

MINUTES & DOCUMENTS FROM AREA MEETINGS

EAST SCOTLAND AM

East Scotland Area Meeting held Saturday 18th October 2025 in Dundee and by zoom

25.10.10 Transfer of ESAM functions to Quakers in Scotland

We have heard that Meeting for Sufferings has agreed to our request to lay down East Scotland Area Meeting and transfer its functions to Quakers in Scotland. We receive Minute MfS/25/10/09 of Meeting for Sufferings held 3-5 October 2025 which reads in part:

“All three area meetings [East Scotland, North Scotland, West Scotland] wish to lay themselves down and become part of Quakers in Scotland (QiS). We agree to this and endorse the proposals for reorganisation. We are content that QiS will take over the responsibilities of these area meetings.... We uphold our Friends in Scotland as they develop new structures that aim to help Quakerism in Scotland to thrive.”

We have also received permission to transfer our charitable functions to Quakers in Scotland from OSCR.

We therefore agree that East Scotland Area Meeting transfers its responsibilities to Quakers in Scotland on Saturday 8 November at its next meeting. All members who have given their permission will on that date have their membership transferred to Quakers in Scotland.

We agree that all current AM appointments, except those of trustees, treasurer and clerks, pass to Quakers in Scotland with their existing terms of service. A number of post-holders due to end their service on 31 December 2025 have agreed to extend their service by one year to smooth the transition. We are grateful for this. A list of the ongoing appointments is on the ESAM webpage.

However, ESAM will continue as a charitable body with Trustees and treasurer until the transfer of assets including St. Andrews Meeting House is complete. We ask Trustees to take all necessary measures to implement this, and to notify Quakers in Scotland when the winding up is recognised by OSCR.

25.10.11 Reflections – looking back, looking forward

We have taken the opportunity to share memories, to acknowledge change and to reflect on ways of feeding into the ongoing work. We have heard of apprehensions, hopes, gratitude and excitement.

We have been given the image of seeds and of cultivation and diversity. We are taking a leap of faith. Let us live adventurously.

25.10.12 Minute of closure

Consent having been obtained from OSCR and from Meeting for Sufferings
(a) we agree to wind up the affairs of East Scotland Area Meeting and, after settlement of all debts and liabilities, transfer the remaining assets of the charity for nil consideration to Quakers in Scotland (registered charity SC054060);
(b) upon completion of which the charity shall be declared dissolved;
(c) we give authority to the Trustees to take all measures they consider necessary to give effect to this process.

We ask the Clerk to arrange for ESAM Minutes and other significant records to be deposited for safe-keeping in Dundee Meeting House.

East Scotland Area Meeting has served Friends in our area since 1966. We are grateful to all who have served it over the years. The work will continue under the new framework and we thank all those who will be contributing to this.

We send this Minute to Quakers in Scotland, Meeting for Sufferings and the Recording Clerk.

Robin Waterston Clerk

The local meetings being transferred are Dundee, Perth and St. Andrews.

List of post-holders whose appointment will be transferred to Quakers in Scotland after 18 October 2025

Local Meeting	Post	Name	First appointment	Serving until
Dundee	Elder	Robert Thompson	Jan 2017	Dec 2026
	Elder	Connie Wright	Jan 2024	Dec 2026
	Elder	Bel Ingham	Feb 2025	Dec 2026
	Pastoral F	Norman Alm	Jan 2020	Dec 2026
	Pastoral F	Pamala McDougall	May 2023	Dec 2026
	Pastoral F	Craig Wilson	Feb 2025	Dec 2026
	Pastoral F	Kris Thomassen	Jan 2024	Dec 2026
Perth	Elder	Anneke Kraakman	May 2020	Dec 2026
	Elder	Sue Holland-Smith	Jan 2020	Dec 2026
	Pastoral F	Felicity Bryers	Jan 2024	Dec 2026
	Pastoral F	Stella Cranwell	Jan 2020	Dec 2026
St. Andrews	Elder	Michael Grieve	Jan 2023	Dec 2027
	Elder	Pam Brunt	Nov 2025	Dec 2028
	Elder	Robert Rayner	Jan 2026	June 2026
	Pastoral F	Ellen Colingsworth	Jan 2021	Dec 2026
	Pastoral F	Busa Cochrane-Muir	Jan 2021	Dec 2026
	Pastoral F	Liz Crichton	Jan 2025	Dec 2027
	Pastoral F	Sue Atkinson	Jan 2026	Dec 2028

All	NFPB rep	Craig Wilson	Jan 2025	Dec 2027
	QLRC rep	Anneke Kraakman	Jan 2023	Dec 2026
	QLRC deputy rep	Kate Douglas	Jan 2023	Dec 2026
	QiS Noms Ctee	Jill Marshall	Aug 2020	Dec 2026
	Mtg for Sufferings	Robert Thompson	Summer 2023	Summer 2026
	Mtg for Sufferings	Norman Alm	Summer 2023	Summer 2026
	Registering officer	Vacant		
	CYP Advocate	Vacant		
	S/guarding coord	Vacant		

NORTH SCTOLAND AM

Minutes and details to come.

