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Financial Statements for the year ended 31 December 2025

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Sheffield & Balby Area Quaker Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends
Legal and administrative information

1 Legal and administrative information

Sheffield & Balby Area Quaker Meeting is one of approximately 70 Area Meetings of the Religious Society of Friends (Quakers) in Britain. It comprises Quakers in Sheffield, Doncaster and Hope Valley. The Area Meeting (AM) incorporates the following Local Meetings (LM), which are to a great extent run independently of the Area Meeting:

Balby (Doncaster) Local Meeting
Hope Valley Local Meeting
Sheffield Central Local Meeting
Sheffield Nether Edge Local Meeting

1.1 Registration Number

1134536

1.2 Principal office

Quaker Meeting House
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1.3 Trustees

Sallie Ashe
Dilys Candler - appointed January 2025, resigned September 2026
Jill Cooper
Kiri-Anne Smith: Safeguarding trustee
Richard Hoare: Clerk to Trustees
Ian McHugh
Tim Herrick - until December 2025, re-appointed March 2026

1.4 Officers

Lorna Buttrick	Lettings officer, Balby Doncaster Meeting
Brian Evans: (Honorary)	Area Meeting Treasurer

1.5 Independent Examiner

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2 Trustees' Annual Report

The Trustees submit their annual report and financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2025.

The financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the Companies Act 2006, the governing document (see 2.1.1 below), and the charities Statement of Recommended Practice (applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland; FRS 102) issued in October 2019.

2.1 Structure, Governance and Management

We note that at the date of this report, Sheffield and Balby Area Meeting are awaiting possible revision of terms to merge its trustee body with those of six other Yorkshire Area Quaker Meetings to create a single Yorkshire-wide charity current known as “Yorkshire Quakers”. It had previously agreed to terms obtaining in January 2026.

2.1.1 Governing document

The Religious Society of Friends in Britain is a Christian denomination founded in the seventeenth century. In legal terms it is a charity for the advancement of religion, which was excepted from registration by virtue of Statutory Instrument 180 of 1996, until the law was changed by the Charities Act 2006. Certain of its constituent Area Meetings, including Sheffield and Balby Area Quaker Meeting, then became liable to apply individually for registration from 2008 onwards.

Sheffield and Balby Area Quaker Meeting adopted an approved governing document in May 2008, and was registered as a charity on 26 February 2010. In 2014 the fourteen associated property charities, previously managed under a Charity Commission Scheme and Schedule of 1st October 1973, were combined into the same charity as the Area Meeting (AM). In May 2022 the governing document was amended to allow trustees to meet by telephone or video conference.

2.1.2 Governance

The trustees include representatives of the three larger local meetings, and the Area Meeting safeguarding trustee. They meet four or more times a year, with the Treasurer of the Area Meeting in attendance.
The Meeting House in central Sheffield, which is the larger of two premises in the Area Meeting, receives income from licensing out of parts of the building. It is overseen by the Premises Committee of Sheffield Central Local Meeting with management partly outsourced to The Foundry Sheffield (charity 1162688). In the Meeting House in Doncaster, the hiring out of rooms is managed by a part time lettings officer and assistant overseen by the Premises Committee of Balby (Doncaster) Local Meeting.

To clarify arrangements for delegation and roles, Memoranda of Understanding exist between the Area Meeting, its trustees and three of the Local Meetings: Sheffield Central, Balby (Doncaster) and Hope Valley. Nether Edge has more recent terms of reference appropriate to the working of its Local Meeting Support Group (previously known as “Servants of the Meeting”.

2.1.3 Appointment of Trustees

The Trustees of the Area Meeting, who are also trustees of the Associated Charities, are appointed from among the members of the Area Meeting in session.

2.1.4 Risk management

Sheffield Central Meeting is responsible for over 60% of the Area Meeting's annual income and almost half of its normal expenditure. The Premises and Lettings Committee of that meeting conduct a regular risk assessment. The Risk Assessment Schedule for the Area Meeting was created in 2011 and reviewed in subsequent years. Balby (Doncaster) Local Meeting, as the other Local Meeting in the Area Meeting with its own premises, carries out regular risk assessments in respect of its own operations and assets. Other Trustees are responsible for risk assessment in the Local Meetings which they represent.

In 2011 the Area Meeting appointed a Data Protection Coordinator to standardise data management throughout the Meeting. The Area Meeting also registered with the Information Commissioner's Office. The Data Protection Coordinator and the Safeguarding Coordinator (for children and vulnerable adults) report annually to the Trustees. Since Sept 2021, the Safeguarding Coordinator or a representative of the safeguarding group has been appointed to the trustee body.

2.2 Objectives and activities

2.2.1 Objects

The object of Sheffield and Balby Area Quaker Meeting is the furtherance of the general religious and charitable purposes of the Religious Society of Friends (Quakers) in Britain in the area of Sheffield and Balby Area Meeting and beyond.

Activities undertaken for public benefit in relation to objects:

Meetings for worship throughout the Area are open to the general public. There are opportunities for those coming to meetings and not in membership (known as attenders) to learn about Quaker practices and beliefs and if appropriate, to apply for membership. The hiring of rooms and the licensing out of larger areas in our buildings in Doncaster and Sheffield also provide opportunities for the general public to find out about Quakers, or to benefit from Quaker-supported organisations. Providing affordable meeting spaces for a large number of community and support groups is supported by the Area Meeting as part of our Quaker witness to the wider community. During the year when relevant decisions were made by Trustees due regard was paid to the Charity Commission Guidance on public benefit.

2.2.2 Use of volunteers

Part-time paid employees manage the room hiring business and cleaning at Doncaster Meeting House, and a property management charity is tasked with much of the care and management of Sheffield Quaker Meeting House. In addition, a playworker and a bookkeeper are employed by Sheffield Central Local Meeting, both part-time.

Apart from these, all other aspects of running the charity are undertaken by volunteers within the membership (who are entitled to the reimbursement of expenses). For most posts, members or attenders are appointed according to Quaker procedures and for a set period. There are a number of additional tasks undertaken by individuals or groups who volunteer their time and skills.

2.2.3 Grant making policy

The constituent meetings from time to time make donations to groups whose activities are in sympathy with the objects of the Area Meeting.

The AM has bursary funds to meet different needs of members and regular attenders whose requests for assistance must be supported by pastoral friends. These needs may include attendance on courses for personal religious or educational development, attendance at Britain Yearly Meeting or other Quaker gatherings, and financial assistance in times of personal hardship.

Grants are also made by the AM for members and attenders attending various courses or conferences either as representatives of a Local Meeting or the AM, or for training as postholders. (In recent times these have been often online due to the Covid pandemic, which has helped to maintain the communal spiritual life of friends.) The AM also assists young people to attend regional activities for under 19 year-olds run by Quakers in Yorkshire and Britain Yearly Meeting.

