Brighouse West Yorkshire Area Quaker Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends (Quakers) in Britain

Charity number 1191435

Annual Report and Financial Statements

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Trustees' report for the year ended 31 December 2025

Reference and administrative details of the charity, its trustees and advisors

The trustees during the financial year and up to and including the date the report was approved were:

Name	Position	Dates
Janet Walters	Clerk	
Deryck Hillas	Treasurer	
Dawn Beck		
Rachel Taylor		
Rosemary Daley		Resigned 9 November 2025
Graham Prescott		Appointed 9 March 2025
Andrea Freeman		Appointed 14 September 2025

Area Meeting Officers

Jane Milne	Correspondence Clerk
Duncan Weaver	Membership Clerk
Jan Walters	Registering Officer

Charity number 1191435 Registered in England and Wales

Registered and principal address

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Independent examiner

Rhys North ACA

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Structure, governance and management

Brighouse West Yorkshire Area Quaker Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends (Quakers) in Britain (BWYAM) is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) formed on 23 September 2020 and is governed by a constitution. Memoranda of understanding specify the relationship between BWYAM and its constituent Local Meetings. Area Meeting, Local Meetings and Trustees conduct their business in accordance with “Quaker Faith and Practice,” the book of Christian discipline of the yearly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends (Quakers) in Britain.

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Method of recruitment and appointment of trustees

BWYAM has between 5 and 15 Trustees and a number of Officers appointed by the Area Meeting in session after nomination by the Area Meeting Nominations Committee. Appointments are for three-year terms with the option for reappointment for a second term, and in exceptional cases, a third term (maximum 9 years in total).

Membership

Membership of BWYAM is granted by Area Meeting in session. Non-members who regularly attend Meeting for Worship and take an active role in the life of one of our Local Meetings are referred to as “Attenders” to distinguish them from “Members”. The Term “Friends” is used to include Members and Attenders. On 31 December 2025 there were 131 Members and 118 Attenders as detailed below:

	Bradford	Halifax	Hebden Bridge	Huddersfield	Scholes	Total 2025	Total 2024
Members	18	11	57	39	6	131	133
Attenders	13	10	52	31	12	118	81
Total	31	21	109	70	18	249	214

Records

The Clerks and Treasurers of Local Meetings, Area Meeting and Trustees keep recent minutes and financial records. Minutes are regularly compiled and stored in the Brotherton Library at Leeds University along with corporate information such as deeds, our governing document, memoranda of understanding (between Area Meeting and Local Meetings) and policies.

Objectives and activities

The charity's objects

The object of Brighouse West Yorkshire 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 Brighouse West Yorkshire Area Meeting and beyond.

The charity's main activities

Our principal activity is the holding of public meetings for worship according to Quaker tradition in the constituent Local Meetings of Bradford, Halifax, Hebden Bridge, Huddersfield and Scholes.

Our governing document states that “Income and property are used to further our object by work such as:

i) strengthening the life and witness of Quaker meetings both in the area of Brighouse West Yorkshire Area Meeting and beyond;

ii) spreading the message of Quakers and interpreting and developing the thought and practice of the Religious Society;

iii) undertaking Quaker service for the relief of suffering at home and abroad;

iv) funding the concerns that Quaker meetings in the area of Brighouse West Yorkshire Area Meeting or beyond have adopted or agreed to support;

v) providing for the pastoral care of individual members and attenders including assistance to those in need and for education;

vi) maintaining and developing Quaker meeting houses as places for public worship and from which to carry our witness into the world;

vii) administering and maintaining the organisation of Brighouse West Yorkshire Area Meeting and contributing to the support of Britain Yearly Meeting."

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Trustees' report (continued) for the year ended 31 December 2025

Introduction

An area meeting should "provide that balance between worship, mutual support, administration, learning, deliberation and social life which can make its meetings enjoyable" (Quaker Faith and Practice 4.02).

