Charity registration number: 1192277

Leicester Area Quaker Meeting

Annual Report and Financial Statements

for the Year Ended 31 December 2025

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Trustees' Report

The trustees present the annual report together with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2025.

Trustees and officers

Trustees:	Susan Bolter (appointed 1 January 2025)
	Margaret Davis (appointed 26 April 2025)
	James Deane
	Jennifer Dnes
	Margery Fishenden
	Michael Hood (appointed 1 January 2026)
	Nicholas Matthews
	David Walker
Officers:	
Area Meeting Co-clerks	David Lewis and Julian Rees
Clerk of trustees	James Deane
Treasurer	Jennifer Dnes
Safeguarding coordinator	Beth Gaylard

Objectives and activities

Leicester Area Meeting is a charity established for the advancement of religion and other charitable purposes according to the principles and practices of British Yearly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends. It was registered as a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) in November 2020. Formerly, as a religious charity, it had been exempted from registration.

To that end, the charity's income and property are used solely to further the area meeting's object by work such as:

i. Strengthening the life and witness of Quaker meetings both in the area of Leicester Area Quaker 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 Leicester Area Quaker 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 Leicester Area Quaker Meeting and contributing to the support of Britain Yearly Meeting.

Public benefit
The activities benefit those members of the public who have a spiritual interest in Quakerism, and also with regards to their pastoral care.

The trustees confirm that they have complied with the requirements of section 17 of the Charities Act 2011 to have due regard to the public benefit guidance published by the Charity Commission for England and Wales.

Structure, Governance and Management

Leicester Area Meeting has four Local Quaker Meetings in Leicester, Loughborough, Oakham and Rugby. Loughborough does not own a Meting house and currently rents a room in a civic building in the town. Leicester, Oakham and Rugby Local Meetings own their own Meeting Houses.

Area Meeting adopted the following Governance documents and appointed the first Trustees on the 19th October 2008.

- *The Governance document*: is based upon the model prepared by the Quaker Stewardship committee.
- *Terms of Reference for Trustees*: the document was revised and updated by Trustees and adopted by Area Meeting on 12th July 2020.
- *Memorandum of Understanding*: this document describes the relationship between Area Meeting, the Trustees and the local Meetings and defines 'who does what'. The document was revised by Trustees and the new version adopted by Area Meeting on 12th July 2020.

Trustees and officers are appointed by Leicester Area Meeting. The Area Nominations Committee nominates three members of Area Meeting for consideration as Trustees. Ideally each of the four Local Meetings nominates one of their members to Area Meeting for consideration as Trustees. The Clerk (or Co-clerks) of Trustees is nominated from among the trustees for consideration and appointment by Area Meeting. Ordinarily the Clerk of Trustees appointment is for a three year term and may be renewed for a second three year term.

Trustees' Business

The Trustees met four times in 2025 and minutes were kept. These were as blended meetings. Discussions have included regular verbal reports on each Local Meeting, property

maintenance and repairs, administration of Area Meeting finances and safeguarding. Trustees agreed to monitor all policy documents on rotation.

Safeguarding

Reports on safeguarding were heard at each Trustees meeting. The safeguarding co-ordinator has devolved a list of roles within meetings where volunteers need awareness of safeguarding issues. She continues to develop training and DBS checks within the local meetings. There were 2 significant Safeguarding incidents, one of which required notification to the police, and the other was a historic issue that was resolved to the satisfaction of the complainant.

Finances and investments

During 2025 we monitored our Area Meeting budget at each Trustees meeting. The benefits of all LM's using the online accounting package, Quick Books, continues to be appreciated. The 2025 accounts which will be submitted to the Charity Commission are examined externally by CAP Plus.

Meeting Houses and Stewardship

Our Meeting houses have been open throughout the year and several Meetings for Worship held as a blended meeting. Income from lettings continued to improve through 2025. Quinquennial reviews are up to date. Leicester Meeting holds regular meetings of the Premises Committee and has funds set aside for maintenance and repair.

Major risks and management of those risks

A gradual fall in contributions from members is expected as the membership is aging. However, this is unlikely to have a significant impact on the overall financial position within the next 5 years.

