

Nottinghamshire and Derbyshire Area Quaker Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends

Annual Report and Accounts 2025



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The annual report and accounts for Nottinghamshire and Derbyshire Area Quaker Meeting, usually abbreviated to Notts & Derby Area Quaker Meeting (N&DAQM), for the year 1 January 2025 to 31 December 2025.

The report is based on contributions received from local meetings, Area Meeting role holders and the Area Meeting trustees.

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Annual Report
of Nottinghamshire and Derbyshire Area Quaker Meeting
of the Religious Society of Friends (Quakers)
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Introduction

Status and Objectives

The Religious Society of Friends (Quakers) in Britain is a Christian denomination established in the seventeenth century. In legal terms it is a charity for the advancement of religion.

Britain Yearly Meeting (BYM) is the final constitutional authority of the Religious Society of Friends in Great Britain. Its membership consists of all those who belong to its Area Meetings. BYM publishes Quaker Faith and Practice [1] (QF&P) to give guidance in conduct of both the business and spiritual affairs of the Society.

Nottinghamshire and Derbyshire Area Quaker Meeting is one of the constituent Area Meetings within Britain Yearly Meeting (BYM). As a registered charity, its Object is *"the furtherance of the general religious and charitable purposes of the Religious Society of Friends (Quakers) in Britain in the area of Nottinghamshire and Derbyshire and beyond."*

This report sets out its charitable objectives and gives some examples of how they have been met in 2025. In it, trustees have sought to give as faithful as possible an account of the ways it has worked to these charitable objectives, and to meet its legal, financial, spiritual and social responsibilities.

Quaker Meeting for Worship (MfW) is the bedrock of Quakers' faith and practice [2]. Details of meetings for worship held by the eight constituent Local Meetings (LMs) are set out on page 4. Trustees are indebted to Local Meetings for providing individual reports from which a large part of this annual report is drawn.

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1 Quaker Faith and Practice. The book of Christian Discipline of the Yearly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends (Quakers) in Britain Fifth edition https://qfp.quaker.org.uk/

2 *"Meeting for worship brings Quakers together in silence so we can still our minds and open our hearts and lives to God."* https://www.quaker.org.uk/meetings A Quaker meeting creates a space of gathered stillness or a silence of waiting and listening.
See also: https://www.quaker.org.uk/faith/our-faith/how-quakers-worship

Abbreviations used in this report:
AM: Area Meeting
BYM: Britain Yearly Meeting
LM: Local Meeting
MfW: Meeting for Worship
MfWfB: Meeting for Worship for Business
MH: Meeting House

Note:
1. The words ‘Quaker’ and ‘Friend’ are used interchangeably
2. BYM: Britain Yearly Meeting. ‘Quakers in Britain’ is also the name the organisation is commonly known by.
‘Britain Yearly Meeting’ refers to both the religious gathering and the organisation.
‘Yearly Meeting’, or ‘Yearly Meeting Gathering’ are also the names given to the annual gathering of British Quakers.

Quaker Meetings in Nottinghamshire and Derbyshire
Area Quaker Meeting: Details of Meetings for Worship [3]

Bakewell Friends Meeting House
Chapel Row, Matlock Street,
Bakewell DE45 1EL
Meeting for Worship: every Sunday at 10.30am
(remote access available on Zoom)

Beeston Meeting is held at
Chilwell Memorial Hall,
128 High Road, Chilwell NG9 4AT
Meeting for Worship: each Sunday at 10.30am

Chesterfield Friends Meeting House
27 Ashgate Road, Chesterfield S40 4AG
Meeting for Worship: every Sunday at 10.30am
(Tuesday evenings 7.30pm on Zoom)

Derby Friends Meeting House,
St Helen's Street, Derby DE1 3GY
Meeting for Worship: every Sunday at 10.45am
(1st Sunday blended; 2nd & 4th Sundays in person only;
3rd & 5th 'parallel' in person with separate Zoom Meeting)

Fritchley Friends Meeting House
Chapel Street, Fritchley, Belper DE56 2FR
Meeting for Worship: every Sunday at 11am

Mansfield Friends Meeting House
Rosemary Street, Mansfield NG19 6AB
Meeting for Worship: each Sunday at 10.30am
(Winter months also on Zoom; summer months on Zoom when requested)

Nottingham Friends Meeting House
25 Clarendon Street, Nottingham NG1 5JD
Meeting for Worship:
Each Sunday at 10.30am and each Thursday at 1pm.
(1st Sunday blended; Wednesdays 12 noon on Zoom; Thursdays 1pm in person)

Worksop Meeting is held in
The Onyx Room, Crossing Church and Centre,
Newcastle Street, Worksop S80 2AT
Meeting for Worship: 1st, 2nd and 4th Sundays at 10.15am

[3] Details correct as of 31st December 2025. Please see the Area Meeting website for any updates, corrections, contact details etc.: nottsandderbyquakers.org.uk

Charitable Objectives

Local Meetings (LMs) were asked to give one example of a way they met or an action towards each of the charitable objectives. As will be apparent, there is considerable overlap between the various objectives. Collectively they demonstrate the ways in which the Area Quaker Meeting worked to its charitable objectives in 2025:

Objective 1: Strengthening the life and witness of our local meetings and area meeting;

LMs were asked: How has your Local Meeting contributed to its spiritual and/or community life?

Each of the LMs held regular Meetings for Worship (see list on previous page)
Examples of other actions and initiatives included

- Bakewell LM held its annual 'Our Life Together' event led by The Kindlers[4].
- Beeston LM decided to hold bring and share lunches once a month after Meeting for Worship. with attendance not restricted to those present at the preceding Meeting for Worship.
- Chesterfield LM held Fellowship and Quaker Faith & Practice Groups (in person and by Zoom) and organised a Woodbrooke[5] Where You Are "Quaker Spirituality in a Day" course.
- Many LMs held or instituted Afterwords[6] after Meeting for Worship;
- Fritchley LM held Peace Vigils in several local town centres, including Mansfield (to support Mansfield LM,).
- Nottingham LM held a Children's Meeting 2nd & 4th Sunday of the month and an annual All Age Worship.
- Worksop LM held an occasional Wednesday evening discussion group. They continued with a 'remote' MfW every 3rd and 5th Sundays: Friends observed 30 minutes silence in their homes, and then exchanged 'after -ministry' by email focussing on a pre-circulated reading.

Objective 2: Spreading the message of Quakers and developing the thought and practice of the Religious Society of Friends

Responses from LMs varied considerably and included: Chesterfield LM hosted a speaker from the Ecumenical Accompaniment Programme to Israel & Palestine

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4 The Kindlers are an experimental group focused on Quaker spirituality. They work to rekindle the power of Quaker worship by renewing and deepening Quaker spiritual practices. They do this by holding workshops to deepen the spiritual life of Quaker meetings and publishing associated material. See also http://www.thekindlers.org.uk

5 Woodbrooke is an international Quaker learning and research organisation based in Britain.

6 'Afterwords' in some British Quaker meetings is a designated, informal period immediately following the main, silent Meeting for Worship. It provides a space for attendees to share insights, thoughts, or reflections that occurred to them during the silence but were not shared as spoken ministry. Many of the Notts & Derby LMs now practice Afterwords.