Brighouse West Yorkshire Area Meeting comprises five Local Meetings: Bradford, Halifax, Hebden Bridge, Huddersfield and Scholes. Each meeting is unique and the life and times of each can be read in their own annual reports and in our own Area Meeting journal, "Meeting Points".

Through Local Meetings, we manage three Meeting Houses (Bradford, Huddersfield and Scholes) and Hebden Bridge and Halifax Local Meeting hire or lease rooms for their meetings. The Area Meeting through the Trustee body manages three burial grounds not attached to Meeting Houses at Idle (Bradford), Newlands (Brighouse) and Shewbread (Todmorden) and also holds burial rights at Undercliffe Cemetery in Bradford, where it makes voluntary contributions to the upkeep of that area of the cemetery.

Achievements and performance

Worship

Public meetings for worship are usually held on Sundays by each Local Meeting. This is the focus of our community. These are traditional unprogrammed Quaker meetings where deep silence is valued as well as spoken ministry. Area Meeting appoints Elders to support the spiritual life of each Local Meeting through activities such as discussions, presentations and individual spiritual support for those who need it. Some meetings use the term 'spiritual advisor' for this role.

All five local meetings hold a weekly Sunday morning Meeting for Worship in person. Hebden Bridge meeting has also continued with an online meeting every Sunday, which is sometimes 'blended'. A Wednesday evening online meeting is held by Scholes and is open to all. Hebden Bridge Meeting also holds a public midweek evening meeting for worship on the second Wednesday of each month in Todmorden which started in September 2024. Huddersfield Meeting holds a two-hour 9.30 am meeting for worship once a month. Some meetings have held special all-age meeting events, especially around Christmas time.

Pastoral Care

Area Meeting appoints people to support pastoral care in each Local Meeting. Variously referred to as pastoral carer, pastoral friend and or link friend, these people also provide a listening ear to individuals, facilitate supportive relationships, organise shared lunches and offer practical support often in the form of grants to individuals for education, spiritual development or to relieve hardship. Some meetings currently arrange their pastoral care on an informal basis, or through the use of 'circles', rather than through specific appointments.

Area Meetings

Meetings for Area Meeting business were held bi-monthly during 2025, online in January and in person for all other meetings.

Discussion and reading groups

Local meetings have held study groups and reading groups on a range of topics during the year, both on-line and in person. These are mostly held on Sundays after Meeting but some take place midweek. Meetings report the value of these groups in forging a stronger sense of community. The Area Meeting arranged two days of learning during 2025.

Children and Young People

At the end of 2025 there were 33 children and young people under 16 recorded as involved in our Local Meetings, although actual numbers tend to be fluid. Some Local Meetings have a Children's Meeting which provides engaging activities for children whilst enabling parents to attend Meeting for Worship. Children usually attend a short period of worship before or after Children's Meeting. Hebden Bridge meeting's annual holiday at Barmoor included children as well as adults in 2025. Some of our young people (13 to 18) attended the Yorkshire Friends Holiday School. We are also helping to fund the Yorkshire Youth Development Worker in collaboration with six other Area Meetings.

Achievements and performance continued

Outreach

Outreach activities undertaken in 2025 included:

- Distribution of white poppies and laying of white poppy wreaths at remembrance events.
- Vigils and other peace and justice events involving Friends providing a visible local presence for Quaker witness in our communities
- Our outreach website is a gateway to local Quaker Meetings for those searching online.

Glenthorne Weekend

The Area Meeting Glenthorne Weekend did not take place during 2025 but plans were made for the next Glenthorne weekend from 6th to 8th February 2026.

Support for refugees and asylum seekers

Our Local Meetings share a concern about our national hospitality for refugees and asylum seekers leading some to become Sanctuary Everywhere Meetings. We help local refugee support groups, in particular the Bradford African Community, the Bradford Community Alliance, the St Augustine's Centre in Halifax and Sanctuary Kirklees. Huddersfield Meeting House hosts the offices of Immigration and Asylum Support Kirklees (IASK).

