

Religious Society of Friends (Quakers)
West Scotland Area Meeting
(Scottish Charity No: SC011234)



What Can We Offer Our Society in 2025?

Our spiritual home as Quakers depends upon each of us to contribute financially as we are able to. We are asked, not to give equally, but to give with equal generosity. Some will be able to give more - others amongst us may be able to give only a little - so the sums suggested below are given simply as guidance. But the work of our Society depends upon us, its members and attenders.

There are three levels at which our financial support is needed, and we can give to all three via this Contribution Schedule if we wish.

West Scotland Area Meeting (AM)

Our Area Meeting:

- supports our Local Meetings and our role-holders by paying for training, courses, conferences, and our newsletter, West Scotland Quaker News;
- supports and encourages our Young Friends to engage with Young Friends across Britain, through Young Friends General Meeting and other gatherings;
- contributes to Britain Yearly Meeting, and to General Meeting for Scotland, which nurtures the community of Friends in Scotland. Via General Meeting, West Scotland AM contributes to the salary costs of both our Parliamentary Engagement Officer and our Local Development Worker, Zoe Prosser.
- contributes to Northern Friends Peace Board, to Summer Shindig (the annual event for our teenagers), to Friends World Committee for Consultation, and to Quaker Council for European Affairs.
- pays for insurance on behalf of all our Local Meetings, our Meeting House in Glasgow (all other costs are covered by Glasgow LM), and the costs of professional advice to ensure good governance of our AM and compliance with charity regulations.
- is able to provide some financial support for Friends in crisis.

Our Area Meeting needs to receive around £10 per member per month in 2025 (rather less than a cup of coffee a week) to cover these costs.

Britain Yearly Meeting (BYM)

BYM supports Meetings all around the country, and carries out our Quaker work in the world, such as campaigning for a just and sustainable world and taking practical action on peace-building and education. BYM also contributes to the costs of our Local

Development Worker and our Parliamentary Engagement Officer who works on our behalf with the Scottish Government. A great deal more information about the work of BYM and the ways in which your contribution is used is provided in the leaflet “Celebrating Our Quaker Work” which will either accompany this Schedule or can be obtained from your LM treasurer or the AM treasurer.

To maintain the Society’s witness and work BYM needs an average contribution of around £20 per member per month in 2025.

Your Local Meeting (LM)

Your LM Treasurer will be able to advise you about the financial needs of your local Quaker Meeting.

Finally, a reminder and clarification:

If you already have a Contribution Schedule in place and do not wish to change your instructions, there is no need to complete another Schedule.

However if you have reviewed your giving and wish to increase or decrease the amount you give, or if you wish to alter the way in which your contribution is distributed, please submit another Schedule.

GIFT AID

If you are a taxpayer, you can increase your donation by allowing us to claim back relevant tax from HMRC through the Gift Aid Scheme. This will add 25% to the value of your donation, which will be distributed according to the allocations you have made in the Contribution Schedule.

However, **you must have paid enough tax to cover your Gift Aid, otherwise you will be liable to pay back HMRC for the amount wrongly claimed.** If your circumstances change and you are no longer a taxpayer, or if you have other queries about Gift Aid, please contact: Bronwen Currie, Treasurer: West Scotland Area Meeting. Phone: 01496 850006, 07585 942021 or email: bron.currie@gmail.com

A Gift Aid declaration form can be obtained either from Bronwen as above, or from the Assistant Treasurer, Margaret Jacobsen – details on the Schedule on the next page.

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CONTRIBUTION SCHEDULE 2025

How to give:

You can contribute to all the bodies mentioned overleaf through this Contribution Schedule. This allows you to specify how your donation should be assigned and we will then allocate your donation in accordance to your wishes.

Name Email address: Tel:.....

Starting from(insert date) my contribution will be £ per month / quarter / year*
(*please delete as appropriate)

I wish my contribution to be allocated in this way:

West Scotland Area Meeting £

.....Local Meeting (insert name) £

Britain Yearly Meeting £

I shall make my payment by:

(Please indicate)

- Cheque
 Standing Order/BACS payment
 CAF Voucher

Please indicate:

- If you would like a Standing Order mandate form
- If you would like a Gift Aid declaration form

If paying by BACS or by Standing Order, our bank details are:

Religious Society of Friends West Scotland Area Meeting
Sort Code 80-91-29 Account No. 00724947

Please include your name as Reference when you set up the SO, and return this completed schedule to our Assistant Treasurer, Margaret Jacobsen, at the address below so that we can identify your payment and allocate your contribution as you would wish.

To change an existing Standing Order, please make the necessary arrangements with your bank and return this completed schedule to Margaret so that we know of your changes and any new allocation. If you wish to change your donation during the year, please inform Margaret of the change in order to allocate according to your wishes.

If paying by cheque or CAF voucher, please make it payable to:

“Religious Society of Friends West Scotland Area Meeting”

and send with this completed schedule to our Assistant Treasurer, Margaret Jacobsen, at this address:

Margaret Jacobsen, Galeed, Whitegates Road, Lochgilphead PA31 8SY
email: mhjacobsen@hotmail.com

Margaret will be able to answer any queries you may have about your donation.