It is the Area Meeting's policy to offer financial support to any Member or Attender wishing to attend Britain Yearly Meeting (and the Yearly Meeting Gathering in years when BYM is held as part of this larger residential event).

2.3 Performance

2.3.1 Introduction

Each of the four Local Meetings within our Area Meeting holds regular Meetings for Worship open to the public at least once a week. Abridged versions of reports from these Meetings to the Area Meeting on their activities in 2025 are set out below (2.3.2 to 2.3.6).

Meetings for Worship for Business for the Area Meeting itself were held six times during 2025 with varied formats, which continued to produce interesting and accessible meetings, including all age participation, and which help build the Area Meeting community while satisfying our business needs.

Representatives from across our Area Meeting have attended meetings of Quakers in Yorkshire and of the Northern Friends Peace Board (NFPB), bodies to which we provide support by grants and personal subscription. Representatives also attended Meeting for Sufferings, the standing representative body entrusted with the care of the business of Quaker meetings nationally, and other committees and activities which are part of Britain Yearly Meeting.

2.3.2 Balby (Doncaster) Meeting

"Our Local Meeting Support Group (LMSG) reports jointly on a year of hard thinking about our Meeting and our Meeting House.

We have maintained Meetings for Worship on Sundays (with a useful "Afterword" period) and on Wednesday lunchtimes, supported by use of "Advices and Queries". The LMSG has met regularly considering among other things, the spiritual life of the Meeting, pastoral care of our Members and Attenders, training in Safeguarding, and providing for a young family with children. Our social life is enhanced by a regular newsletter, shared lunches every third Sunday, and our annual Meeting residential visit to Barmoor, in the North York Moors.

We hold our Local Business Meetings bi-monthly to consider financial, practical and spiritual matters and appoint representatives to Area Meeting, and we have two members at Area Meeting Trustees. The proposals for unification of Area Meetings in Yorkshire into one charity have been in our minds, and we have hosted a meeting of Quakers in Yorkshire on this topic.

A local workshop on meeting the challenge of George Fox's phrase "Walking Cheerfully" was chosen by members feeling disheartened by the state of the world. Apropos Quaker discussions nationally on reparations, we continue to look at connections with slavery and the slave trade, one member in particular having pursued this locally and kept us updated regularly.

Outreach work by our Meeting takes various forms. Posters and books are displayed in the Meeting House to our high number of users, and recently formalising our children's provision has improved our offer for young families at Meetings for Worship. Our new website supported by the Quaker Meeting Network is now live, directed at both enquirers about Quakerism, and at hirers seeking room booking. We continue to pay our two employees above the Real Living Wage, and we have been proactive in maintaining our building.

Throughout the year, much time and energy have been consumed by two practical issues relating to the future of the Meeting House. First, we have a small and aging membership who cannot indefinitely continue to manage our building. Secondly, the Doncaster Conversation Club (DCC) for refugees and asylum seekers, both run and supported by a number of our members, and supplying a regular grant and the DCC income which has been a mainstay of our finances, is set to close in 2026. Although we have a guaranteed rental income from our bungalow, we shall be challenged to find ways of managing our Meeting House while maintaining our venue for Meetings for worship.

2.3.3 Hope Valley LM

"We are a small meeting. This presents opportunities and challenges. Our average attendance (just four people) has been affected by significant long-term illness of three of our Friends and planned preventions by other Friends; on five Sundays no-one attended and other times we had several guests. We are all in advance contact concerning each other's plans for Meeting for Worship attendance.

We meet at 10.45am (at Moore Memorial Hall, Bamford) for 45 minutes followed by at least 15 minutes 'afterword' (for ministry not articulated during the Meeting for Worship): we all feel this time is a deep sharing. Then we have often significant conversation over coffee and occasionally a shared lunch. We read and discuss Advices and Queries and QF&P extracts as appropriate.

Our Eldership and Pastoral Care is shared. The latter is well done informally: in such a small group we can keep close links. We have many discussions on a range of Eldership themes: to strengthen it. And we will have further conversation with Craig Barnett, our Local Development Worker, in early January.

We retain links with BYM; some members attending Yearly Meeting in person, and some online. We will host Area Meeting in summer 2026. We also plan a shared ecumenical village lunch.

Sharing of our individual 'spiritual journeys' is enhanced by our 'Discussion Groups' (first Sunday of each month). In the last year, topics covered included 'kindness', 'inequality', 'simplicity' (as a Quaker testimony), as well as themes such as eldership, and the conduct of our meetings for worship.

Our finances are simple but show an increasing deficit, which we are addressing by requesting increased donations.

We have reviewed our list of members and attenders in the Tabular Statement with AM. We have addressed the need for Safeguarding, training, understanding and information. Outreach has been limited to encouraging visitors, and individuals' participation in various climate and other groups.

So having started the year with some of us wondering whether such a small group was really viable, I think many of us now feel that our small meetings are immensely valuable, and we enjoy opportunities to welcome Friends from other meetings, or those new to Quakers."

2.3.4 Nether Edge LM

At the beginning of the year, weekly attendance was down to single figures and partly for that reason we moved back to the smaller room in Shirley House which was the one we used pre-Covid. This was done partly for economy, but also some felt the room had a more helpful ambience.

We felt we needed to reflect on our meeting as a community and organised an away day to explore this issue, hosted by one of our members at her home, the Five Rivers co-housing community, with 9 members and attenders present. We spent time discussing how we could enrich our community and attract new enquirers. One idea we have since implemented was to have informal pre-meeting social gatherings at a local café: this has later been reduced to a monthly event.

We gradually experienced an influx of new and (mostly) younger enquirers, several of whom have become fairly regular attenders. They have been joined by others returning to the meeting after a period of ill health or family commitments. The pre-meeting gatherings played some part in this but as ever the refreshments after meeting offer a very useful opportunity to build community and get to know newcomers. We continue to hold monthly shared lunches after meeting and we also continue with discussion groups, usually on the last Sunday of the month. To begin with topics for discussion were based on bible passages while more recently they have included introductions to Quaker philosophy, peace and slavery.

The loss of our oldest member earlier in the year helped once again to remind us how little we know of each other's lives and what opportunities may be missed if such sharing is left until the funeral meeting.

Business meetings are usually held on a Sunday morning following a slightly shorter meeting for worship. Until recently, this had not noticeably increased the numbers attending, but our November meeting was exceptional. Many new attenders gave interesting feedback about how we could do more to help them feel more included in the practical, financial and administrative aspects of meeting life.