Climate Emergency and Peace Activism

Local Friends were involved in a range of non-violent direct actions in 2025:

- Monthly Peace and Justice vigils are held in Huddersfield town centre.
- Local Friends have continued their links with Quaker Roots in nonviolent direct action activities including at the Excel weapons exhibition in September 2025 and through links with Northern Friends Peace Board.
- Area Meeting clerks sent letters to party leaders regarding the importance of keeping/establishing roles of minister/shadow minister for Peace and Disarmament.
- Local Friends have joined with others in their local areas in vigils relating to the war in Ukraine.
- Local Friends are centrally involved in the Swords into Ploughshares group which is seeking to divert funds away from military purposes and towards humanitarian and eco-friendly purposes...

Bradford Local Meeting purchases all its electricity from green energy sources and generates electricity from photovoltaic cells on the roof of its Meeting House. Huddersfield Meeting purchases its electricity and gas from Ecotricity, a not-for-profit company that supplies 100% green electricity and carbon neutral gas.

National and Regional Involvement

Yearly Meeting

Friends of all ages from across our Area Meeting attended Yearly Meeting which was held at Friends House, London and on-line from 23rd to 26th May 2025. Friends then shared the Epistle and issues covered at Yearly Meeting experiences with local Friends.

Meeting for Sufferings

Our representatives attended Meeting for Sufferings, the body which sets the direction for the work of Britain Yearly Meeting during the year. We have received updates and advice on a range of issues.

Achievements and performance continued

Yorkshire Quaker Governance Group

Throughout 2025, two Members represented the Area Meeting on the Yorkshire Quaker Implementation Group which has been meeting regularly to consider the proposal to replace the current seven Area Meeting charities and the existing Quakers in Yorkshire charity with one Yorkshire wide charity to be called 'Yorkshire Quakers'. The new charity will be responsible for finances, employment of staff, properties, safeguarding and regulatory requirements across the entire region covered by the seven Area Meetings. This will enable Area Meetings to concentrate on supporting worship and witness as they will no longer be separately registered charities and follows similar developments to simplify Quaker structures and processes taking place in Wales, Scotland and London.

Other Involvement

Several local Friends serve on national and regional Quaker bodies including:

- Northern Friends Peace Board
- Quaker Peace Studies Trust
- 'Woodbrooke' as tutors
- Quakers in Yorkshire (QIY)
- Ackworth School General Meeting
- Quaker Council for Christian and Interfaith Relations (QCCIR)

Friends have also attended a number of events including:

- Quaker Committee for Christian and Interfaith Relations conference
- Quakers in Yorkshire

Friends actively support a range of local causes:

- Bradford Community Alliance
- Bradford African Community
- Bradford Peace Museum
- Bradford University Department of Peace Studies
- Calderdale Interfaith Council
- Calder Valley CND for Peace and Justice
- Immigration and Asylum Support Kirklees (IASK)
- Roots of Resistance
- St Augustine's Centre in Halifax
- Sanctuary Kirklees
- West Yorkshire Campaign Against the Arms Trade
- Hebden Royd Christian Aid
- Women of Faith Network

On the international stage we have links with:

- Moscow Friends Centre
- Quaker Congo Partnership

Ecumenical and Interfaith

Most Local Meetings are involved with their local Churches Together group and several Friends attend meetings of the Calderdale Interfaith Group and South Kirklees Interfaith and Belief Forum.

Libraries

Each Local Meeting maintains a Library of primarily Quaker reading material adding new works regularly throughout the year, many subscribing to journals such as "The Friend".

Plans for 2026

We will continue to support people in worship and spiritual growth and Area Meeting and Trustees will offer the guidance, training and resources needed to promote safe and effective conduct of Quaker activities. We will continue our support of Friends and organisations involved in direct action to bring much needed attention to the ongoing climate emergency and in opposition to the arms trade and for groups involved in alleviating hardship for refugees and the homeless as well as those seeking to further the cause of peace.