(EAPPI)[7], Beeston Friends supported activities with Nottingham branch of Friends of Standing Together [8] They were involved in the setting up Broxtowe Together (countering hate and the far right by creating a welcoming community, especially in support of asylum seekers and other groups under threat of attack); Fritchley LM made improvements on noticeboards. Mansfield LM ensured good advertisement and information about Quakers to outside user groups of its MH. Bakewell LM held a shorter Meeting for Worship on each 'fifth Sunday' of the month, inviting people wanting to experience Quaker worship for the first time, with informal discussion afterwards. Friends at Nottingham LM served on Quaker chaplaincy at local prisons and investigated chaplaincy provision at the city's two universities. Derby held a regular 'Question & Answer' session on the 4th Sunday led by an experienced Friend. It gave everyone opportunity to contribute irrespective of the length of their experience of Quakerism, and proved very successful and became on-going.

Objective 3: Undertaking Quaker service for the relief of suffering at home and abroad

Actions included organising 'Refugee Hospitality Days' with other churches (Bakewell LM); working with Refugees through the North Derbyshire, and Doncaster, Refugee Support Groups (Chesterfield LM) and collecting for Quaker Congo Partnership (QCP) and getting updates on the work of this charity from one of its trustees (Derby LM).

Objective 4: Funding the concerns that Quaker Meetings in the area of Notts & Derbyshire AQM or beyond have agreed to support

Derby LM reported that Peace Bowl collections had continued each week. Bakewell LM reported that a particular concern had been the situation in Gaza. They also wrote to their MP to urge the Government to do more to work for peace and alleviate suffering there. Beeston LM actively supported Northern Friends Peace Board.
Five LMs (Bakewell, Chesterfield, Derby, Fritchley, Nottingham) listed different organisations they had made collections for. As a general rule, donations were either sent directly to the designated concerns, or made through the LM acting as agent.

[7] The Ecumenical Accompaniment Programme in Palestine and Israel is an international, ecumenical programme (a World Council of Churches initiative) that recruits and despatches observers (known as Ecumenical Accompaniers - EAs) to several Palestinian towns and villages to monitor the interaction between the Palestinian inhabitants and the Israeli military. Quakers in Britain coordinate the UK and Ireland branch of the Programme.

[8] Standing Together is a grassroots, Jewish-Palestinian movement based in Israel that mobilises against occupation and for peace and equality. UK Friends of Standing Together is not a Quaker organisation, but it is supported by, and frequently collaborates with, Quaker groups in the UK

Organisations collected for were:

Aqua Box
Ashgate Hospice
ASSIST Sheffield
Bees for Development
Biscuit Fund
CAAT (Campaign Against the Arms Trade)
Derby Refugee Advice Centre
Derbyshire Wildlife Trust
Ecumenical Accompaniment Programme in Israel and Palestine (EAPPI)
Elm Foundation
Fern Betts
Food for Thought
Framework (for local homeless)
HARC Homeless project
Hope House
Lincs and Notts Air Ambulance
Lylia Lighthouse Education Trust
Medecins Sans Frontieres/Doctors Without Borders
Medical Aid for Palestinians
Mines Advisory Group
North Derbyshire Refugee Support Group
Pathways
Peace Museum
Probation Service (with Central Co-op)
Quaker Bolivia Link
Quaker Congo Partnership
Quaker Social Action
Rainbows Children's Hospice in Loughborough
Refugee Action
Susanna Wesley House, Derby
The Friary
Toiletries for ex-offenders via Derbyshire Probation Service
Tsumeb, Namibia
Young Lives Vs Cancer – Billy's House

Objective 5: Providing for the pastoral care of individual Friends, including assistance to those in need and for education

All our LMs had arrangements for pastoral care in place. Three of the small meetings had joint pastoral care shared by all Friends. Others had more formal arrangements, eg in Bakwell the LM pastoral care was co-ordinated by three Pastoral Friends, Beeston LM reviews the needs of member and attenders at every business Meeting. Chesterfield LM held regular Elders and Pastoral Friends Team Meetings, the Nottingham LM Spiritual & Pastoral Care team provided confidential support to Friends in difficult circumstances as well as practical help (eg taxi fares, home based Meetings for Worship etc). Nottingham LM also facilitated the "Becoming Friends" course for newcomers.

Objective 6: Maintaining and developing our meeting houses as places for public worship and from which to carry out our witness to the world

Local Meetings reported examples of necessary maintenance and repair to buildings eg installation of two new gas boilers and significant roof repairs (Chesterfield LM). Fritchley LM also had a new boiler fitted. Nottingham LM made building upgrades following Fire Service recommendations. They also collaborated with the Lilya Lighthouse Education Trust (LLET) to make improvements. Lilya now leases parts of the building on an ongoing basis. Many of the MHs are well used by outside groups; Bakewell for example reported that "the Meeting House thrived as a community meeting space in the heart of the town." Mansfield LM referred to the many user groups who hired the Meeting House which included Mansfield Christian Fellowship,

and a Buddhist meditation group. Their MH is also regularly hired as a polling station by the local authority.

Objective 7: Administering and maintaining the organisation of Nottinghamshire and Derbyshire Area Quaker Meeting (AQM, or simply AM) and contributing to the support of Britain Yearly Meeting

LMs cited various ways they had supported the Area Meeting. At Chesterfield LM one Friend continued to serve as AM Clerk; Friends from Chesterfield LM also served on the AM Nominations Committee and as the AM representative to Meeting for Sufferings; Friends from Derby, Fritchley, Nottingham, Worksop LMs served as AM trustees. Mansfield, Nottingham and Chesterfield LMs hosted in person and blended Area Meetings for Business. Beeston LM reported that two members attended BYM.

It nevertheless remained the case that it was difficult to find Friends who were able to serve the AM in the many roles needed.

This continues to be an issue especially because of the wide geographic spread of the area, which makes the work of the AM nominations committee difficult. It should be noted too that the Area Meeting would not function without the many Friends who run the Quaker organisation at a Local Meeting level, though here too it can be difficult to find Friends who are able to take on the various roles.

Eco Church Themes[9]

BYM asked Area Meetings to report on the 5 Eco Church themes:
A: Worship and teaching; B: Buildings and energy; C: Land and nature; D: Community and global engagement; E: Lifestyle
(Churches can apply for awards using the Eco Church survey which provides a framework for reviewing and monitoring progress and actions.)