Spiritual Life of Leicester Area Quaker Meeting in 2025

Leicester Area Quaker Meeting held five Meetings for Worship for Business in 2025. The average attendance was 20 Friends and attenders.

Our meetings were held in turn at the meeting houses (and in the case of Loughborough, the usual meeting room) of all the local meetings. Many Friends attended local Meeting for Worship in the morning and stayed for lunch to socialize with local Friends before Area Meeting in the afternoon. Minutes were written in the meeting after the manner of the Society of Friends, and published in Our Quaker Voices. They are filed, with the supporting documents for each meeting, in the Area Meeting minute book.

Annual reports were written by local meetings, in which the clerks for Oakham, Leicester, Rugby and Loughborough detailed the activities and progress of each meeting during the previous year. These reports can be seen by applying to the Area Meeting clerk and were published in Our Quaker Voices.

Our meetings have dealt with applications for membership, transfers of membership and the recording of deaths, and nominations to the many Area Meeting roles. We have discussed and, where appropriate, accepted Trustees' recommendations for the management of our bank accounts and finances, read new and revised policies from Trustees and looked closely at the Annual Report and Accounts 2024, which was accepted at our Area Meeting and AGM in September. Area Meeting remains the primary executive body of our charity.

We have received regular reports from our representatives on Meeting for Sufferings and have supported Friends to attend a variety of other conferences and meetings and training courses, including attending Yearly Meeting. Where possible our Area Meetings have been held as blended meetings. The online option serves some Friends who are unable to travel or those pressed for time. It was not possible to offer an online option at Oakham Meeting House.

In the course of the year we also:

- heard from our Friend Viv Shah about her arrest at a non-violent demonstration and asked for her to be included on the Prison and Court Register
- received a report back from our group on New Ways of Belonging to our Area Meeting. This group was asked to consider if an Area-wide online Meeting for Worship would be of interest to Friends. This idea was rejected in favour of raising awareness of the current opportunities to Friends of meeting online.
- agreed to contribute to BYM funds from our Area Meeting funds.
- discussed appointing attenders to roles presently restricted to members
- discussed the revision of the Book of Discipline and in particular Advices and Queries. There was an Area Meeting wide session on Advices and Queries and what they mean to us in October. At that meeting 19 Friends considered whether the present Advices and Queries still spoke to their condition. All agreed it was a very valuable day.
- received a visit from Peter Blood from Mt. Toby Meeting, New England Yearly Meeting, who was travelling in the ministry within Britain Yearly Meeting. He spoke to us on *Hope and Rest in Challenging Times*. This was followed by a period of sharing our experiences and leadings and of the meaning of Truth.
- read and heard a testimony to the Grace of God in the Life of Hilary Ludlow
- agreed that the current situation of the pathway to the AM website being through a tab on Leicester LM's website was not ideal, and asked Nominations to find Friends to build and maintain an Area Meeting website.

Sustainability

During 2025 Sustainability was again a standing item on all Area Meeting agendas, and reports from local meetings were received regularly. Leicester Local Meeting's Climate Justice Group changed its name to the Green Group. Local activities included:

- holding a monthly climate vigil
- having a stall outside the Meeting House which drew many people into discussions about lifestyle choices
- earning a silver Eco-Church award for Leicester Local Meeting
- supporting a Friend in training for Extinction Rebellion actions, supporting people who have been imprisoned for their climate activist activities, holding letter writing sessions and supporting the new Rugby Eco-Hub.
- running monthly talks on sustainability issues, including one on the food crisis and Incredible Edible and another which was a poetry reading session and a discussion about creative writing and the climate crisis.

Main Achievements

Leicester Area Meeting has provided a continuous presence of Meetings for Worship of all sorts for our own members and for the wider public, and we have actively witnessed to our testimonies to peace, justice, equality, simplicity and the earth. We have been a supportive and welcoming community. We have made ourselves aware of the many crises facing our world in the form of climate change, nature destruction and war, and where able have actively worked to create a better future. As always, we go forward in a spirit of hope.

Financial review

Introduction

Leicester Area Meeting received two legacies during 2025 totalling £139,463. This additional income meant that the total income for 2025 was above the £250,000 threshold for receipts and payments accounts which have been the basis for our accounts in previous years.