SOUTH EAST SCOTLAND AM

South East Scotland Area Meeting intends to make a definitive decision concerning its relationship with Quakers in Scotland at its 19th January 2026 meeting.

WEST SCOTLAND AM

WEST SCOTLAND AREA MEETING held 11th October 2025 at Stair, Ayrshire and online

086/25 Transfer to Quakers in Scotland

On 20th September General Meeting for Scotland was laid down and its responsibilities as set out in Quaker Faith & Practice 5.03 transferred to Quakers in Scotland. To ensure the new body can meet its responsibilities all GM appointments, except those of trustees and treasurers, transferred with their ongoing terms of service to Quakers in Scotland.

We agree for West Scotland Area Meeting to transfer its responsibilities to Quakers in Scotland on Saturday 8th November. This is the date of the next meeting of Quakers in Scotland and would enable it to minute acceptance of the Area Meeting responsibilities and ensure there was no gap in the care of the meetings.

We agree that all current AM appointments, except those of trustees, treasurer and clerks, pass to Quakers in Scotland with their ongoing terms of service. A list of these appointments is attached. This will ensure a smooth transition of roles from AM to QiS.

At our meeting in August, we took time to consider what aspects of community and connections we felt were important to build on as we develop in the new ways of being.

We felt it was important to ensure we continue to provide opportunities for discussions and learning to maintain links between meeting communities.

We hope that new ways to organise outreach and enquirers events can be found to ensure we continue to make ourselves visible and accessible to those seeking a spiritual community.

We look forward to more opportunities for residential gatherings and other approaches to enable us to meet and share time and meals, to get to know one another and be part of the larger community.

As Quakers in Scotland becomes our new spiritual community embracing all Friends in Scotland, we welcome the opportunity to explore and grow as a supportive Quaker community.

We send this minute, the attached list of appointments, and a list of Local Meetings, to the Clerk of Quakers in Scotland.

086/27 Laying down the Religious Society of Friends (Quakers) West Scotland Area Meeting

As recorded in minute 086/25 we intend to transfer all the responsibilities, as listed in QF&P (4.02-4.30), of the Area Meeting to Quakers in Scotland on 8th November 2025.

We have heard that OSCR have given consent to dissolving West Scotland Area Meeting as a charity.

We, having received notification of agreement from Meeting for Sufferings to the same, agree to wind up the affairs of the charity and after settlement of all debts and liabilities, transfer the remaining assets of the charity for nil consideration to Quakers in Scotland (registered charity SC054060).

Upon completion of this, the charity shall be declared dissolved.

We give authority to the Trustees to take all measures they consider necessary to give effect to this.