LMs identified the following themes:

- Derby LM 'Question & Answer' sessions (theme A) and Quaker Congo Partnership as charity of the year (theme D).
- Bakewell LM held a public lecture on the work of Charles Keeling, early climate change scientist (Theme A); they managed the MH garden and burial ground for its wildlife value (Theme C) and held a session on 'climate anxiety'. (Themes D/E)
- Beeston LM referred to themes A and B in their report (Objective 4)

[9] Eco Church is a non-denominational award scheme to help Churches move to a sustainable future. It has developed a survey which provides a framework to support churches and their leadership to take practical action on caring for the earth, and moving to a sustainable future See https://ecochurch.arocha.org.uk/how-eco-church-works/ and https://www.woodbrooke.org.uk/learn/climate-crisis/ for further details.

- Chesterfield LM identified themes A (Objectives 1 and 2), B (Objective 7) and D (Objectives 2, 3 and 4)) as being applicable to their report.
- Nottingham LM reported use of solar panels (B), Children's meeting (A), work on the MH grounds, involving students and universities in this work (themes C and D).

LM reports illustrated that the 5 Eco Themes are in line with Quaker thought and practice. If Quakers in Notts and Derby wish to take this forward, the most relevant way might be for individual LMs to register with the scheme. The survey also includes a specific pathway for churches that meet in rented spaces, community centres, or outdoors.

Area Meeting for Worship for Business:
The Area Meeting 'meeting in Session'

'Meeting in Session' signifies the formal meeting for business, which combines quiet worship with, and in, the discernment of Quaker business processes to make decisions on community matters. The Area Meeting for Worship for Business (AmfWfB: often referred to simply as 'Area Meeting') is the primary decision-making body for organisational, financial, and pastoral matters,

Notts and Derby Area Meeting met 4 times in 2025: in March, at Chesterfield MH; in June; in September at Nottingham MH; and at Mansfield MH. All meetings were blended except June's, which was by zoom only following technical problems in March.

The AM Clerk, circulated an agenda before each meeting. They also acted as membership clerk; each year a tabular statement is submitted to BYM recording number of Quakers in membership and number of attenders (Quakers not in formal membership). Figures reported for 2025 were 174 members and 84 attenders.

The clerk also compiled a new contact list in 2025.

Reports were received from the AM Treasurer; the Bamford Community; the Records Room Group; Northern Friends Peace Board; the AM Trustees.

In 2024 the AM had received reports from a national conference on the Future of British Quakerism held in 2024 and agreed there should be a follow-up event in Notts & Derby. This was held in June 2025 at Derby MH. LMs were asked to submit responses to the national conference and these were circulated along with a resources list, and the results of a mapping exercise showing the different Quaker groups (formal and informal) in the area.

AM also discussed approaches to Outreach, both specifically in terms of offering support to Mansfield LM as a key Quaker Meeting in the history of Quakerism, and in general terms across the Area.

The AM approved membership applications from three Friends, and two transfer memberships from other AMs. It recorded the deaths of 12 Friends.

The AM is responsible for appointing Friends to various roles in the area. These include: Supporting Friends Co-ordinator; Registering Officer; Safeguarding Co-ordinator; Quaker Prison Chaplain; Elders and Pastoral Care Friends; Meeting for Sufferings representative; Trustees.

Supporting Friends Co-ordinator Report

The Supporting Friends Co-ordinator coordinates membership applications from attenders. A Supporting Friend is chosen when an attender wishes to consider applying for membership of the Area Meeting. The Supporting Friend will be from a different meeting to that of the attender, and will meet with the attender and a Nurturing Friend from their local meeting to explore the attender's journey to Quakers and what membership means to them. An application for membership is sent to the Area Meeting when the attender feels ready.

The work of those experienced Friends who continued to be willing to take on the joyful and rewarding role of Nurturing Friend over the course of the year was greatly valued.

Three people were accepted into Membership, one each from Bakewell, Nottingham and Worksop LMs. The AM also accepted two transfers-in for Friends previously in Membership of Sussex and Sheffield & Balby AMs.

Registering Officer Report

The registering officer is responsible for Marriage Procedures: accepting applications for marriage, guiding couples through the requirements, ensuring all legal steps are completed, and that the marriage is held in accordance with Quaker practice.

Last year there were no new marriages to report.

However, one married couple from the past got in touch with the joyous news of the birth of their first child. This had sparked a query regarding their marriage as the couple couldn't find their marriage certificate. There was confusion as to which local authority it had come under. This was sorted out with a little digging by the present and the previous registering officers and the couple where informed who to contact to get a copy of their marriage certificate.

Safeguarding Co-ordinator Report

The Area Meeting Safeguarding Co-ordinator works closely with the Clerk to Trustees to keep them updated on any important news. Together with Safeguarding Friends in each Local Meeting, they make sure safety rules are followed everywhere. Once again in 2025, the Co-ordinator stayed in touch with Local Meetings to provide advice and help them check that their own local safeguarding plans were working well.

Even though some Meetings had only a few children attending, safety rules were still strictly adhered to, to make sure every child was safe during meetings and events. LMs were also mindful of the needs of older members and the increase in mental

health challenges within the membership, ensuring safeguarding supported everyone's wellbeing.
To keep standards high, Notts and Derby Area Meeting continued to be members of Thirtyone:eight[10], who provide expert advice and training. The Area Meeting used Due Diligence Checking Ltd to manage DBS[11] background checks.

Quaker Prison Chaplaincy Report
All prisoners have a statutory right to have religious services. Therefore, in each prison there are chaplains of various Christian denominations, as well as Imams, Buddhist and Pagan Chaplains etc. These work together to provide a multi-faith chaplaincy.
Chaplains take services, see prisoners who are in distress, and when they first move into a prison. Sadly, they may have to speak at an inquest if a man has taken his life.
The present Quaker prison chaplain took over after two long serving, very experienced chaplains stood down. The present chaplain's interest in this work started over 20 years ago when they began writing to a prisoner on Death Row in America[12].
There is a conference at the end of each year specifically for prison chaplains and an annual conference for Quakers in Criminal Justice [13] (covering a wide range of topics) which the AM prison chaplain attended. Other attendees included people who have taught in prisons, probation officers, lecturers in criminology, a retired prison governor, ex-prisoners with lived experience of prisons, as well as those who are just interested in this field.
There is also an excellent course called Going Inside. Chaplaincy is well supported - the AM needs more chaplaincy volunteers!