The 2025 accounts have been prepared according to the accrual method and include the tangible assets. As a result, the layout of the 2025 accounts looks different from the 2024 accounts and the insured value of the meeting houses has been included in the totals. The 2024 accounts have been reworked as accrual accounts for comparative purposes.

Income

The total income for 2025 was £281,640. This compares with £103,123 in 2024. The key points to note are:

Legacies (Note 2)

	£
Robert David Williamson	£124,387
Kendall Clark	£15,076
TOTAL	£139,643

Both these legacies were given by donors associated with Leicester Local Meeting and therefore are included in the Leicester LM funds.

Gift aid reclaimed (Note 2)

The gift aid claimed in 2025 related to contributions made in 2024 and was £9,234. This was an increase of £2280 compared with 2024 and was broken down by local meeting as follows:

	£
Leicester	£5,130.14
Loughborough	£1,406.09
Oakham	£1,217.17
Rugby	£1,480.90
TOTAL	**£9,234.30**

Contributions (Note 3)

Contributions in 2025 (£38,335) decreased by £6,003 compared with 2024 (44,388).

Hirings income (Note 3)

The Hirings income (£45,074) rose by over £5,241 in 2025 compared with 2024.

Withdrawal from Rathbone investments (Note 3)
Trustees decided to withdraw £40,000 from the Rathbone Greenbank investments in May 2025 and invest the funds in building society accounts where they could get a better rate of return. This £40,000 was counted as income for accounting purposes.

Expenditure

Expenditure on charitable activities in 2025 (note 6)

The expenditure on charitable activities in 2025 was £94,934 compared with £110,106 in 2024. Key points to note are as follows.

Expenditure on Meeting Houses
There was less expenditure on major works in the meeting houses in 2025 (£5,366) compared with 2024 (£8,380). The total spent on repairs and maintenance also fell from £19,744 in 2024 to £5,028 in 2025.

Insurance
The total annual insurance premium was £5,324 in 2025 compared with £5,813 in 2024. A new 5-year agreement with our insurance company was negotiated in 2025 and this resulted in a fall in the premium. The total was paid by Area Meeting and each local meeting transferred the relevant funds from their accounts to cover this cost.

	£
Leicester	£3,341.32
Loughborough	£105.26
Oakham	1052.75
Rugby	824.75
TOTAL	£5,324.08

Donations
Total donations were £21,825. These were mainly contributions to Quaker bodies, including £10,000 to Britain Yearly Meeting. Area Meeting gave £4,000 to support local asylum seekers. This was divided equally between Leicester City of Sanctuary and the Leicester branch of the Red Cross. A report from the Sanctuary Committee is at the end of this report.

Loughborough Local Meeting collects for specific charities each month. These funds are credited to the Meeting bank account and are sent on the relevant charity. These are shown in the 'Designated' column.

Children's Bursary Fund and Care Fund
There were no payments made from the Children's Bursary Fund or the Care Fund in 2025. The Children's Bursary Fund nominally stands at £1,802 and the Care Fund at £28,466. However, these monies are not kept in separate bank accounts and are not recorded as restricted funds in our accounts.

Fixed Assets

Tangible assets (note 10)

As the accounts are based on the accrual method, it is necessary to include the value of the Meeting Houses. The tangible assets in the balance sheet on page 9 give a total value of £6,272,242 for 2025. This is based on the insured values of the Meeting Houses as specified in our insurance schedule. The valuation for 2024 was £5,911,376.

The valuation by Meeting House is as follows:

	2025	2024	Increase
Leicester Meeting House	£3,940,318	£3,711,449	£228,869
Oakham Meeting House	£1,320,285	£1,245,551	£74,734
Rugby Meeting House	£1,011,639	£954,376	£57,263
TOTALS	**£6,272,242**	**£5,911,376**	**£360,866**

Investments (Note 11)

At 31 December 2025 the value of the Area Meeting's investments with Rathbone Greenbank was £188,459. As the rate of return was disappointing, trustees decided to withdraw £40,000 in May 2025. On 31st December 2025 the market value of the remaining investments was £143,519. Dividends continued to be paid and we received a total of £3,162 of income from this source during 2025. Trustees continue to monitor the situation carefully, given the ongoing volatility of the market.

Total investments were valued at £149,779 comprising £143,519 with Rathbone Greenbank and £6,260 with CCLA.