Kate Gulliver, clerk

WSAM Local Meetings transferring to QiS, November 2025

Argyll Quaker Meeting

Arran Quaker Meeting

Ayrshire Quaker Meeting

Castle Douglas Quaker Meeting

Dumfries Quaker Meeting

Dunblane Quaker Meeting

Glasgow Quaker Meeting

Islay & Jura Quaker Meeting

Lanark Quaker Meeting

Milngavie Quaker Meeting

Mull & Iona Quaker Meeting

Online Sunday Evening Meeting for Worship

Wigtown Quaker Meeting

West Scotland Area Meeting Appointments transferring to Quakers in Scotland

POST	NAME	END DATE	TERM	Minute of appointment
Website - AM page editor	Ruth Bacon	31/12/26	3	06/18, 120/20, 063/23
Registering officer	Kate Philbrick	31/12/26	3	96/17, 100/20, 018/24
Archivist	Paul Burton	31/12/26	4	113/14, 96/17, 100/20, 063/23
Safeguarding coordinator	Jane Essex	31/12/26	1	063/23
Safeguarding deputy	Gill Reid	31/12/26	1	063/23
Health and Safety Officer	Wendy Reynolds	31/12/27	2	097/21, 005/25
Prison Visitor (Greenock)	Martin Mansell	ongoing	3	05/20, 100/20, 063/23
Prison Chaplain/Visitor	Jenny Copsey	31/12/26	2	029/23, 063/23
WSQN editor	Margaret Roy	31/12/26	3	80/16, 96/17, 100/20, 018/24
Children's work				
Children's advocate	Mary Alice Mansell	31/12/26	3	39/19, 100/20, 018/24
JYM coordinator & Named Contact Person	Pam Currie	31/12/26	1	082/23
Northern Friends Peace Board representative	Barry Mills	31/12/26	1	077/24
Quaker Committee for Christian and Interfaith relations (QCCIR)	Laura McMurtrie	31/12/26	1	082/23
Quaker Life Representative Council	Terri Sutherland	31/12/26	1	049/24
Clerk of spiritual & pastoral care group	Sheila Semple	31/12/26	1	064/24
Elders				
Argyll	Wendy Reynolds	31/12/26	1	082/23
Arran	Chris Holmes	31/12/27	1	017/25
Ayrshire	Tara Smith	31/12/26	1	105/24
Ayrshire	Kate Gulliver	31/12/26	1	105/24
Dunblane	Judith Rogers	31/12/26	1	082/23
Dunblane	Peter Hancock	31/12/26	1	082/23
Glasgow	Neil McKechnie	31/12/27	1	017/25
Glasgow	Rosemary Morgan	31/12/26	1	018/24
Glasgow	Linda Cannon	31/12/27	1	005/25
Glasgow	Hilary Patrick	31/12/28	1	078/25
Glasgow	Sheila Semple	31/12/26	1	018/24
Glasgow	David Thomas	21/12/26	2	008/22, 018/24
Glasgow	Mary Troup	31/12/28	1	078/25

Glasgow	Daphne Wassermann	31/12/26	1	082/23
Lanark	Jane Essex	31/12/26	1	077/24
Milngavie	Jenny Copsey	31/12/27	1	078/25
Milngavie	Robert Mandeville	31/12/26	3	082/23
Milngavie	Barbara Potter	31/12/26	1	082/23
Mull and Iona	Rob Claxton-Ingham	31/12/26	2	120/20, 082/23
Mull and Iona	Jenny Kime	31/12/26	2	120/20, 082/23
Wigtown	Helen MacDonald	31/12/26	1	082/23
Pastoral Care				
Argyll	Ed Tyler	31/12/27	3	96/17, 120/20, 005/25
Arran	Mary Robinson	31/12/27	1	017/25
Ayrshire	Hilary Christy	31/12/26	4	113/14, 96/17, 120/20, 082/23
Ayrshire	Laura McMurtrie	31/12/26	1	082/23
Dunblane	Crawford Logan	31/12/26	3	96/17, 120/20, 082/23
Dunblane	Elaine Millar	31/12/26	2	022/22, 082/23
Dunblane	Pleasaunce Perry	31/12/27	1	017/25
Glasgow (Wed mtg)	Liz Anderton	31/12/26	1	018/24
Glasgow	Ren Clark	31/12/26	1	105/24
Glasgow	Mark Coleman	31/12/26	1	018/24
Glasgow	Mary Cox	31/12/26	1	018/24
Glasgow	Gisela Creed	31/12/26	2	120/20, 018/24
Glasgow	Mary Alice Mansell	31/12/26	2	072/22, 018/24
Glasgow	Diane Scott	31/12/28	1	078/25
Glasgow	David Thomas	31/12/27	1	078/25
Glasgow	Alastair Trainor	31/12/26	1	105/24
Glasgow	Maureen Waugh & Mike Nellis	31/12/26	1	018/24
Lanark	Elisabeth Hodson	31/12/27	1	120/20, 017/25
Milngavie	Ursula Edge	31/12/26	1	082/23
Mull and Iona	Katherine Elwis	31/12/27	2	120/20, 017/25
Mull & Iona	Juliet Antill (a)	31/12/27	1	017/25
Nominations				
Arran (Deputy Clerk)	Tessa Smith	31/12/26	1	034/24
Arran	Chris Holmes	31/12/26	1	077/24
Ayrshire (Clerk)	Gill Reid	31/12/26	2	121/20, 034/24
Dumfries	Jan Lethbridge	31/12/26	1	034/24
Dunblane	Robin Davis	31/12/27	1	017/25
Glasgow	Sheila Semple	31/12/26		034/24
Wigtown	Via clerk			
Assistant Area Meeting Clerk	Wendy Reynolds	31/12/26	1	034/24