Eldership and Pastoral Care [14]
Elders and Pastoral Friends serve primarily in their local meeting but can also have wider responsibilities (for example, an Elder was appointed at each AMfWfB to ensure right ordering of the meeting). Elders and Pastoral Friends from across the

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10 Thirtyone:eight is an independent Christian charity which helps individuals, supports organisations, charities, faith and community groups to protect vulnerable people from abuse see also https://thirtyoneeight.org/

11 DBS: Disclosure and Barring Service

12 There is an organisation started by a Quaker called Lifelines for writing to prisoners on Death Row. https://lifelines-uk.org.uk/

13 Quakers in Criminal Justice (QICJ) is an informal network of Quakers, based in the United Kingdom, who have an interest in the criminal justice system. Membership is open to all. https://www.qicj.org/

14 See Quaker Faith and Practice 12.06 https://qfp.quaker.org.uk/passage/12-06/, amongst other references, for details about Eldership and Pastoral Care. Note that pastoral care was formerly called 'oversight' with the appointment of 'overseers' to carry out these duties. Use of the word 'overseer' was dropped because of its association with slavery and the extreme cruelty employed in the running of plantation slavery.

Area Meeting held two meetings in 2025 to discuss common issues and give mutual support. The meetings were by zoom, and co-ordinated by Friends at Derby LM.
See also Objective 5, page 7 above

Meeting For Sufferings

Meeting for Sufferings is the BYM standing representative body. It meets in the intervals between Yearly Meetings [15]. Each Area Meeting sends a representative to it. In 2026 it will be replaced with a model of continuing Yearly Meeting sessions open to all Friends. Three meetings were held in 2025 at Friends House (March, July and December) and one residential at High Leigh Conference Centre (October). All meetings were hybrid.

Our representative reported that due to family circumstances they were only able to attend on-line; it was difficult to feel the same level of fellowship gained by attending in person, as previously experienced. At the High Leigh meeting there was initial difficulty with sound levels, which added to the difficulty.

A major item of discussion was arrangements for the change to a continuing Yearly Meeting. Other matters included: A Friend had been sentenced to prison as a result of their faith and acting under concern; three AMs have laid themselves down and become part of Quakers in Scotland. Yorkshire Quakers are also preparing for significant governance change. The document "Towards a paper on gender diversity in our church: Our differences are a blessing [16]" was received, as was a report from Book of Discipline Revision Committee. The working title for the new book is Our Quaker Way: the spiritual discipline of the Religious Society of Friends.

Trustees' Report

The governing document allows for "not fewer than five or more than fifteen persons" to be appointed, normally from the organisation's membership. A list of trustees who served in 2025 is included on page 14 below. The AM Nominations Committee has been actively seeking more Friends able to serve as trustees. In addition to the trustees, the Area Meeting treasurer attended meetings in an ex-officio capacity.

Trustees met seven times over the year: six times by zoom, and once in person at Fritchley MH. Minutes of all meetings were circulated to LM clerks for further circulation to Friends.

Matters discussed and dealt with over the year included:

- Hirings Policy: A draft was sent to LMs for consultation. This was amended in the light of events involving a police raid at Westminster Meeting House in

[15] See Quaker Faith & Practice, Chapter 7: https://qfp.quaker.org.uk/passage/7-02/

[16] https://quaker.org.uk/documents/towards-a-faith-based-understanding-of-gender-diversity-in-our-church

2025, and further consultations with LMs and the AM's insurers. [The MH was further raided in March 2026[17].]

- Revised Area Memorandum of Understanding [18]: a draft was circulated to LMs. Following consultation, suggestions from local meetings were incorporated into the final version.
- An informal note was sent to LMs on Area financial policies and application for grants.
- The trustees received grant applications from LMs for assistance with essential repairs, improvements and maintenance of their MHs.
- Trustees discussed the maintenance of the three Fritchley Cottages which belong to the AM. This included concerns over the perimeter dry stone wall at one of the properties, and its subsequent partial collapse. Energy Performance Certificates (EPC) were obtained for all Fritchley properties and the Chesterfield Warden's House. All properties were found to be at the required standard.
- The AM continued to employ Savidge and Brown, a Derbyshire estate agents and property management firm, to advise on matters regarding property maintenance.
- Other matters which were regularly included as standing items on the agenda were Safeguarding, Employment, Health and Safety, Outreach and Pastoral Activities (which included occasional requests for support from the Area's hardship and educational funds. Such requests are treated in confidence and decisions recorded in a confidential minute).
- Trustees worked closely with Nottingham LM regarding the Lease of the MH annexe to Lilya Lighthouse Education Trust (LLET). They engaged Katie Duggins of Anthony Collins Solicitors to draft a commercial lease for the MH annex.
- The Clerk and Area Treasurer arranged to coordinate a meeting of representatives of Local Meetings, to discuss the role and importance of LM treasurers, to provide an opportunity to share experiences and best practice. It could also cover guidance on the different aspects of the treasurer's role, and where aspects of the role could be shared.

[17] Https://www.quaker.org.uk/news-and-events/news/quaker-meeting-house-suffers-second-met-police-raid

[18] https://qfp.quaker.org.uk/passage/4-34/
for further information regarding Memorandums of Understanding between Area and Local Meetings

List of Trustees
Trustees serving the Nottinghamshire and Derbyshire Area Quaker Meeting in 2025 are listed in the table below:

Name	**Date appointed (and re-appointed)**	**Served/serving until**
Gwen Schaffer	10th September 2022	10th September 2025.
Roger Ibbett	12th September 2020 (Re-appointed 11th September 2023)	11th September 2026
Clerk to Trustees[19]	*11th December 2023*	*11th September 2026*
Ian Forrester	12thFebruary 2022	12thFebruary 2028
Paul Nicholas	10thJune 2023	10th June 2026
Hugh McLeod	14th September 2024	13th September 2027
Jennifer Wilson	6th December 2025	5th December 2028

Holding Trustees
Friends Trusts Limited, Friends House, 173 -177 Euston Road, London, NW1 2BJ

Governance
The charity is run in accordance with our governing document, adopted on 19th July
2008, updated May 2022 and a Charity Commission Scheme dated 8th June 2015.
The AM in session appoints trustees, after nomination by the AM Nominations Committee. We encourage new trustees to attend the "Being a Quaker Trustee" course held by Woodbrooke, unless they have recent relevant
Quaker trustee experience.

Public Benefit
Our charitable aims and public benefit are set out in this report, along with examples of how we met them in 2024.

[19] Note that the Clerk is a fully functioning member of the trustees' body as well as its servant, Jocelyn Burnell summed up the role of Quaker clerk in her 1989 Swarthmore Lecture: "an official whose role lies somewhere between chairperson, secretary, and servant!"

Trustees' Statement

The trustees confirm that they have complied with the requirements of section 4 of the Charities Act 2011 to have due regard to the public benefit guidance published by the Charity Commission for England and Wales to the best of their ability.

As an AM we offer public religious worship and maintain buildings for this purpose. This fulfils our central charitable purpose of advancing religion. We work to create Quaker communities where learning, pastoral care and other activities enrich our lives. This enables us to serve society on local, national and international levels.