Connections
We continue to produce a monthly e-newsletter written by members of the servants group. At the invitation of our landlords and neighbours, St Andrews Psalter Lane, we continue to make hold a meeting for worship annually in the church. This year we had even less of a programmed element than usual; with long periods of silence, the meeting felt deeply gathered. Members continue to be engaged beyond the meeting in political and campaigning groups, sometimes sharing in Quaker witness as organised by our Friends in Sheffield Central Meeting.

Servants group
This arrangement has now been in place for six years. There is a named convenor and clerk for correspondence. Responsibilities including clerking the business meetings are shared amongst the group. The treasurer is also a member of the group. We are starting the new year very low in number but experiences over have deepened our mutual understanding and sympathy. We arrange for regular reading from Advices and Queries and other texts: Quaker and non-Quaker. We will have two co-clerks but responsibility for clerking the local business meeting will continue to be shared more widely. We finally succeeded in identifying one of our number to serve as treasurer but have not completed the review of the library or the bookcase, including the best purpose and use of the library collection.

Safeguarding
We have been deeply saddened by an incident of abusive behaviour within our meeting and have been grateful for support from the Area Meeting Safeguarding team. The Servants group has been challenged to think more deeply about:
● how we can best support those experiencing trauma
● whether the Quaker preference for using mediation and conciliation to resolve conflicts, rather than seeking legal remedy, can sometimes inhibit a vulnerable victim's quest for justice
● developing our understanding of sexual politics and addressing the continuing problem of abusive behaviours and attitudes towards women

Recent ministry has touched on "truth, reconciliation, healing and forgiveness."

2.3.5 Sheffield Central LM

"From Clerks: our Meetings for Worship for Business have been well attended. Although they have continued to be dominated by buildings and business-related matters, we have considered pressing matters of concern, engaging with MPs on our rights to peaceful protest, particularly around the war in Gaza. We have also taken the first steps to engaging with an Eco-Church process, to ensure we continue to address the climate and ecological emergency. We continue to engage with matters of racial justice and were pleased to support an Island of Friendship event, put on by our Friend Chrissie Hind.

From Elders: In 2025, the Meeting has continued to grow rapidly in terms of adults and families with young children. We welcome the joys and challenges that come with this growth; we are seeking ways to accommodate more Friends safely for worship in the Meeting House. We welcome a good number of younger Friends and value their contribution to the vibrancy of our worship. Throughout the year, blended Meetings for Worship have enabled those unable to get to the Meeting House to be part of our meeting community. We are grateful to all those who help to facilitate our Meetings for Worship: opening up and closing the Meeting House, managing the Zoom equipment, making after- meeting refreshments and bringing flowers for the Meeting.

The Elders group has met monthly to uphold the life of our Meeting, including the Children's Meeting, Breakfast Meeting, Wednesday lunch-time Meetings, and the monthly Meeting for Worship for Climate Change. We also hold an overview of other groups of Friends who meet together for worship including Spiritual Friendship Groups. With Area Meeting we are considering how we might make use of what Woodbrooke can offer our Meetings to nurture spiritual growth and development.

We have considered how best to support newer as well as long-term Friends. To this end we ran a monthly" Becoming Friends" group – for six months between February and September. This was much appreciated so a second series was begun in September. Following the all-ages "Life of our Meeting" day held in 2024, we ran a second such day in April. In June we were visited by Emily Provance, a travelling minister and the author of the 2025 Swarthmore lecture. A first Eco Journey day was held in October. Monthly sessions on Spirituality and Poetry have continued.

In 2025, we held several memorial meetings: of three Friends, two of which were attended by many non-Quakers including that of Kathleen Wallace, whose work on behalf of immigrants was widely recognised in the city, attended by at least a hundred people; one of the wife of an attender, and two elders assisted at the funeral of a non-Quaker who had particularly requested a Quaker funeral.

From Pastoral Care Friends: We have been a group of five Pastoral Carers this year and have met each month to share news of the 25+ Friends that we each support and to check on our own well-being. We have also stayed aware of those Friends and Attenders who at present do not have their own Pastoral Care Friend. We are all DBS checked and have carried out the 'Thirtyone Eight' Safeguarding Course.

We keep in touch with those on our 'Lists' at least once a year by phone, email or post and invite them to keep us informed of any needs for support that they may have. Contact with older or more needy Friends and those who are ill, either at home or in hospital, is more frequent, supporting them by sending cards, visiting and offering any practical help if possible.

We introduce ourselves at Meeting during Notices once a year, explaining our role and also making sure that everyone knows of the bursary help available for attending Quaker events, such as Yearly Meeting, and for financial help if needed in daily life.

We continue to offer name badges on the second Sunday of each month to help people get to know one another in our ever-growing Meeting. We help to welcome new Attenders and Enquirers to the Meeting and encourage them to have their names on the List of Members and Attenders when they feel ready. We also let newer regular Attenders know that they can have a Pastoral Care Friend assigned to them for support, if they wish. We help to keep the List of Members and Attenders updated, contacting those who have not been seen for some time to ask if they still wish their details to be included. We met with Elders on 3rd July at Sheffield Meeting House. We share our Minutes with our Elders.

From the Children & Young People's Work Committee: The children's meeting continues to expand. Over the year 2025 we have seen 26 families attend at various points including a count of 38 children over the year, many of these families/children attending regularly. We have seen an average over the year of 5.5 infants under the age of five each week, and an average of over four children between the ages of 6 and 12.

A 'welcoming circle', including a period of silent worship, is held at the beginning of each children's meeting. In term time we go on to have two separate groups, for infants and for older children. We draw each week on three volunteers as well as our playworker, in order to meet safeguarding conditions. This is in general working out and a rota system is in place that by and large successfully allows for children/infants to play downstairs and more engaged sessions to take place upstairs with the older children.

Over the year discussions have taken place which resulted in the starting of unprogrammed sessions throughout the school holidays for children. Now during holiday times there is always provision for families and children to come to meeting. This has been a really positive outcome and we thank the wider meeting for supporting this.

In addition to our weekly provision, we have enjoyed a range of other activities, including the annual Hathersage swim, the wonderful Christmas play led by Jayne Herrick, and a weekend for families at Barmoor. Many families participated in the Yorkshire Quaker Camp. There is a sense of a strong informal community building amongst the children and families within the Meeting."

2.3.6 Area and LM action on environmental sustainability and responses to climate emergency
Friends at Sheffield Central local meeting are considering forming an EcoChurch working group. Their answers to the survey so far show a patchy profile, scoring silver in some areas, but not even bronze in others, particularly collective action. Participation in EcoChurch would provide useful structure and commitment, and identification with like-minded churches and other Meetings. They plan a presentation to Friends generally at a regular monthly shared lunch event, to invite commitment from people to take forward the projects identified.