Overview of funds at 31.12.2025 (note 14)

The total funds on 31.12.2025, including the Meeting House valuations, were £6,892,521 compared with £6,382,779 on 31.12.2024. Of these funds, £472,096 was cash held in bank and building society accounts, compared with £284,353 on 31.12.2024.

Summary

At the end of 2025, the assets of Leicester Area Meeting had increased significantly in comparison to the end of 2024, mainly as a result of legacies received and the revaluation of the Meeting Houses.

Signed J. Dras Dated 20/09/2026

Area Meeting Treasurer and Trustee

Leicester Area Quaker Meeting

Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities

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

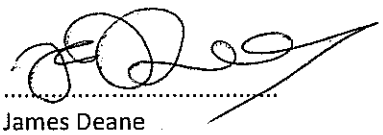
The law applicable to charities requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources of the charity for that period. In preparing these financial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

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

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

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

Approved by the trustees of the charity on 20/9/2026 and signed on its behalf by:



James Deane
Trustee

Leicester Area Quaker Meeting

Independent Examiner's Report to the trustees of Leicester Area Quaker Meeting

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

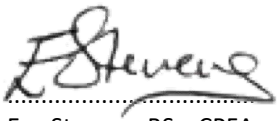
Responsibilities and basis of report
As the trustees of the charity you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

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

Independent examiner's statement
Since the Charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 your examiner must be a member of a body listed in section 145 of the 2011 Act. I confirm that I am qualified to undertake the examination because I am a member of the Chartered Institute of Public Finance and Accountancy (CIPFA), which is one of the listed bodies.
I have completed my examination. I confirm that no matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

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

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


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Eva Stevens, BSc, CPFA, employee of Community Accounting Plus
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Date: 28/09/2026

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Statement of Financial Activities for the Year Ended 31 December 2025

	Note	Unrestricted £	Total 2025 £	Total 2024 £
Income and Endowments from:				
Donations and legacies	2	148,697	148,697	8,454
Charitable activities	3	127,884	127,884	90,543
Investment income	4	6,341	6,341	4,126
Total Income		282,922	282,922	103,123
Expenditure on:				
Charitable activities	6	(95,366)	(95,366)	(110,106)
Total Expenditure		(95,366)	(95,366)	(110,106)
Gains/losses on investment assets		(38,680)	(38,680)	(4,103)
Net income/(expenditure)		148,876	148,876	(11,086)
Other recognised gains and losses				
Gains/losses on revaluation of fixed assets for charity's own use		360,866	360,866	1,198,866
Net movement in funds		509,742	509,742	1,187,780
Reconciliation of funds				
Total funds brought forward		6,382,779	6,382,779	5,194,999
Total funds carried forward	14	6,892,521	6,892,521	6,382,779

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

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

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

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

	Note	Unrestricted £	Total 2024 £
Income and Endowments from:			
Donations and legacies	2	8,454	8,454
Charitable activities	3	90,543	90,543
Investment income	4	4,126	4,126
Total Income		103,123	103,123
Expenditure on:			
Charitable activities	6	(110,106)	(110,106)
Total Expenditure		(110,106)	(110,106)
Gains/losses on investment assets		(4,103)	(4,103)
Net expenditure		(11,086)	(11,086)
Other recognised gains and losses			
Gains/losses on revaluation of fixed assets for charity's own use		1,198,866	1,198,866
Net movement in funds		1,187,780	1,187,780
Reconciliation of funds			
Total funds brought forward		5,194,999	5,194,999
Total funds carried forward	14	6,382,779	6,382,779

Leicester Area Quaker Meeting

(Registration number: 1192277)
Balance Sheet as at 31 December 2025

	Note	2025 £	2024 £
Fixed assets			
Tangible assets	10	6,272,242	5,911,376
Investments	11	149,779	188,459
		6,422,021	6,099,835
Current assets			
Cash at bank and in hand	12	472,096	284,353
Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year	13	(1,596)	(1,409)
Net current assets		470,500	282,944
Net assets		6,892,521	6,382,779
Funds of the charity:			
Unrestricted income funds			
Unrestricted funds		6,892,521	6,382,779
Total funds	14	6,892,521	6,382,779

The financial statements on pages 9 to 20 were approved by the trustees, and authorised for issue on 20/9/2026 and signed on their behalf by:

J. Dnes
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Jennifer Dnes
Trustee

The notes on pages 16 to 24 form an integral part of these financial statements.