Structure of the AM

As outlined in this report, we have eight constituent LMs: Bakewell, Beeston, Chesterfield, Derby, Fritchley, Mansfield, Nottingham and Worksop. Six of these use Meeting Houses owned by the AM.

Though Trustees and the AM hold overall responsibility, much of the day-to-day running of our LMs and Meeting Houses is done by LMs. This is in line with our Equality testimony. Each LM works to fulfil our charitable aims as they feel led through Meetings for Worship for Business.

Financial Management

Our Area Meeting Treasurer has undertaken the day-to-day management of the Area Meeting's finances and the five Area Meeting funds, which they carried out on behalf of the trustees. The Treasurer regularly attended trustees' meetings and prepared the Area Meeting budget and collation of the annual accounts.

Specific aspects of our financial management have included:

- The use of the QuickBooks cloud accounting system, which has enabled an accurate oversight of our Area Meeting and Local Meeting finances throughout the year.
- QuickBooks facilitates the production of frequent and detailed reports. It is also a useful tool for producing budgets and enables us to monitor trends, particularly as we now have seven years of easily accessible data.
- Further support has continued to be provided to Local Meeting treasurers, where needed. Good liaison has been maintained between our meetings with employees and our payroll provider.
- The Area Meeting Treasurer and Area trustees work together to ensure that the management of our Area Meeting funds and our finances are well understood.
- The Area Meeting Grants Policy continues to have a positive impact increasing the understanding of the process required for grant applications.

- We continue to monitor the interest rates on our bank accounts and returns on our investments. We aim to balance optimal returns while maintaining an ethical stance both in terms of the banks we use and the funds we invest in.

Financial Review

The Area Meeting's total resources include cash, investment funds and some investment properties. This excludes the value of our meeting houses. In 2025 the total funds decreased to £1,950,282 from £2,036,748 in 2024, of which 33% was held in unrestricted funds, 8% in restricted funds and 59% in endowment funds.

The level of contributions (donations) from individuals for our Area and Local Meetings showed a decrease to £62,079 from £63,367 in 2024.

Our COIF charity ethical investment fund units decreased in value over the year to £725,502 from £764,615 in 2024. The £22,054 (£48,002 in 2024) received in dividends from these units provided income for our Education, Hardship and Property Maintenance Restricted Funds and our Unrestricted Building Maintenance Reserve Fund.

Room hire income at our six meeting houses continued to recover from the impact of the pandemic and increased to £65,471 (£58,786 in 2024).

Expenditure on maintaining our meeting houses increased by only £24; 0.01% in 2025 compared to 2024 (previously the increase since 2023 had been £67,717; 60%).

Reserves Policy

Trustees split reserves into general reserves and building maintenance reserves. Local Meetings and Area Meeting are advised to maintain a general reserve equal to a year's anticipated expenditure.

Those Local Meetings responsible for maintaining property are advised to hold an additional building maintenance reserve of 2% of the insured value of the relevant properties.

To support Local Meetings, Area Meeting tries to maintain a central building maintenance fund of up to 7% of the insured value of all properties.

Trustees have reviewed our reserves. The Area Meeting general reserve at £23,887 represents around 14 months of normal expenditure. Trustees consider

the reserve to be within our policy. The Area Meeting unrestricted building maintenance reserve at £212,163 represents around 2% of the insured value of our functional property. There is a further £2,847 in restricted building funds, which together represents 2.38% of insured value. This compares with a policy of holding 7%, however the trustees recognise that the 7% is a long-term goal rather than an urgent target and therefore they consider no action is required.

Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities

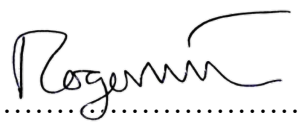
The trustees are responsible for preparing the financial statements in accordance with the United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice) and applicable law and regulations.

The law applicable to charities requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources of the charity for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply then consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in business.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008, and the provisions of the constitution. The trustees are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Approved by the trustees of the charity on 27th October 2026 and signed on its behalf by:



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Roger Ibbett
Clerk to Area Trustees

Nottinghamshire & Derbyshire Area Quaker Meeting

Independent Examiner's Report to the trustees of Nottinghamshire & Derbyshire Area Quaker Meeting

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Nottinghamshire & Derbyshire Area Quaker Meeting
I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of Nottinghamshire & Derbyshire Area Quaker Meeting (the Charity) for the year ended 31 December 2025.

Responsibilities and basis of report
As the trustees of the charity you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

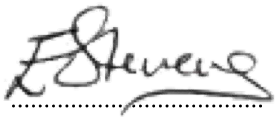
I report in respect of my examination of the Charity's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Charity as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



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Eva Stevens, BSc, CPFA, employee of Community Accounting Plus
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28 October 2026

Nottinghamshire & Derbyshire Area Quaker Meeting

Statement of Financial Activities for the Year Ended 31 December 2025

	Note	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	Endowment £	Total 2025 £	Total 2024 £
Income and Endowments from:						
Donations and legacies	2	54,007	8,072	-	62,079	63,367
Charitable activities	3	67,894	-	-	67,894	60,684
Other trading activities	4	5	-	-	5	33
Investment income	5	26,879	36,443	-	63,322	58,764
Total Income		148,785	44,515	-	193,300	182,848
Expenditure on:						
Raising funds	6	(3,729)	(6,798)	-	(10,527)	(16,967)
Charitable activities	7	(172,867)	(57,259)	-	(230,126)	(218,645)
Total Expenditure		(176,596)	(64,057)	-	(240,653)	(235,612)
Gains/losses on investment assets		(7,751)	-	(31,362)	(39,113)	20,422
Net movement in funds		(35,562)	(19,542)	(31,362)	(86,466)	(32,342)
Reconciliation of funds						
Total funds brought forward		678,115	171,544	1,187,089	2,036,748	2,069,090
Total funds carried forward	14	642,553	152,002	1,155,727	1,950,282	2,036,748

All of the charity's activities derive from continuing operations during the above two periods.

The funds breakdown for the period is shown in note 14.