3 Financial review

3.0 General
With income approximately £22,000 higher, and expenditure £30,000 lower than 2024, it's no surprise that a £19,000 deficit has been replaced by a £33,000 surplus. This has swollen our Balance Sheet total to £1.230m compared to £1.197m in 2024. For historic reasons, it could be argued, a fairer comparison would be to the £1.219m of 2021 but, after several years of upheaval, even an £11,000 improvement must be considered significant. Of course, blanket numbers like this don't tell the full story and a more detailed picture follows.

3.1 Major changes

3.1.1 Yorkshire Quakers re-oranisation
During 2025, the proposed unification of the Yorkshire Area Meetings into a single charitable body, Yorkshire Quakers, has moved steadily onward, greater detail emerging slowly as positive plans develop. At their January 2026 meeting for business, this Area reflected on how our situation might compare to that of others in the county; and the possibility that, individually, reduced bureaucratic burdens could enable greater focus on our spiritual lives. The outcome was the discernment that we should wind down our own Charity and, in due course, transfer its assets and responsibilities to Yorkshire Quakers.

Trustees have been appointed to the putative new charity and are meeting regularly; application has been made to the Charity Commission to register Yorkshire Quakers as a CIO, but this may take some time. In the meantime, it has been agreed that the financial records of all areas will adopt Yorkshire Quakers' chart of accounts and a common reporting format so that, administratively, the eventual merger will be as trouble-free as possible.

3.1.2 Youth Development Worker and the new Crellin Fund
The second triennium of the county-wide Youth Development Worker project began in September 2025, and the Area has made regular quarterly contributions to this project. In 2024, a new Area Fund was created to receive donations in advance of these payments, and so far Sheffield Central local meeting's commitment to underwrite the Area's contributions has not been called upon.

Receipt by the Area of a legacy in 2025 provided for a significant donation to a national Quaker fund, and a similar provision for work within the Area. Looking ahead, the remainder of the legacy has been designated the Crellin Fund for Youth Work post-2028, with the broad intention to use this in whatever scheme emerges to follow on from the present three-year Youth Development Worker plan which will end that summer.

3.2 Fund-by-fund reports

3.2.1 Area Meeting General fund (unrestricted)
Normal income to the General Fund was just under £5,800 in 2025, coming from the usual sources: personal donations, both directly and via schedules, a contribution from Balby (Doncaster) local meeting, and bank interest. The small amount of centrally-borne expenditure, including the fee for Independent Examination, was about £2,400, which would have generated a net surplus of almost £3,400. This satisfactory result was dramatically overtaken by the arrival in the year of two significant legacies.

The first of these arrived in June from the executors of the late Patricia Crellin who had worshipped at Sheffield Central local meeting and its disposition was discerned later in the year by which time the final sum of £21,751 had been determined. One quarter was sent to Britain Yearly Meeting for their Reparations Fund; a sum of £5,000 was held in reserve against planned improvements to the AV system at Sheffield Meeting House, and the remaining £11,314 has been used to create a new designated Crellin Fund, that can be applied to whatever youth work scheme replaces the present three-year programme, which ends in August 2028.

Shortly after this an initial payment was received from the executors of the late Anne Dent, another Sheffield Central member and, when finalised, this will be handed over to the local meeting for disposition. This leaves the General Fund at the year-end with funds of £28,586, of which £9,589 is unallocated.

3.2.2 Bursary fund (restricted)
Beginning the year with a healthy balance of almost £18,100, the fund was boosted by income of £1,076 from donations and bank interest. Eight bursary awards were made in the year, totalling over £3,250, and £150 was utilised – as an application of the former Woodbrooke Fund – to subsidise a Kindlers workshop at Balby (Doncaster) local meeting in November. The balance of the Fund carried forward into 2026 is £15,759.

3.2.3 Relief Trusts (endowment) and Assistance fund (restricted)
These two funds run in tandem, with the Relief Trusts' balance remaining at an historical £27,380 while its income is granted to the Assistance Fund. A transfer in 2025 of £538 supplemented further bank interest of £688. One award, of £1,500, was made and, at the year-end, the Assistance Fund stands at £6,891.

3.2.4 Property Trusts (endowment) and Premises fund (designated)
Similarly, these two funds run in tandem, with the Property Trusts' balance remaining at an historical £27,589 while its income is transferred to the Premises Fund. The transfer in 2025 of £542 supplemented investment income of £3,800 and a contribution of £7,000 from Sheffield Central local meeting. Expenses in the year, totalling just over £5,750, comprised the re-carpeting of Doncaster Meeting House and a legal fee in connection with the planned disposal of the former Woodhouse Burial Ground. At the year-end, the Premises Fund stands at £167,959.

3.2.5 Yorkshire Youth Worker fund (restricted)
Starting the year with an embryonic £700, the Fund has received personal donations, both directly and via schedules, contributions from local meetings, and bank interest, totalling almost £7,350. The first two quarterly payments have been paid amounting to £4,120 and, at the end of the year, the Fund stands at £3,918. Sheffield Central local meeting's underwriting of the whole plan has not had to be called upon, and its potential liability has been reduced accordingly.

3.2.6 Balby (Doncaster) Local Meeting (designated)

All but six of the local meetings involved in the Yorkshire Quakers project have their own Meeting Houses, assets that not only provide a place to meet for worship and other spiritual activities, but bring with them the challenge of using them as a source of income, if only to cover the cost of their maintenance. The proceeds of letting the Meeting House at Doncaster had been increasing in recent years, but in 2025 reduced by some 9% from over £31,800 to under £29,000. Almost half of the remainder of this meeting's income consists of the rent of the adjacent bungalow; the rest comes from personal contributions, which have increased by about 6% in the year. The meeting's total income has fallen by 5.5% from £44,150 to £41,733.

Overall expenditure is slightly lower than in 2024, at £39,600 compared to £41,600. This is partly because of significant works carried out in the earlier year at a cost of almost £10,000. After making contributions of £4,000 to the Youth Worker Fund, 2025 has resulted in a surplus of £2,096, taking reserves from £38,549 to £40,645.

3.2.7 Hope Valley Local Meeting (designated)

The principal expenditure of this small local meeting is the hire of premises, which has risen gradually over the years, conversely to the number and resources of its membership. In 2025, income of £745 has failed to meet expenses of £1,213 and this fourth annual deficit has reduced its reserves to £892. However, annual returns from BYM indicate that a far higher sum has been received directly from its members, indicating that the spiritual life of the meeting is far from waning.

3.2.8 Nether Edge Local Meeting (designated)

In common with other small meetings without their own Meeting Houses, the finances of Nether Edge, like Hope Valley above, are quite simple. Here, though, some flexibility allows a measure of control over their expenditure, which has reduced by about £200 compared to 2024. This almost exactly matches the reduction in income and the fundamental difference between the results of the two years has been the decision to contribute to the Youth Worker Fund. Thus, a £388 surplus in 2024 was followed by an initial operating surplus of £315 in 2025, but the contribution to the Youth Worker Fund has then reduced their reserves from £5,633 to £5,447 at the end of 2025.