Area Meeting Grants Fund

Following the transfer of the assets of the former Halifax Meeting House Charity Trust (HMHCT) on 19 December 2024, a new designated Area Meeting Grants Fund was set up to support Halifax Meeting and the furtherance of Quaker work in other parts of the Area Meeting.

Professionalisation of our Back Office

For several years, we have paid for bookkeeping and accountancy services from an Attender at one of our Meetings which provides considerable help to local Meeting treasurers.

Website

Our Website Development Manager has further developed our website to help improve communication and organisation within our Area Meeting and arranged for its transfer to the national Quaker Meetings Network platform.

Youth Development Worker

In collaboration with other Area Meetings, we provide funds for a Youth Development Worker for Yorkshire. The contribution was £6,224 for 2025 and we have agreed to continue this support during the three year period from 2025 to 2028 although this agreement will be superseded by the transfer of this responsibility to 'Yorkshire Quakers'.

Trustees

Trustees met six times in 2025 to consider issues including those outlined below.

Property

Meeting houses in Bradford, Huddersfield and Scholes are managed by their respective Local Meetings whilst the burial grounds at Shewbread (Todmorden), Idle (Bradford) and Newlands (Brighouse) are managed by trustees. Trustees consider all items of expenditure above £1,000. A lease of the offices at Bradford Meeting House to Bradford African Community provides a significant income and a meeting place for a local cultural group. Between 31/01/2022 and 5/03/2022, a local firm of architects carried out thorough quinquennial surveys on the three Meeting Houses which were received in April 2022. During 2025, Trustees have continued to receive regular reports from Friends in these meetings concerning the work undertaken to address issues requiring attention that were identified in these reports.

Employees

We employ a caretaker/lettings officer at Huddersfield Meeting House and use Third Sector Leaders to manage the associated payroll on our behalf. Line management of our employee is the responsibility of Huddersfield Local Meeting in accordance with conditions of employment set out by Trustees.

Policies

We have the following polices:

- Reserves (renewed 2019)
- Health and Safety (renewed 2024)
- Safeguarding (renewed 2024)
- Investment (renewed 2020)
- Data Protection (2021)
- Privacy (2021)
- Lettings (2024)

Public benefit statement

Our public meetings for worship offer a safe space for anyone to experience traditional Quaker worship. Rooms in our meeting houses are also available for hire by community groups that undertake activities that do not conflict with our charitable purpose.

Local Meetings hold collections in order to make donations to charities and organisations that work in accord with our charitable purposes. Beneficiaries in 2025 included:

- Quaker Peace Studies Trust
- Shared Goods
- Quaker Congo Partnership
- Medical Aid for Palestinians
- The Peace Museum
- Quaker Asylum & Refugee Network
- Médecins Sans Frontières
- Ramallah Friends School
- Toybox
- Quaker Social Action
- Happy Days UK
- Disasters Emergency Committee for Gaza
- Quaker Council for European Affairs
- Quaker International Educational Trust
- Christian Aid
- St Augustine's Refugee Centre, Halifax
- Bradford Immigration and Asylum Support and Advice Network
- Bradford Metropolitan Food Bank
- Abigail Housing
- Bradford Ecumenical Asylum Concern
- Bradford Community Alliance
- Bradford Africa Community
- Yorkshire CND
- Glenthorne Guest House and Conference Centre
- Inn Churches Bradford
- Bradford Soup Run
- Ecumenical Accompaniment Programme in Palestine and Israel
- Scholarships for Street Kids
- Undercliffe Cemetery Charity
- Network for Peace
- Friends House Moscow

Our Local Meetings also supported financially several Meeting House Appeals that were brought to our attention.

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Management of Risk

Trustees keep a risk register which identifies and prioritises risks in terms of likelihood and potential impact. The register also identifies any mitigating systems in place to reduce the likelihood or impact of each risk.