Nottinghamshire & Derbyshire Area Quaker Meeting

Statement of Financial Activities for the Year Ended 31 December 2025 (continued)

These are the figures for the previous accounting period and are included for comparative purposes

	Note	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	Endowment £	Total 2024 £
Income and Endowments from:					
Donations and legacies	2	52,944	10,423	-	63,367
Charitable activities	3	60,684	-	-	60,684
Other trading activities	4	33	-	-	33
Investment income	5	22,968	35,796	-	58,764
Total Income		136,629	46,219	-	182,848
Expenditure on:					
Raising funds	6	(1,295)	(15,672)	-	(16,967)
Charitable activities	7	(189,532)	(29,113)	-	(218,645)
Total Expenditure		(190,827)	(44,785)	-	(235,612)
Gains/losses on investment assets		4,047	-	16,375	20,422
Net movement in funds		(50,151)	1,434	16,375	(32,342)
Reconciliation of funds					
Total funds brought forward		728,266	170,110	1,170,714	2,069,090
Total funds carried forward	14	678,115	171,544	1,187,089	2,036,748

Nottinghamshire & Derbyshire Area Quaker Meeting

(Registration number: 1134531)
Balance Sheet as at 31 December 2025

	Note	2025 £	2024 £
Fixed assets			
Investments	10	1,379,502	1,418,615
Current assets			
Debtors	11	7,238	10,827
Cash at bank and in hand	12	573,291	611,908
		580,529	622,735
Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year	13	(9,749)	(4,602)
Net current assets		570,780	618,133
Net assets		1,950,282	2,036,748
Funds of the charity:			
Endowment funds		1,155,727	1,187,089
Restricted income funds			
Restricted funds	14	152,002	171,544
Unrestricted income funds			
Unrestricted funds		642,553	678,115
Total funds	14	1,950,282	2,036,748

The financial statements on pages 19 to 36 were approved by the trustees, and authorised for issue on 27 October 2026 and signed on their behalf by:

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Roger Ibbett
Clerk to the Area Trustees

Nottinghamshire & Derbyshire Area Quaker Meeting

Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 December 2025

1 Accounting policies

Statement of compliance
The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the second edition of the Charities Statement of Recommended Practice issued in October 2019, the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Charities Act 2011.

Basis of preparation
Nottinghamshire & Derbyshire Area Quaker Meeting meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy notes.

Exemption from preparing a cash flow statement
Under the exemption available to smaller charities the Board of Trustees has chosen not to include a Statement of Cash Flows within the financial statements.

Going concern
The financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis.

The trustees assess whether the use of going concern is appropriate i.e. whether there are any material uncertainties related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the ability of the charity to continue as a going concern. The trustees make this assessment in respect of a period of one year from the date of approval of the financial statements.

Income and endowments
Voluntary income including donations, gifts, legacies and grants that provide core funding or are of a general nature is recognised when the charity has entitlement to the income, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured with sufficient reliability.

Donations and legacies

Donations and legacies are recognised on a receivable basis when receipt is probable and the amount can be reliably measured.

Expenditure
All expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to that expenditure, it is probable settlement is required and the amount can be measured reliably. All costs are allocated to the applicable expenditure heading that aggregates similar costs to that category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated on a basis consistent with the use of resources, with central staff costs allocated on the basis of time spent, and depreciation charges allocated on the portion of the asset's use. Other support costs are allocated based on the spread of staff costs.

Raising funds

These are costs incurred in attracting voluntary income, the management of investments and those incurred in trading activities that raise funds.

Charitable activities

Charitable expenditure comprises those costs incurred by the charity in the delivery of its activities and services for its beneficiaries. It includes both costs that can be allocated directly to such activities and those costs of an indirect nature necessary to support them.

Taxation

The charity is considered to pass the tests set out in Paragraph 1 Schedule 6 of the Finance Act 2010 and therefore it meets the definition of a charitable company for UK corporation tax purposes. Accordingly, the charity is potentially exempt from taxation in respect of income or capital gains received within categories covered by Chapter 3 Part 11 of the Corporation Tax Act 2010 or Section 256 of the Taxation of Chargeable Gains Act 1992, to the extent that such income or gains are applied exclusively to charitable purposes.

Tangible fixed assets

Furniture and equipment.
These are written off at the time of purchase.

Functional properties.
These are integral to our charitable purposes and are unlikely to be sold. As they comprise the meeting houses and burial grounds, they are not included in the Balance Sheet and not depreciated. Details of these properties are set out below.

Investment properties

Investment property is carried at fair value, derived from the current market prices for comparable real estate determined annually by external valuers. The valuers use observable market prices, adjusted if necessary for any difference in the nature, location or condition of the specific asset. Changes in fair value are recognised in profit or loss. The market values of the investment properties were ascertained by professional valuations dated the 8th June 2015 for the three MR&A properties and 20th February 2020 for 25A Ashgate Road.

Fixed asset investments

Fixed asset investments, other than programme related investments, are included at market value at the balance sheet date. Realised gains and losses on investments are calculated as the difference between sales proceeds and their market value at the start of the year, or their subsequent cost, and are charged or credited to the Statement of Financial Activities in the period of disposal.

Unrealised gains and losses represent the movement in market values during the year and are credited or charged to the Statement of Financial Activities based on the market value at the year end.

Trade debtors

Trade debtors are amounts due from customers for merchandise sold or services performed in the ordinary course of business.

Trade debtors are recognised initially at the transaction price. They are subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method, less provision for impairment. A provision for the impairment of debtors is established when there is objective evidence that the charity will not be able to collect all amounts due according to the original terms of the receivables.

Cash and cash equivalents
Cash and cash equivalents comprise cash on hand and call deposits, and other short-term highly liquid investments that are readily convertible to a known amount of cash and are subject to an insignificant risk of change in value.

Trade creditors
Trade creditors are obligations to pay for goods or services that have been acquired in the ordinary course of business from suppliers. Accounts payable are classified as current liabilities if the charity does not have an unconditional right, at the end of the reporting period, to defer settlement of the creditor for at least twelve months after the reporting date. If there is an unconditional right to defer settlement for at least twelve months after the reporting date, they are presented as non-current liabilities.

Trade creditors are recognised initially at the transaction price and subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

Borrowings
Interest-bearing borrowings are initially recorded at fair value, net of transaction costs. Interest-bearing borrowings are subsequently carried at amortised cost, with the difference between the proceeds, net of transaction costs, and the amount due on redemption being recognised as a charge to the over the period of the relevant borrowing.

Interest expense is recognised on the basis of the effective interest method and is included in interest payable and similar charges.

Borrowings are classified as current liabilities unless the has an unconditional right to defer settlement of the liability for at least twelve months after the reporting date.

Fund structure
Unrestricted income funds are general funds that are available for use at the trustees' discretion in furtherance of the objectives of the charity.

Designated funds are unrestricted funds and resources set aside for specific purposes at the discretion of the trustees.

Restricted income funds are those donated for use in a particular area or for specific purposes, the use of which is restricted to that area or purpose.

Pensions and other post retirement obligations
The charity operates a defined contribution pension scheme for employees. The assets of the scheme are held separately from those of the charity. Pension costs charges in the Statement of Financial Activities represent the contributions payable by the charity during the year.