3.2.9 Sheffield Central Local Meeting (designated & restricted)

Income for 2025 has increased significantly compared to 2024. This is mainly due to the continued development of lettings income to replace the former business model that was unmanageably dependent on paid employment. This element has increased from just under £9,000 to over £21,000, while income from other sources (donations, schedules, and bank interest has remained buoyant. Total income of £87,350 compares to £97,000 in 2024, but this latter total included over £25,000 in legacies; there were none in 2025. Discounting this, the increase is over 21% in the year.

Costs have also increased, however, particularly maintenance and insurance. The cost of premises administration is also significantly higher, as it has been found necessary to delegate more responsibilities to the outside contractor. Direct giving, through schedules to BYM and other Quaker bodies, as well as in response to particular appeals, although recorded in the income numbers above, is also part of the expenses total. Direct giving in this way has increased by more than £3,000 from just over £27,500 in 2024. The total expenditure in the year was £76,000 compared to almost £61,500 in 2024. A further £7,000 has been pledged to the Premises Fund. This reduces the surplus for the year to just £4,332, increasing reserves to £109,108. This total includes legacy funds of £45,040, of which £22,950 is unallocated.

4 Reserves policy

4.1 Background

The Area Meeting has an established reserves policy that seeks to maintain sufficient designated funds for the following long-term and statutory requirements:

- Funding for large capital/maintenance items.
- Operational and contingency reserves sufficient to cover risks with major impacts on lettings costs and income. This includes sufficient provision to cover any redundancy liabilities

Due to the charity being organised into local meetings and other sub groups, with some financial responsibility delegated to these areas, the charity considers that the reserves policy needs to include both general and designated funds (excluding fixed assets).

Sheffield Central Meeting House is a substantial city centre building, and although both this and the Balby (Doncaster) Meeting House and bungalow are well maintained, Trustees have made provision in our reserves policy for a designated fund (the Premises Fund) large enough to cover major repair or renewal costs. This is topped up by annual contributions from Sheffield Central and Balby Doncaster local meetings.

Trustees are content that the Fund balance (ca. £168K) is adequate at present. Clearer processes for its maintenance and use have been drawn up, including medium term costed repair and renewal schedules for the premises at Sheffield (to 2040) and Doncaster (to 2048), and recommended annual topping-up contributions from local meetings to the Fund looking six years ahead. Periodic building assessments are organised for our Meeting houses and we agreed to combine a review of these processes alongside this when they are next undertaken.

In 2020 the onset of the Covid 19 pandemic prompted us to review our major risk provision, and Trustees agreed it would be prudent to take a long-term approach, and that we should set a target reserve amount for the two larger Local Meetings based on 6-8 months of expenditure. Sufficient resources were already in place for Doncaster, but to meet this target level for Sheffield Central it was agreed to re-allocate a proportion of funds currently held as unspent legacies as operational reserve. (For clarity, unspent legacies that were re-allocated were not subject to any limitations or restraints to their use other than to support the Sheffield Quaker Meeting.) In 2023, the closure of the lettings business at Sheffield Central and release of the lettings staff team had reduced the scale of financial activity, though for the time being, we note that the Sheffield Central designated fund (including unrestricted legacies) is still adequate on the 2019 expenditure basis.

4.2 Reserves Summary

The table below gives a summary of our reserves provision, from the Reserves Policy review approved by Trustees in July 2025.

Funds within balances held as reserves	**Balance at 31 December (excluding tangible fixed assets)**	**Target recommendations and notes**
Area Meeting (AM) General Fund (unrestricted	£28,586	The current AM Funds expenditure budget is £5,000. In 2025 a legacy payment inflated the results for an otherwise low-cost year. The present balance includes an allocated legacy of £5,000 and the £14,000 advance payment of another legacy.
AM Premises Fund (designated)	£167,959	Trustees believe the current level is acceptable to manage annual fluctuations in capital work and to accommodate large risk items, as well as providing a designated reserve for occasional large contingencies elsewhere in the Area Meeting.
Operational/Contingency Funds for Local Meetings:-		
Hope Valley (designated)	£892	Recommendation is to maintain a reserve around £2,000 (one to two years' income).
Nether Edge (designated)	£5,447	Recommendation is to maintain a reserve around £6,000 (one to two years' income).
Sheffield Central (designated)	£86,278 (including designated unspent legacies)	Recommendation is to maintain a target of between £44,000 and £58,000 (based on 6-8 months' income in 2025).
Balby Doncaster (designated)	£36,758	Recommendation is to maintain a target of between £21,000 and £28,000 (based on 6-8 months' income in 2025). There is present anxiety regarding the future of the lettings business, owing to the decision of the principal user of these facilities to end its operation in March 2026. It is still not finally clear what future arrangements will take its place.

5 Investment policy and objectives

The charity holds no investments at present. Its historic policy for investment has been to avoid high risk and to seek the highest overall return consistent with Quaker values.

At present, Trustees maintain balances in the Co-operative Bank, Triodos (an investment bank), and the Ecology Building Society. They include the proceeds of sale of a unit trust holding in 2020, representing the Property and Relief Trusts, because of doubts about its ethical standing. Trustees consider that the present spread of funds between three bodies with high "Ethical Consumer" ranking gives us adequate diversity, though a partial reinvestment in stock has not been ruled out.

6 Statement of responsibilities of the trustees

Law applicable to charities in England and Wales requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the charity's financial activities during the period and its financial position at the end of the period. In preparing financial statements giving a true and fair view, the trustees aim to follow best practice and:

- Select suitable accounting polices and then apply them consistently
- Observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP
- Make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent
- State whether applicable UK Accounting Standards and statements of recommended have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements
- Prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operation

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, they 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.

The trustees are responsible for the maintenance and integrity of the corporate and financial information included on the charity's website. Legislation in the United Kingdom governing the preparation and dissemination of financial statements may differ from legislation in other jurisdictions.

Following review and approval by our Area Meeting, the Trustees' Annual report has been approved

by the trustees on 16th September 2026 and signed on their behalf by:

R Hoare
Clerk to the Trustees

Richard John Hoare
Print Name:

Independent examiners report to the trustees of Sheffield & Balby Area Quaker Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends for the year ended 31 December 2025

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Charity for the period ending 31 December 2025.

Responsibilities and Basis of Report

As the charity trustees 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 no material 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 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.