Financial review

The net receipts for the year were £24,313, including net receipts of £16,777 on unrestricted funds and net receipts of £7,536 on restricted funds.

Reserves policy

The charity's free reserves, at the year end were £105,477.

At year end we held unrestricted funds comprising £105,477 in cash (including bank accounts) and £618,275 in investments. The need for maintaining reserves is determined by each local meeting and include general risk management, repairs and maintenance and planned projects. We recognise that total reserves held by meeting funds exceed the target of 12 months expenditure (£162,000) set in our reserves policy. One meeting is holding less than its target (Huddersfield) - as shown in Note 9 to the accounts. The principal reason for the excess reserves being held, when including investments, is due to the holding by the Area Meeting investments (valued at £509,897 at 31 December 2025) transferred to the CIO by the Halifax Meeting House Charity in 2024.

Funds in deficit

The fund for burial grounds maintenance was in deficit by £885 and Quakers in Yorkshire agreed to provide a grant for this amount, which was received in May 2026. The fund for HMHC was in deficit by £285 and this fund will be repaid once additional funds have either been released from transferred HMHC investments or if surplus investment income from these investments is available in year.

Approved by the board of trustees on ……..……..…….

Signed: ……..…… (Trustee)

Name: ……..…..…….

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Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Brighouse West Yorkshire Area Quaker Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the CIO for the year ended 31 December 2025, which are set out on pages 11 to 18.

Responsibilities and basis of report
As the charity trustees of the CIO 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 CIO's accounts as carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act. 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 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 Charities Act;
2 the accounts do not accord with those records.

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: …… Name: Rhys North ACA

Date: ……

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Receipts and payments account for the year ended 31 December 2025

	Notes	2025 Unrestricted funds £	2025 Restricted funds £	2025 Total funds £	2024 Total funds £
Receipts					
Voluntary income	(2)	58,388	5,935	64,323	66,027
Activities generating funds		35,457	-	35,457	29,049
Investment income		12,358	3,818	16,176	16,623
Other income		220	-	220	3,820
Quaker activity income		6,151	-	6,151	6,235
Investment sales	(3)	5,000	16,500	21,500	11,496
Donation from Halifax Meeting House Charity		-	-	-	5,197
Total receipts		117,574	26,253	143,827	138,447
Payments					
Activities Generating Funds		-	-	-	269
Premises Costs:					
Improvements and maintenance		25,062	10,285	35,347	45,404
Salaries and NI	(4)	7,111	-	7,111	7,482
Insurance		3,852	-	3,852	3,743
Rent and rates		10,189	1,778	11,967	11,979
Utilities and telephony		11,879	654	12,533	19,580
Other premises costs		3,309	-	3,309	1,253
Total Premises Costs		61,402	12,717	74,119	89,441
Quaker Activity Costs:					
Governance		6,205	-	6,205	4,151
Grants and donations	(5)	26,900	6,000	32,900	28,316
Residential retreats		1,436	-	1,436	6,828
Other Quaker activity costs		3,854	-	3,854	3,680
Total Quaker Activity Costs		38,395	6,000	44,395	42,975
Other Costs:					
Investment purchases		1,000	-	1,000	3,000
Total payments		100,797	18,717	119,514	135,685
Net receipts / (payments)		16,777	7,536	24,313	2,762
Fund balances brought forward		88,700	(5,038)	83,662	80,900
Fund balances carried forward	(6)	105,477	2,498	107,975	83,662

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Statement of assets and liabilities as at 31 December 2025