2 Income from donations and legacies

	Unrestricted funds		Restricted funds	Total 2025	Total 2024
	Designated £	General £	£	£	£
Donations and legacies;					
Donations from individuals	48,315	5,692	8,072	62,079	63,367
	48,315	5,692	8,072	62,079	63,367

3 Income from charitable activities

	Unrestricted funds Designated £	Total 2025 £	Total 2024 £
Catering income	1,027	1,027	1,054
Meeting house hiring	65,471	65,471	58,786
Other income	1,396	1,396	844
	67,894	67,894	60,684

4 Income from other trading activities

	Unrestricted funds Designated £	Total 2025 £	Total 2024 £
Local fundraising and street collection income	5	5	33
	5	5	33

5 Investment income

	Unrestricted funds		Restricted funds	Total 2025	Total 2024
	Designated £	General £	£	£	£
Interest receivable and similar income;					
Interest receivable on bank deposits	5,407	1,353	2,773	9,533	10,762
Other income from fixed asset investments	20,119	-	33,670	53,789	48,002
	25,526	1,353	36,443	63,322	58,764

6 Expenditure on raising funds

a) Investment management costs

	Note	Unrestricted funds Designated £	Restricted funds £	Total 2025 £	Total 2024 £
Other investment management costs;					
Amounts payable to property managers		626	4,279	4,905	7,293
Property repairs		3,103	2,519	5,622	9,674
		3,729	6,798	10,527	16,967

7 Expenditure on charitable activities

	Unrestricted				
	Designated £	General £	Restricted £	Total 2025 £	Total 2024 £
Administration	7,879	1,201	-	9,080	7,131
Governance costs	-	6,856	-	6,856	3,996
Life of meeting costs	10,236	12,128	13,052	35,416	28,768
Maintaining meeting houses	142,567	-	36,207	178,774	178,750
Internal payments & receipts	(8,000)	-	8,000	-	-
	152,682	20,185	57,259	230,126	218,645

8 Staff costs

The aggregate payroll costs were as follows:

	2025 £	2024 £
Staff costs during the year were:		
Wages and salaries	47,519	44,331
Pension costs	1,790	1,564
	49,309	45,895

The monthly average number of persons (including senior management team) employed by the charity during the year was as follows:

	2025 No	2024 No
Staff	7	7

5 (2024 - 5) of the above employees participated in the Defined Contribution Pension Schemes.

Contributions to the employee pension schemes for the year totalled £1,790 (2024 - £1,564).

No employee received emoluments of more than £60,000 during the year

9 Taxation

The charity is a registered charity and is therefore exempt from corporation taxation.

10 Fixed asset investments

	2025	2024
	£	£
Investment properties	654,000	654,000
Other investments	725,502	764,615
	1,379,502	1,418,615

Investment properties

	Investment properties
	£
Cost or Valuation	
At 1 January 2025	654,000
Provision	
At 31 December 2025	-
Net book value	
At 31 December 2025	654,000
At 31 December 2024	654,000

There has been no valuation of investment property by an independent valuer since June 2015.

Restricted Endowment Investment Properties:
These investment properties are administered by a professional estate and lettings agency and form part of the expendable endowment capital of the Matilda Rickman's Gift.
Brook Cottage £185,000
Chestnut Bank Cottage £125,000
Woodland Cottage £160,000

Unrestricted Investment Property:
Mansfield Bungalow £100,000

Permanent Endowment Investment Property:
25A Ashgate Road £84,000

Other investments

	Unlisted investments £	Total £
Cost or Valuation		
At 1 January 2025	764,615	764,615
Revaluation	(39,113)	(39,113)
At 31 December 2025	725,502	725,502
Net book value		
At 31 December 2025	725,502	725,502
At 31 December 2024	764,615	764,615

Ethical Investment Fund:
Investments are held in the COIF Charities Ethical Investment Fund managed by CCLA Fund Managers Limited and are considered to be Alternative Investment Funds under the European Alternative Investment Fund Managers Directive operative from July 2013.

11 Debtors

	2025 £	2024 £
Trade debtors	539	1,086
Prepayments	13	-
Other debtors	6,686	9,741
	7,238	10,827

12 Cash and cash equivalents

	2025 £	2024 £
Cash at bank	573,291	611,908

13 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2025 £	2024 £
Trade creditors	44	104
Other creditors	9,705	4,498
	9,749	4,602

14 Funds

	Balance at 1 January 2025 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Transfers £	Other recognised gains/(losses) £	Balance at 31 December 2025 £
Unrestricted funds						
General						
Area General Fund	37,027	7,045	(20,185)	-	-	23,887
Designated						
Area Building Maintenance	209,751	10,163	-	-	(7,751)	212,163
Area Property Fund	100,000	-	-	-	-	100,000
Bakewell Meeting	46,094	20,536	(19,416)	(25,000)	-	22,214
Beeston Meeting	764	1,922	(1,680)	-	-	1,006
Chesterfield Meeting	56,519	42,438	(45,696)	-	-	53,261
Derby Meeting	104,093	25,231	(18,165)	-	-	111,159
Fritchley Meeting	6,978	2,278	(2,240)	-	-	7,016
Mansfield Meeting	14,699	10,950	(7,436)	-	-	18,213
Nottingham Meeting	85,592	27,541	(57,727)	-	-	55,406
Worksop Meeting	716	681	(881)	-	-	516
Bakewell Building Maintenance Fund	15,882	-	(3,170)	25,000	-	37,712
	641,088	141,740	(156,411)	-	(7,751)	618,666
Total unrestricted funds	678,115	148,785	(176,596)	-	(7,751)	642,553

Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 December 2025 (continued)

	Balance at 1 January 2025 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Transfers £	Other recognised gains/(losses) £	Balance at 31 December 2025 £
Restricted funds						
N&D Property Maintenance	41,202	5,852	(44,207)	-	-	2,847
N&D Poor Friends	49,016	6,550	(4,980)	-	-	50,586
MR&A Education	81,326	24,041	(6,798)	-	-	98,569
Acting as Agent (BYM)	-	8,072	(8,072)	-	-	-
Total restricted funds	171,544	44,515	(64,057)	-	-	152,002
Endowment funds						
Permanent						
25A Ashgate Road	84,000	-	-	-	-	84,000
Monyash MH & BG Capital	146,617	-	-	-	(7,500)	139,117
	230,617	-	-	-	(7,500)	223,117
Expendable						
Ladybrook Poor Friends	7,007	-	-	-	(358)	6,649
MR&A Education	564,160	-	-	-	(3,794)	560,366
N&D Poor Friends	36,031	-	-	-	(1,843)	34,188
N&D Property Maintenance	2,775	-	-	-	(142)	2,633
Richardson Capital	345,300	-	-	-	(17,664)	327,636
Toadhole Property	1,199	-	-	-	(61)	1,138
	956,472	-	-	-	(23,862)	932,610
Total endowment funds	1,187,089	-	-	-	(31,362)	1,155,727
Total funds	2,036,748	193,300	(240,653)	-	(39,113)	1,950,282

Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 December 2025 (continued)