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

1 Accounting policies

Statement of compliance

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

Basis of preparation

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

Exemption from preparing a cash flow statement

Under the exemption available to smaller charities the Board of Trustees has chosen not to include a Statement of Cash Flows within the financial statements.

Going concern

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

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

Income and endowments

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

Donations and legacies

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

Grants receivable

Grants are recognised when the charity has an entitlement to the funds and any conditions linked to the grants have been met. Where performance conditions are attached to the grant and are yet to be met, the income is recognised as a liability and included on the balance sheet as deferred income to be released.

Investment income

Dividends are recognised once the dividend has been declared and notification has been received of the dividend due.

Expenditure

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

Charitable activities

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

Taxation

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

Tangible fixed assets

Individual fixed assets costing £500.00 or more are initially recorded at cost, less any subsequent accumulated depreciation and subsequent accumulated impairment losses.

Meeting Houses values are included at the of cost of their insurance value each year.

Fixed asset investments

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

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

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.

Fund structure

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

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

2 Income from donations and legacies

	Unrestricted funds General £	Total 2025 £	Total 2024 £
Donations and legacies;			
Donations from individuals	-	-	500
Legacies	139,463	139,463	-
Gift aid reclaimed	9,234	9,234	6,954
Grants, including capital grants;			
Grants from other charities	-	-	1,000
	148,697	148,697	8,454

3 Income from charitable activities

	Unrestricted funds		Total 2025 £	Total 2024 £
	Designated £	General £		
Collections	-	5	5	635
Contributions	945	38,335	39,280	44,338
Dividends	-	3,346	3,346	4,536
Hiring	-	45,074	45,074	39,833
Sundry income	-	179	179	1,190
Sales	-	-	-	11
Rathbones transfer in	-	40,000	40,000	-
	945	126,939	127,884	90,543

4 Investment income

	Unrestricted funds General £	Total 2025 £	Total 2024 £
Interest receivable and similar income;			
Interest receivable on bank deposits	6,341	6,341	4,126

5 Grants and donations

	Unrestricted funds	Total funds
	£	£
Robert David Williamson Legacy	124,387	124,387
Kendall Clark Legacy	15,076	15,076
Gift aid	9,234	9,234
	148,697	148,697

6 Expenditure on charitable activities

	Unrestricted funds		Total 2025	Total 2024
	Designated	General		
	£	£	£	£
Bank charges	-	61	61	67
Conferences, training, BYM	-	699	699	2,125
Library & literature	-	793	793	936
Office holders' expenses	-	77	77	134
Overseers & outreach	-	490	490	35
Other costs of generating income	-	193	193	110
Printing, adverts, photocopying, media	-	274	274	120
Care fund donations	-	-	-	500
Donations to non-Quaker bodies	449	5,729	6,178	5,683
Donations to Quaker bodies	411	15,236	15,647	9,798
Other donations to individuals	-	495	495	1,055
Administration	-	155	155	592
Wages, NI & Pensions	-	29,105	29,105	28,086
Contracts & professional fees	-	2,722	2,722	3,130
Furniture & equipment	-	275	275	1,440
Garden	-	1,235	1,235	1,210
Insurance	-	5,324	5,324	5,813
IT & website costs	-	2,034	2,034	1,970
Major works	-	5,366	5,366	8,380
Materials & supplies	-	757	757	2,403
Other support costs (cleaning)	-	3,333	3,333	3,157
Repairs & maintenance	-	5,028	5,028	19,744
Room hire	-	1,846	1,846	2,188
Utilities	-	13,279	13,279	11,430
	860	94,506	95,366	110,106

7 Staff costs

The aggregate payroll costs were as follows:

	2025 £	2024 £
Staff costs during the year were:		
Wages and salaries	28,083	26,942
Social security costs	-	191
Pension costs	1,022	953
	29,105	28,086

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

	2025 No	2024 No
Average number of employees	3	3

3 (2024 - 3) of the above employees participated in the Defined Contribution Pension Schemes.