	2025 Unrestricted £	2025 Restricted £	2025 Total £	2024 Total £
Cash funds				
Cash at bank				
BWYAM Current Account	11,572	(2,502)	9,070	3,330
BWYAM Deposit	817	-	817	1,817
Bradford Meeting Current Account	1,135	-	1,135	1,260
Bradford Meeting Deposit Account 588	15,600	-	15,600	8,439
Bradford Meeting Deposit Account 232	4	-	4	1
Bradford Meeting Deposit Account 371	-	-	-	-
Halifax Meeting Current Account	6,027	-	6,027	5,156
Halifax Meeting Deposit Account	5,132	-	5,132	5,035
Hebden Bridge Meeting Current Account	25,061	-	25,061	25,733
Huddersfield Meeting Current Account	18,330	5,000	23,330	14,141
Huddersfield Meeting Deposit Account	16,573	-	16,573	16,208
Scholes Meeting Current Account	5,173	-	5,173	2,489
Cash in hand				
Bradford Meeting	53	-	53	53
Total cash funds	105,477	2,498	107,975	83,662

Debtors and prepayments	2025 £	2024 £
Debtors - Rental income	4,911	862
Debtors - Energy	432	175
Prepayments - Residentials	691	200
Prepayments - Insurance	2,728	2,651
Accrued income - Grants due	885	935
Other debtors - Gift Aid	6,072	5,796
	15,719	10,619

Investment assets	2025 £	2024 £
Area Meeting Grant Fund *	509,897	503,590
Bradford Meeting Investments	25,695	23,633
Huddersfield Meeting Investments	2,999	2,999
Scholes Meeting Investments	79,684	77,172
	618,275	607,394

* The Area Meeting Grant Fund comprises investment funds transferred to the CIO by Halifax Meeting House Charity in 2024. The transfer from the Halifax Meeting House Charity requires the CIO to give first call on the use of these funds to the Halifax Quaker Meeting before applications from other parts of the Area Meeting are considered.

Assets retained for the charity's own use	2025 £	2024 £
Bradford Meeting House	170,000	170,000
Huddersfield Meeting House	295,000	295,000
Scholes Meeting House	145,000	145,000
	610,000	610,000

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Liabilities	2025	2024
	£	£
Creditors - Quakers in Yorkshire	-	680
Creditors - Utilities	825	385
Creditors - Rent	435	548
Creditors - Other	1,685	753
Accruals - Independent examination fee	1,700	1,650
Other creditors - Pay/Pension costs	305	55
	4,950	4,071

The financial statements were approved by the board of trustees on ……..……..…….

Signed: ……..…….. (Trustee)

Name: ……..…..…….

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Notes to the accounts for the year ended 31 December 2025

1 Accounting policies

Basis of accounting

The trustees have taken advantage of section 133 of the Charities Act 2011 and have prepared the accounts on a receipts and payments basis.

There has been no change to the accounting policies since last year.

No changes have been made to the accounts for previous years.

Taxation

As a charity the organisation benefits from rates relief and is generally exempt from income tax and capital gains tax but not from VAT. Irrecoverable VAT is included in the cost of those items to which it relates.

Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the charity.

Restricted funds are subjected to restrictions on their expenditure imposed by the donor or through the terms of an appeal.

Further explanation of the nature and purpose of each fund is included in the notes to the accounts.

2 Voluntary income

	2025 Unrestricted funds £	2025 Restricted funds £	2025 Total funds £	2024 Total funds £
Grants:				
Quakers in Yorkshire	-	935	935	2,580
Donations	51,879	5,000	56,879	53,618
Bequests and legacies	6,509	-	6,509	9,829
	58,388	5,935	64,323	66,027

3 Investment sales

	2025 Unrestricted funds £	2025 Restricted funds £	2025 Total funds £	2024 Total funds £
Area Meeting Grant Fund	-	16,500	16,500	-
Scholes Meeting Investments	5,000	-	5,000	7,000
Edna Woodhouse Fund investments	-	-	-	4,496
	5,000	16,500	21,500	11,496

4 Staff costs and numbers

	2025 £	2024 £
Gross salaries	7,300	6,972
Pay/Pension owing at year end	(305)	(55)
Pensions	-	449
Payroll charges	116	116
	7,111	7,482

The average number employees during the year was 1 (2024 - 1). There were no employees with emoluments above £60,000.