	Balance at 1 January 2024 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Transfers £	Other recognised gains/(losses) £	Balance at 31 December 2024 £
Unrestricted funds						
General						
Area General Fund	34,490	8,096	(5,559)	-	-	37,027
Designated						
Area Building Maintenance	195,437	11,827	(1,560)	-	4,047	209,751
Area Property Fund	100,000	-	-	-	-	100,000
Bakewell Meeting	53,089	21,437	(28,432)	-	-	46,094
Beeston Meeting	357	2,088	(1,681)	-	-	764
Chesterfield Meeting	52,988	35,320	(31,789)	-	-	56,519
Derby Meeting	90,028	23,096	(6,464)	(2,567)	-	104,093
Fritchley Meeting	7,107	2,312	(2,441)	-	-	6,978
Mansfield Meeting	13,818	7,365	(6,484)	-	-	14,699
Nottingham Meeting	157,473	24,360	(96,241)	-	-	85,592
Worksop Meeting	804	728	(816)	-	-	716
Bakewell Building Maintenance Fund	15,882	-	-	-	-	15,882
Derby Building Maintenance Fund	6,793	-	(9,360)	2,567	-	-
	693,776	128,533	(185,268)	-	4,047	641,088
Total unrestricted funds	728,266	136,629	(190,827)	-	4,047	678,115

Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 December 2025 (continued)

	Balance at 1 January 2024 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Transfers £	Other recognised gains/(losses) £	Balance at 31 December 2024 £
Restricted funds						
N&D Property Maintenance	49,294	5,678	(13,770)	-	-	41,202
N&D Poor Friends	46,031	6,485	(3,500)	-	-	49,016
MR&A Education	74,785	23,633	(17,092)	-	-	81,326
Acting as Agent (BYM)	-	10,423	(10,423)	-	-	-
Total restricted funds	170,110	46,219	(44,785)	-	-	171,544
Endowment funds						
Permanent						
25A Ashgate Road	84,000	-	-	-	-	84,000
Monyash MH & BG Capital	142,700	-	-	-	3,917	146,617
	226,700	-	-	-	3,917	230,617
Expendable						
Ladybrook Poor Friends	6,821	-	-	-	186	7,007
MR&A Education	562,179	-	-	-	1,981	564,160
N&D Poor Friends	35,069	-	-	-	962	36,031
N&D Property Maintenance	2,701	-	-	-	74	2,775
Richardson Capital	336,077	-	-	-	9,223	345,300
Toadhole Property	1,167	-	-	-	32	1,199
	944,014	-	-	-	12,458	956,472
Total endowment funds	1,170,714	-	-	-	16,375	1,187,089
Total funds	2,069,090	182,848	(235,612)	-	20,422	2,036,748

The specific purposes for which the funds are to be applied are as follows:

Unrestricted funds:
The Area Meeting General Fund can be used for any of N&DAQM charitable purposes;
The Area Meeting Building Maintenance Fund is to help Local Meetings maintain and administer their Meeting Houses and can be used for any of N&DAQM charitable purposes;
Local Meeting funds can be used for any of N&DAQM charitable purposes in the area covered by each Local Meeting;
Both Derby and Bakewell Local Meetings have designated building funds to help maintain their Meeting Houses.

Restricted and Endowment funds:
The N&D Property Maintenance Fund is used for maintaining Meeting Houses and Burial Grounds;
The N&D fund for Poor Friends is used for the relief of Poor Friends and attenders of meetings linked to the Area Meeting;
The MR&A (Matilda Rickman & Ashover) Education fund is used for education in recognised Quaker educational institutions or the education of Friends in general;
The Acting as Agent (BYM) Fund covers funds, including gift aid, collected on behalf of Britain Yearly Meeting;
The income from the Richardson Capital Fund can either be used for Poor Friends and attenders of meetings linked to the Area Meeting or maintaining Meeting Houses and Burial Grounds at trustees discretion. The income is split between the N&D Fund for Poor Friends and the N&D Property Maintenance Fund. (the 2022 basis was allocated 50:50 between each fund);
The income from the Ladybrook Fund is merged into the N&D fund for Poor Friends and can be used for the relief of Poor Friends and attenders of meetings linked to the Area Meeting;
The income from the Toadhole Property Fund is merged into the N&D Property Maintenance Fund and used for maintaining Meeting Houses and Burial Grounds.

Permanent Endowment funds:
25A Ashgate Road is let as a private dwelling. The property, now treated as an investment property, forms part of the endowed Local Meeting House. Income from the fund is applied to the Chesterfield Local Meeting;
The Monyash Meeting House and Burial Ground Capital Fund, was formed with the proceeds of the sale of this endowed property. Income from the fund is applied to the Area Meeting Building Maintenance Fund.

The transfer from the Bakewell Meeting General fund to the Bakewell Meeting Building Maintenance fund is to designate further funds for the maintenance of the property.

15 Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted			Endowment		
	General	Designated	Restricted	Permanent	Expendable	2025 Total funds
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Fixed asset investments	143,775	100,000	-	223,117	912,610	1,379,502
Current assets	(117,296)	518,867	158,958	-	20,000	580,529
Current liabilities	(2,592)	(201)	(6,956)	-	-	(9,749)
Total net assets	23,887	618,666	152,002	223,117	932,610	1,950,282

	Unrestricted			Endowment		
	General	Designated	Restricted	Permanent	Expendable	2024 Total funds
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Fixed asset investments	151,526	100,000	-	230,617	936,472	1,418,615
Current assets	(112,063)	541,192	173,606	-	20,000	622,735
Current liabilities	(2,436)	(104)	(2,062)	-	-	(4,602)
Total net assets	37,027	641,088	171,544	230,617	956,472	2,036,748

16 Related party transactions

There were no related party transactions in the year.

17 Functional Property

	Book Value £	Insured Value £
Property		
Derby Meeting House and Burial Ground (Unrestricted)	250,000	1,440,126
Fritchley Meeting House (Unrestricted)	50,000	345,956
Bakewell Meeting House and Burial Ground (Endowment)	340,000	1,201,203
Chesterfield Meeting House (Endowment)	340,000	1,678,288
Mansfield Meeting House (Endowment)	250,000	1,373,659
Nottingham Meeting House and Burial Ground (Endowment)	460,000	3,534,627
Toadhole Furnace Burial Ground (Endowment)	100	-
	1,690,100	9,573,859

18 3rd party funds

	Opening balances £	Incoming resources £	(Resources expended) £	Closing balances £
Acting as Agent	-	5,077	(5,077)	-
	-	5,077	(5,077)	-

19 Trustees remuneration and expenses

No trustees have received any reimbursed expenses or any other benefits from the charity during the year.

20 Independent examiner's fees

During the period, the fees payable (excluding VAT) to the charity's independent examiner Community Accounting Plus are analysed as follows:

	2025 £	2024 £
Independent examination	2,160	2,030
Other financial services	853	1,019
	3,013	3,049