Signed:  Date: 23 September 2026

F Hazlehurst, FMAAT
Community Accountant
FH Accountancy Services
Anston, Sheffield
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Sheffield & Balby Area Quaker Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends
Statement of Financial Activities
for the year ended 31 December 2025

		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Permanent Endowment funds	2025 Total	2024 Total
INCOMING RESOURCES		£	£	£	£	£
Donations, legacies and grants	**2**	83,159	34,016	-	117,175	104,071
Room hire and services		50,257	-	-	50,257	40,802
Investments	**3**	11,730	661	1,080	13,471	14,571
TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES		**145,147**	**34,677**	**1,080**	**180,903**	159,444
RESOURCES EXPENDED						
Room hire	**4**	41,554	-	-	41,554	34,678
Charitable activities - support of meeting	**5**	54,686	39,647	11,950	106,283	144,291
TOTAL EXPENDED RESOURCES		**96,240**	**39,647**	**11,950**	**147,837**	178,969
Net income/expenditure		48,907	(4,970)	(10,870)	33,067	(19,525)
Transfers between funds	**14**	(3,958)	5,038	(1,080)	-	-
Net movement in funds	**14**	**44,949**	**68**	**(11,950)**	**33,067**	(19,525)
Total funds brought forward		319,032	26,662	851,319	1,197,013	1,216,538
Total funds carried forward		**363,981**	**26,730**	**839,369**	**1,230,080**	1,197,013

The Statement of Financial Activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year.

All activities of the charity are classed as continuing.

Prior year comparatives by fund are detailed in the notes to the accounts.

Sheffield & Balby Area Quaker Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends
Balance Sheet
as at 31 December 2025

	Notes	2025 £	2024 £
Fixed assets			
Tangible fixed assets	11	789,029	802,136
Current assets			
Debtors	12	14,938	16,225
Short term deposits		418,230	374,357
Cash at Bank and in hand		17,741	12,624
Total assets		450,909	403,206
Liabilities			
Creditors - due within one year	13	(9,858)	(8,329)
Total liabilities		(9,858)	(8,329)
Net current assets		441,051	394,877
Total assets less current liabilities		**1,230,080**	**1,197,013**
Represented by:			
General Funds		28,586	6,345
Designated fund	14	335,395	312,687
Restricted Funds	14	26,730	26,662
Endowment funds	14	839,369	851,319
Total Charity funds		**1,230,080**	**1,197,013**

Approved by the trustees on 16th September 2026 and signed on their behalf by:

Signed: R Hoare

Name: RICHARD HOARE
Trustee

Sheffield & Balby Area Quaker Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends
Notes to the Financial Statements
for the year ended 31 December 2025

1 Accounting policies

a) Basis of preparation

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities - Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019) - (Charities SORP (FRS102)) and with the Charities Act 2011.

The charity meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS102. The financial statements are presented in sterling which is the functional currency of the charity and are rounded to the nearest £1.

b) Income

Income is recognised in the SOFA when the charity has entitlement to the funds, any performance conditions attached to the monies have been met, the receipt of the income is probable and its amount can be measured reliably.

Income from government and other grants, whether 'capital' grants or 'revenue' grants, is recognised when the charity has entitlement to the funds, any performance conditions attached to the grants have been met, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably and is not deferred.

For legacies, entitlement is taken as the earlier of the date on which either: the charity is aware that probate has been granted, the estate has been finalised and notification has been made by the executor(s) to the charity that a distribution will be made, or when a distribution is received from the estate. Receipt of a legacy, in while or in part is only considered probable when the amount can be measured reliably and the charity has been notified of the executors intention to make a distribution. Where legacies have been notified to the charity, or the charity is aware of the granting of probate, and the criteria for income recognition have not been met, then the legacy is treated as a contingent asset and disclosed if material.

Interest on funds held on deposit is included when receivable and the amount can be measured reliably by the charity; this is normally upon notification of the interest paid or payable by the Bank.

c) Donated services and facilities

Donated professional services and donated facilities are recognised as income when the charity has control over the item, any conditions associated with the donated item have been met, the receipt of economic benefit from the use by the charity of the item is probable and that economic benefit can be measured reliably. In accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102), general volunteer time is not recognised; refer to the trustees' annual report for more information about their contribution.

On receipt, donated professional services and donated facilities are recognised on the basis of the value of the gift to the charity which is the amount the charity would have been willing to pay to obtain services or facilities of equivalent economic benefit on the open market; a corresponding amount is then recognised in expenditure in the period of receipt.

d) Expenditure and liabilities

Expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to make a payment to a third party, it is probable that settlement will be required and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably.

Irrecoverable VAT is charged as cost against the activity for which the expenditure was incurred.

e) Tangible Fixed Assets

Individual fixed assets costing £500 or more are capitalised at cost and are depreciated over their estimated useful economic lives at annual rates as follows:

Freehold land	0% straight line
Freehold buildings	2% straight line
Fixtures and fittings	20% reducing balance
Computer equipment	25% straight line

Functional properties are owned by the Area Meeting. These comprise Sheffield Central Meeting House and Doncaster Meeting House, which includes Warden's accommodation, which are held for the furtherance of the Area Meeting's charitable objects. These buildings were valued in June 2019 by an independent professional valuer on freehold market value basis and the valuations have been included in the accounts for the first time in the 2018 accounts. In previous years the only items included in the accounts in respect of land and buildings were improvements made to the buildings made since 2008.

The Doncaster Meeting House warden's accommodation is rented out to a third party, therefore the building is mixed used property held for operation use and investment property. The fair value of the investment property component cannot be measured reliably so the entire property is accounted for as a property within tangible fixed assets.

In 2023 the cost and accumulated depreciation of both Sheffield meeting house and Doncaster meeting house including the land was reclassified to the endowment fund in line with the terms of the governing document, schedule 1.

Titles to the properties are held by the holding trustees.

f) 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.

g) Debtors

Trade and other debtors are recognised at the settlement amount due after any trade discount is offered. Prepayments are valued at the amount prepaid net of any trade discounts.

h) Trade creditors

Creditors are recognised where the charity has a present obligation resulting from a past event that will probably result in the transfer of funds to a third party and the amount due to settle the obligation can be measured or estimated reliably. Creditors are normally recognised at their settlement amount after allowing for any trade.

i) Financial instruments

The charity only has financial assets and financial liabilities of a kind that qualify as basic financial instruments. Basic financial instruments are initially recognised at transaction value and subsequently measured at their settlement value with the exception of bank loans which are subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

j) Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds are donations and other income receivable or generated for the objects of the organisation without further specified purpose and are available as general funds.

Designated funds are unrestricted funds of the charity which the trustees have decided at their discretion to set aside to use for a specific purpose.

Restricted funds are donations which the donor has specified are to be solely used for particular areas of the charity's work or for specific projects being undertaken by the charity.