Contributions to the employee pension schemes for the year totalled £1,022 (2024 - £953).

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

The total employee benefits of the key management personnel of the charity were £Nil (2024 - £Nil).

8 Independent examiner's fees

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

	2025 £	2024 £
Independent examination	1,330	910
	1,330	910

9 Taxation

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

10 Tangible fixed assets

	Land and buildings £	Total £
Cost		
At 1 January 2025	5,911,376	5,911,376
Revaluations	360,866	360,866
At 31 December 2025	6,272,242	6,272,242
Depreciation		
At 31 December 2025	-	-
Net book value		
At 31 December 2025	6,272,242	6,272,242
At 31 December 2024	5,911,376	5,911,376

Revaluation

The fair value of the company's Buildings was revalued on 31 December 2025. An independent valuer was not involved.

Meeting Houses values are included at the of cost of their insurance value each year.

11 Fixed asset investments

	2025 £	2024 £
Other investments	149,779	188,459

Other investments

	Investments £	Total £
Cost or Valuation		
At 1 January 2025	188,459	188,459
Revaluation	(38,680)	(38,680)
At 31 December 2025	149,779	149,779
Net book value		
At 31 December 2025	149,779	149,779
At 31 December 2024	188,459	188,459

12 Cash and cash equivalents

	2025 £	2024 £
Cash on hand	200	-
Cash at bank	471,896	284,353
	472,096	284,353

13 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2025 £	2024 £
Other taxation and social security	-	101
Other creditors	1,596	1,308
	1,596	1,409

14 Funds

	Balance at 1 January 2025 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Other recognised gains/(losses) £	Balance at 31 December 2025 £
Unrestricted funds					
General					
Area General Fund	250,559	45,455	(12,599)	(38,680)	244,735
Leicester LM	3,800,417	208,886	(60,564)	228,869	4,177,608
Loughborough LM	64,097	6,524	(3,249)	-	67,372
Oakham LM	1,249,684	5,418	(3,454)	74,734	1,326,382
Rugby LM	1,017,956	15,689	(14,640)	57,263	1,076,268
	6,382,713	281,972	(94,506)	322,186	6,892,365
Designated					
Acting as Agent	66	950	(860)	-	156
Total funds	6,382,779	282,922	(95,366)	322,186	6,892,521

	Balance at 1 January 2024 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Transfers £	Other recognised gains/(losses) £	Balance at 31 December 2024 £
Unrestricted funds						
General						
Area General Fund	253,740	14,595	(13,138)	(535)	(4,103)	250,559
Leicester LM	3,050,645	59,058	(62,251)	259	752,706	3,800,417
Loughborough LM	61,645	5,363	(3,535)	624	-	64,097
Oakham LM	1,001,401	9,045	(13,233)	(135)	252,606	1,249,684
Rugby LM	827,320	14,538	(17,243)	(213)	193,554	1,017,956
	5,194,751	102,599	(109,400)	-	1,194,763	6,382,713
Designated						
Acting as Agent	248	524	(706)	-	-	66
Total funds	5,194,999	103,123	(110,106)	-	1,194,763	6,382,779

The other recognised gain/(losses) are relating to the revaluation of the meeting houses and a loss on investment.

15 Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted		2025
	General	Designated	Total funds
	£	£	£
Tangible fixed assets	6,272,242	-	6,272,242
Fixed asset investments	149,779	-	149,779
Current assets	471,940	156	472,096
Current liabilities	(1,596)	-	(1,596)
Total net assets	6,892,365	156	6,892,521

	Unrestricted		2024
	General	Designated	Total funds
	£	£	£
Tangible fixed assets	5,911,376	-	5,911,376
Fixed asset investments	188,459	-	188,459
Current assets	284,287	66	284,353
Current liabilities	(1,409)	-	(1,409)
Total net assets	6,382,713	66	6,382,779

16 Related party transactions

There were no related party transactions in the year.

17 Trustees remuneration and expenses

No trustees, nor any persons connected with them, have received any remuneration from the charity during the year.

Appendix:

Annual Report from Leicester Local Quaker Meeting Sanctuary Meeting Committee

June 2026

Background

Leicester Area Meeting supports asylum seekers and refugees in Leicester by donating £4000 a year, divided equally between Leicester City of Sanctuary (LCoS) and the Leicester branch of the Red Cross Refugee Support Service.