Defined contribution pension scheme	2025 £	2024 £
Costs of the scheme to the charity for the year	-	449

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5 Grants and donations

	2025 Unrestricted funds £	2025 Restricted funds £	2025 Total funds £	2024 Total funds £
Contribution to Britain Yearly Meeting	18,224	6,000	24,224	25,300
Donations to other Quaker bodies	3,926	-	3,926	1,726
Donations to individuals	200	-	200	410
Donations to non-Quaker bodies:				
Abigail Housing	300	-	300	-
BEACON Bradford	300	-	300	-
BIASAN	300	-	300	-
Bradford African Community (BAC)	300	-	300	-
Bradford Community Alliance CIC	300	-	300	-
Bradford Metropolitan Food Bank	300	-	300	-
Bradford Soup Run	300	-	300	-
Inn Churches	300	-	300	-
Medical Aid for Palestinians (MAP)	300	-	300	-
Network for Peace	30	-	30	30
Peace Museum	300	-	300	-
Scholarships for Street Kids (S4SK)	100	-	100	-
St Augustine's	700	-	700	700
Undercliffe Cemetery Charity	420	-	420	150
Yorkshire CND	300	-	300	-
	26,900	6,000	32,900	28,316

6 Restricted funds

	Balance b/f £	Incoming £	Outgoing £	Transfers £	Balance c/f £
QIY - Brighouse Burial Ground	(935)	935	885	-	(885)
Halifax Meeting House Charity (HMHC) - Various Costs	(4,103)	3,818	-	-	(285)
Huddersfield Premises	-	5,000	-	-	5,000
Area Meeting Grant Fund	-	16,500	17,832	-	(1,332)
	(5,038)	26,253	18,717	-	2,498

Fund name	Purpose of restriction
QIY - Brighouse Burial Ground	Towards the maintenance costs of the Brighouse Newlands burial ground. The deficit will be covered by the receipt of a grant for this amount in May 2026 from Quakers in Yorkshire.
Halifax Meeting House Charity (HMHC) - Various Costs	To reimburse legal costs paid by the CIO on behalf of HMHC; fund quinquennial survey fees and support the provision of a headstone. The deficit balance relates to funds yet to be released from transferred HMHC investments.
Huddersfield Premises	To contribute towards premises improvement costs at Huddersfield.
Area Meeting Grant Fund	Proceeds from sale of Area Meeting Grant Fund investments to support, as a first call, Halifax Local Meeting costs and applications for support from other Local Meetings in the Area Meeting.

7 Related party transactions

Trustee expenses
During the year one trustee was paid a total of £20 in respect of travel (previous year: £nil).

Trustee remuneration and benefits
No trustee received any remuneration or benefit during this or the previous year.

8 Funds held as agent

	Balance b/f	Incoming	Outgoing	Balance c/f
	£	£	£	£
Funds collected on behalf of other organisations	72	4,600	4,441	231
Ploughshares	7,200	5,000	10,737	1,463
	7,272	9,600	15,178	1,694

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9 **Reserves**	Bradford	Halifax	Hebden Bridge	Huddersfield	Scholes	Area Meeting	**Total**
General	20,000	8,000	13,000	30,000	12,000	10,000	93,000
Repair & Maintenance	17,000	-	-	15,000	20,000	-	52,000
Emergency	5,000	-	2,000	-	-	-	7,000
Projects	-	-	-	-	10,000	-	10,000
Agreed Reserves	42,000	8,000	15,000	45,000	42,000	10,000	162,000
Actual Reserves at 31 December 2025:							
Bank and Cash Reserves	16,788	11,159	25,061	34,903	5,173	12,393	105,477
Investment Reserves	25,695			2,999	79,684	509,897	618,275
	42,483	11,159	25,061	37,902	84,857	522,290	723,752