Endowment funds are not expendable by the charity, and only the income may be used for general or specific purposes a specified in the terms of the endowment.

k) Pensions

The organisation has defined contributions pension scheme. Employees of the charity are entitled to join the defined contribution scheme. There were no outstanding contributions at the year end. The charity has no liability beyond making its contributions and paying across the deductions for the employees' contributions. Contributions are charged in the accounts as they become payable in accordance with the rules of the scheme.

l) Operating lease rentals

Operating leases are leases in which the title to the assets, and the risks and rewards of ownership, remain with the lessor. Rental charges are charged on a straight line basis over the term of the lease.

m) Corporation tax

The charity is exempt from tax on income and gains falling within Chapter 3 of Part 11 of the Corporation Tax Act 2010 or Section 256 of the Taxation of Chargeable Gains Act 1992 to the extent that these are applied to its charitable objects.

n) Going concern

The trustees consider that there are no material uncertainties about the charity's ability to continue as a going concern.

2 Income from donations, legacies and grants

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total 2025	Total 2024
	£	£	£	£	£
Donations, collections & Gift Aid	15,545	5,695	-	21,239	18,794
Schedules	31,864	28,321	-	60,185	58,703
Legacies	35,751	-	-	35,751	25,040
Grants	-	-	-	-	1,534
	83,159	**34,016**	**-**	**117,175**	104,071
Total 2024	73,962	30,109	-	104,071	

3 Income from Investments

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total 2025	Total 2024
	£	£	£	£	£
Bank interest	6,654	661	1,080	8,395	9,699
Rental income	5,076	-	-	5,076	4,872
	11,730	**661**	**1,080**	**13,471**	14,571
Total 2024	12,525	657	1,389	14,571	

4 Expenditure on room hire

		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total 2025	Total 2024
		£	£	£	£	£
Salaries	**6**	13,720	-	-	13,720	12,478
Premises and admin		27,834	-	-	27,834	22,200
		41,554	**-**	**-**	**41,554**	34,678
Total 2024		34,678	-	-	34,678	

5 Expenditure on charitable activities

		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total 2025	Total 2024
		£	£	£	£	£
Salaries	6	5,336	-	-	5,336	4,853
Premises & admin		29,896	-	-	29,896	29,739
Grants	7	8,437	39,497	-	47,934	87,273
Support of meeting expenses		4,318	150	-	4,468	4,786
Depreciation		1,157	-	11,950	13,107	13,396
Other		3,329	-	-	3,329	2,148
Governance:						
Independent examination	8	1,250	-	-	1,250	1,100
Other		963	-	-	963	996
		54,686	**39,647**	**11,950**	**106,283**	144,291
Total 2024		51,134	79,818	13,339	144,291	

6 Staff Costs

	Total 2025	Total 2024
	£	£
Salaries	19,056	17,331
	19,056	17,331

No employee received emoluments of more than £60,000. The number of part time employees during the period was 4 (2024:4.).

The 4 members of staff are employed on a part time basis, there are no employer pension or employer national insurance costs.

7 Grants made

		Total 2025	Total 2024
		£	£
Quaker:	Britain Yearly Meeting	34,589	27,377
	Other Quaker	8,710	6,378
Non-Quaker:	Other non-Quaker	4,635	53,518
		47,934	87,273

In addition to the Britain Yearly Meeting grants, other grants made to other Quaker organisations over £1,000 were:	£	£
Northern Friends Peace Board	1,431	1,200
	1,431	1,200

7 Grants made (continued)

Non-Quaker grants distributed during the year:	Total 2025 £	Total 2024 £
CRESST	1,114	6,228
Ben's Place	-	1,076
Chilypep	-	5,507
Element Society	-	5,507
Emmaus Sheffield	-	5,507
GROW	-	5,507
Heeley City Farm	-	5,507
Kaleido Arts for Wellbeing	-	5,507
Roundabout	-	5,507
Zest	-	5,507
Grants less than £1,000	3,521	2,160
	4,635	53,518

8 Independent examination and accountancy services

During the period, the cost of the independent examination and accountancy services was £1,250 (2024: £1,100).

9 Trustees remuneration benefit and expenses

The trustees were not paid or received any other benefits other than reimbursed expenses during the year (2024: £nil).

10 Related party transactions

There were no related party transactions during the year, (2024: none).
A number of trustees have made donations to the charity throughout the year.

11 Tangible Fixed Assets	Freehold land & buildings	Fixture & fittings	Computer equipment	Total
Cost or Valuation	**£**	**£**	**£**	**£**
as at 1 January 2025	880,000	162,807	6,205	1,049,012
additions	-	-	-	-
as at 31 December 2025	**880,000**	**162,807**	**6,205**	**1,049,012**
Depreciation				
as at 1 January 2025	83,650	157,021	6,205	246,876
charge this period	11,950	1,157	-	13,107
at 31 December 2025	95,600	158,178	6,205	259,983
Net book value at 31 December 2025	**784,400**	**4,629**	**-**	**789,029**
Net book value at 31 December 2024	796,350	5,786	-	802,136

12 Debtors (amounts receivable within 1 year)	2025	2024
	£	**£**
Accounts receivable	1,050	2,513
Accrued income	5,292	9,574
Prepayments	3,967	4,138
Other debtors	4,629	-
	14,938	16,225

13 Creditors (amounts due within 1 year)	2025	2024
	£	**£**
Accounts payable	5,731	857
Accruals	3,977	7,303
Other creditors	150	169
	9,858	8,329

14 Funds

2025	*Brought forward*	*Incoming Resources*	*Resources Expended*	*Transfers* in/(out)	*Carried forward*
Unrestricted funds					
AM General fund	6,345	39,544	(7,989)	(9,314)	28,586
Designated funds					
Premises fund	162,369	3,803	(5,755)	7,542	167,959
Sheffield Central	104,776	56,740	(45,408)	(7,000)	109,108
Balby Doncaster	38,549	41,733	(33,637)	(6,000)	40,645
Nether Edge	5,633	2,552	(2,238)	(500)	5,447
Hope Valley	1,360	745	(1,213)	-	892
Crellin Fund Youth Work	-	30	-	11,314	11,344
Total designated funds	312,687	105,603	(88,251)	5,356	335,395
Total unrestricted funds	319,032	145,147	(96,240)	(3,958)	363,981
Restricted funds					
Assistance fund	7,702	151	(1,500)	538	6,891
Bursary fund	18,100	1,076	(3,417)	-	15,759
Balby Doncaster	159	2	-	-	161
Yorkshire Youth Worker fund	700	2,838	(4,120)	4,500	3,918
Sheffield Central	-	30,610	(30,610)	-	-
Total restricted funds	26,662	34,677	(39,647)	5,038	26,730
Permanent endowment funds					
Property Trusts	27,589	542	-	(542)	27,589
Relief Trusts	27,380	538	-	(538)	27,380
Property Reserve	796,350	-	(11,950)	-	784,400
Total endowment funds	851,319	1,080	(11,950)	(1,080)	839,369
Total funds	1,197,013	180,904	(147,837)	-	1,230,080

Transfers between funds

Sheffield Central pledged contribution of £7,000 from its designated funds to the designated Premises fund.

