638) as noted above, 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 14 institutions and 4 individuals, totaling £18,912 (£14,955 in 2022).
- 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 £552; Accounts Preparation fee £385; Accountancy support Oct-Dec 2023 £474.
- 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 £38.33 (2022: £nil): for postage and subscriptions.
- 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	Total 2023	Total 2022
Britain Yearly Meeting		6,950	690	7,640	7,107
General Meeting for Scotland		4,472		4,472	3,262
Northern Friends Peace Board		1,390		1,390	1,251
Northern Friends Youth Events Trust				0	707
Quaker UN Office				0	500
Quaker Council for European Affairs			240	240	0
Quaker International Trust (Ramalla School)			350	350	1,100
Quaker Action on Alcohol & Drugs			100	100	0
Good News Associates				0	108
Glenthorn Quaker Centre				0	0
Quaker Social Action			250	250	0
Friends World Committee for Consultation			240	240	0
Young Friends General Meeting			240	240	0
Prison Phoenix Trust			150	150	0
Orkney Food Bank			250	250	150
Orkney Street Pastors				0	150
Moray Food Plus			200	200	0
St Neot's LM – Mfangano Project				0	500
Woodbrooke			240	240	0
Inverness Methodist Church		200		200	0
TIAFI Izmir (support for Syrian refugees)			500	500	0
Small grants (0, < £100)				0	20
Grants to individuals (6, ≤ £2,500)			2,450	2,450	100
Total	0	13,012	5,900	18,912	14,955

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Breakdown of Area Meeting General funds

	Total 2023	Total 2022
	£	£
Receipts		
Scheduled Contributions to AM	9,785	7,991
Scheduled contributions to BYM & GM	9,267	7,677
Grants	2,000	-
Bank interest	335	19
Receipts from Quaker activities	1,122	1,193
Sub total	22,509	16,880
Payments		
Fundraising activities	-	-
Cost of Quaker activities	6,971	3,189
Grants & donations	13,012	13,677
Governance costs		
Examination	552	510
Other	2,263	1,557
Sub total	22,798	18,933
Surplus/(deficit) before transfers	(289)	(2,053)
Transfers to/(from) AM funds	3,248	(1,532)
Gross transfers	3,248	(1,532)
Surplus/(Deficit) for the year	2,959	(3,585)
Cash funds		
Cash & bank balance at start of year	10,773	14,358
Surplus/(deficit) for the year	2,959	(3,585)
Cash & bank balance at end of year	13,732	10,773
Bank & cash balances		
Deposit account	6,942	3,043
Current account	6,790	7,730
	13,732	10,773

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Breakdown of Local Meeting funds

	Aberdeen	Banchory	Forres	Inverness	Lochaber & Lorn	Nairn	Orkney	Shetland	Total 2023	Total 2022
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Receipts										
Contributions	56		203	591	420	742	40		2,052	5,641
Scheduled contributions	1,892		808	2,634		870	1,003	140	7,348	6,768
Receipts fundraising activities	3,176								3,176	1,306
Bank interest	33								33	7
Gross receipts charitable activities									-	-
Other receipts - grants	10,000								10,000	1,000
Total receipts	15,157	0	1,011	3,225	420	1,612	1,043	140	22,608	14,722
Payments										£
Cost of generating funds									-	-
Bank charges									-	-
Payments relating to charitable activities	7,677		792	5,065		1,976	623	(105)	16,028	8,713
Grants & donations	1,900		200	2,950	600		250		5,900	1,278
Governance costs:										
Independent examination	150								150	150
Preparation of annual accounts									-	-
Other expenses									-	-
Total payments	9,727	0	992	8,015	600	1,976	873	(105)	22,078	10,141
Surplus/(deficit) before transfers	5,430	0	19	(4,790)	(180)	(364)	170	245	530	4,581

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	Aberdeen	Banchory	Forres	Inverness	Lochaber & Lorn	Nairn	Orkney	Shetland	Total 2023	Total 2022
Net transfers from AM									0	2,212
Net transfers to AM	(618)	(1,156)	(48)	(1,342)	(24)	(4)	(32)	(24)	(3,248)	(680)
Gross transfers	(618)	(1,156)	(48)	(1,342)	(24)	(4)	(32)	(24)	(3,248)	1,532
Surplus/(deficit) for the year	4,812	(1,156)	(29)	(6,132)	(204)	(368)	138	221	(2,718)	6,113
Cash funds										
Cash & bank balance at start of year	14,908	1,156	1,213	26,107	793	1,202	1,333	501	47,213	41,100
Surplus/(deficit) for the year	4,812	(1,156)	(29)	(6,132)	(204)	(368)	138	221	(2,718)	6,113
Cash & bank balance at end of year	19,720	0	1,184	19,975	589	834	1,471	722	44,495	47,213
Statement of balances At 31 December 2023										
Current account	17,025		0	14,891	589		1,299	677	34,481	
LM funds held by AM	442		1,184	5,084		834	172	45	7,761	
Savings accounts	2,253								2,253	
Cash in hand										
Total	19,720	0	1,184	19,975	589	834	1,471	722	44,495	