Balby doncaster pledged from its designated funds £4,000 to the restricted Yorkshire Youth Worker fund and a £2,000 donation into the the AM unrestricted funds.

Nether Edge pledged a contribution of £500 from its designated funds to the restricted Yorkshire Youth Worker fund.

A transfer has been made from the AM unrestricted funds into designated funds to fund the new Crellin Youth Worker post from 2028 onwards.

The transfer from the endowment fund is the interest received within the year, part of the amount has been distributed to the designated Premises fund and the remainder to the restricted Assistance fund.

14 Funds

2024	***Brought forward***	***Incoming Resources***	***Resources Expended***	***Transfers in/(out)***	***Carried forward***
Unrestricted funds					
AM General fund	*5,163*	*4,774*	*(5,592)*	*2,000*	*6,345*
Designated funds					
Premises fund	*151,302*	*5,167*	*(1,100)*	*7,000*	*162,369*
Sheffield Central	*76,245*	*69,454*	*(33,923)*	*(7,000)*	*104,776*
Balby Doncaster	*38,063*	*44,154*	*(41,668)*	*(2,000)*	*38,549*
Nether Edge	*5,245*	*2,790*	*(2,402)*		*5,633*
Hope Valley	*1,537*	*950*	*(1,127)*		*1,360*
Total designated funds	*272,392*	*122,515*	*(80,220)*	*(2,000)*	*312,687*
Total unrestricted funds	*277,555*	*127,289*	*(85,812)*	*-*	*319,032*
Restricted funds					
Assistance fund	*6,914*	*788*	*-*	*-*	*7,702*
Bursary fund	*19,082*	*1,403*	*(2,385)*	*-*	*18,100*
Balby Doncaster	*157*	*330*	*(328)*	*-*	*159*
Yorkshire Youth Worker fund	*-*	*700*	*-*	*-*	*700*
Sheffield Central	*49,560*	*27,545*	*(77,105)*	*-*	*-*
Total restricted funds	*75,714*	*30,766*	*(79,818)*	*-*	*26,662*
Permanent endowment funds					
Property Trusts	*27,589*	*755*	*(755)*	*-*	*27,589*
Relief Trusts	*27,380*	*634*	*(634)*	*-*	*27,380*
Property Reserve	*808,300*	*-*	*(11,950)*	*-*	*796,350*
Total endowment funds	*863,269*	*1,389*	*(13,339)*	*-*	*851,319*
Total funds	*1,216,538*	*159,444*	*(178,969)*	*-*	*1,197,013*

Transfers between funds

Balby Doncaster contributed £2,000 from its designated funds to the area meeting general fund.

Sheffield Central pledged contribution of £7,000 from its designated funds to the designated Premises fund.

14 Funds - continued

Name of fund

Unrestricted funds

AM General fund

The money is available to the AM for its general organisation and activities.

Designated funds

Premises fund

This designated fund represents accumulated income from the proceeds of sale of the Woodhouse Meeting House in the early 1980's, and other smaller property-related trusts together with unrestricted income from the Property Trusts, and transfers from Local Meetings' designated funds.
Area Meeting has chosen to designate this money for property purposes, including the maintenance of the Woodhouse Burial Ground.

Local Meeting funds:

Sheffield Central, Balby Doncaster, Nether Edge and Hope Valley
There are four local meetings within Sheffield and Balby AM. These accounts provide a summary of financial activities in each meeting. Constituent Meetings take responsibility for finances relating to their affairs and for the management of their Meeting Houses. The local meeting Treasurers provide more detailed financial reports of their own Meetings.

Crellin fund Youth Work (post 2028)

Designated funding to enable the Area to continue contirbuting to the provision of youth work in Yorkshire post 2028.

Restricted funds

Assistance fund

This fund is a bursary fund for the support of Friends in financial need. The fund receives the income of the AM Relief Trusts (see Endowed Funds). Applications are dealt with by the Bursary Funds' Treasurer, with advice and support from overseers as necessary.

Bursary fund

This fund has been transferred from designated funds as at 31 December 2021.
Applications for personal grants to Friends are dealt with by the Treasurer of the AM Bursary Funds, with advice and support of the Pastoral Friends.

Balby Doncaster

Restricted funds belonging to Balby (Doncaster).

The (Yorkshire) Youth Development Worker

In common with many Quaker regions, a tentative appointment was made by Britain Yearly Meeting in the Autumn of 2022 of a Youth Worker to work across the Yorkshire region for three years and Area Meetings were asked to contribute to the cost. We were able to do so from general reserves but only for part of that period. In the event, the appointment was so successful that it has been extended for another three-year period up to August 2028.

14 Funds - continued

Name of fund

Sheffield Central
Restricted funds belonging to Sheffield Central for grants given or collections made for specific purposes.

Permanent endowment funds
AM Property Trusts
This group of mainly property funds comprises capital from the sale of Woodhouse Meeting House and most of its burial ground in the early 1980's, together with six of the AM Trusts (Le Tall, Halifax, Pacey, Dearman, Wade and Girdom), and a 5/7 portion of a seventh (Coisley Hill). The capital of this fund may only be used in the provision of new meeting houses or burial grounds, but the income is available for general purposes, and is transferred into the designated AM Premises fund.

AM Relief Trusts
This group of relief funds comprises three of the ten previous 'AM Trusts' (Taylor, Rodes & Madin) and 2/7 of a fourth (Coisley Hill). The capital of these funds must be maintained and the income, whose use is restricted to the relief of hardship, is transferred into the AM Assistance fund.

Property Reserve
This fund has been reclassified from designated funds to endowment funds as per the governing document treatment on properties. This fund was originally set up in 2018 to identify those funds resulting from the revaluation of the Sheffield and Balby (Doncaster) LM meeting houses and land. The reserve is depreciated in line with the depreciation policy.

15 Analysis of net assets by fund

As at 31 December 2025	Unrestricted Funds	Designated Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment funds	Total 2025
	£	£	£	£	£
Fixed Assets	-	4,629	-	784,400	789,029
Net current assets/(liabilities)	28,586	330,766	26,730	54,969	441,051
	28,586	335,395	26,730	839,369	1,230,080

As at 31 December 2024	*Unrestricted Funds*	*Designated Funds*	*Restricted Funds*	*Endowment funds*	*Total 2024*
	£	*£*	*£*	*£*	*£*
Fixed Assets	*-*	*5,786*	*-*	*796,350*	*802,136*
Net current assets/(liabilities)	*6,345*	*306,901*	*26,662*	*54,969*	*394,877*
	6,345	*312,687*	*26,662*	*851,319*	*1,197,013*