Leicester Local Quaker Meeting (LLQM) became a Sanctuary Meeting in November 2018 and is committed to easing the situation of local asylum seekers. This report is an update from the Sanctuary Meeting Committee for the benefit of Leicester Local Meeting, trustees, and Area Meeting on

- the activities of the Meeting in supporting asylum seekers and refugees in Leicester
- the work of LCoS and the Red Cross locally between July 2025 and June 2026.

Sanctuary Committee activities 2025-26
The committee met 3 times between June 2025 and June 2026. At each of our meetings we discussed the difficulties faced by asylum seekers and refugees, particularly in light of hostility and violence directed towards them by far- right groups and others. We also heard about the situation of many people who had gained refugee status but had become homeless when government support had ceased. It is hard to hear about the difficulties that refugees are experiencing on the streets of our city.

The Government's Immigration Bill is threatening the life chances of those applying for leave to remain in Britain as well as those who had successfully followed all the correct procedures and thought they had found a settled home here. We heard about the work that QARN (Quaker Asylum and Refugee Network) are doing to inform people about the effects of the bill and we asked Local Business Meeting to send our concern to Area Meeting. In April's Area Meeting Sheila Mosley from our committee and from QARN ministered on the effects that the new legislation will have on both newly arrived asylum seekers and those who had more settled status. Area Meeting has passed on our concern to Continuing Yearly Meeting in the hope that Quakers will make clear to the Government the damaging effects of this bill.

An appeal after Meeting for Worship, given by Mick Walker, took place in December inviting Friends to donate to the Big Give fundraising campaign for LCoS. This year the Big Give appeal was more successful than ever as people had given generously to support migrants in Leicester.

Mick Walker also gave a talk to attendees at an Amnesty Internation workshop, attended by several Quakers, about the difficulties that refuges and asylum seekers are facing and described the work of City of Sanctuary and the Red Cross.

Involvement in supporting asylum seekers
Several members of the meeting have visited City of Sanctury's Wednesday Hub and have enjoyed getting to know members there. Carolyn Archard runs a popular art and craft group and Jon Archard supports English conversation classes.

Fundraising for LCoS and The Red Cross
In March 2026 Leicester Local Meeting donated £100 to LCoS and £100 to the Red Cross.
Money is being collected from Friends' tea and coffeea donations after meeting for worship and is paid in equal proportions to LCoS and the Red Cross. Between June 2015 and 2026, £400 has been given.

Use of Area Meeting's financial support:

a Leicester City of Sanctuary
Mick Walker writes: We have continued with our main activities – the Hub on Wednesdays, NEST (New Evidence Search Team), the Textiles group on Thursdays and ESOL classes run in conjunction with the University of Leicester. We have recently launched two weekly activities – a Conversation Club and a Singing Group.
Demand for our services and activities has risen substantially over the year. The Hub is busier than it has ever been, with over 100 people the norm, 10 – 15 new arrivals among them each week. We now have an art and craft activity every Wednesday and a conversation group in addition to the ESOL class (maximum number 15) upstairs. We give out 10 free SIM cards to those people who are registered with us.
In addition to our three paid staff LCOS has over 50 volunteers. They are a very diverse group. Between us we manage to cover the various languages we have to cope with every week. Several of our volunteers have been asylum seekers themselves and are able to offer invaluable advice.
The Hub is the centre of all that we do. One of its many functions is to liaise with partner organisations e.g. Leicester College, TREC, the NHS, the Red Cross and Leicester City Football Club. Staff from the Home office are regular visitors. LCOS is in the process of agreeing a strategic plan for 2026 -2031. The main foci are Mental and Physical Wellbeing, Language and Education, Community Navigation, Skill and Employment and Transition to Settlement. As a registered charity we still rely on grants and donations from organisations and individuals. We thank them all for their support.

b Red Cross Refugee Support Service
Eric Nkundumubano writes: Our refugee service in Leicester supported 3,882 service users during the reporting period. This is a drop in numbers from the previous year's 4,129 users. The reason for this drop is explained later.
Destitution among service users remains a challenge as 1,987 service users seen during this period were destitute and/or homeless.
The British Red Cross is currently facing a challenging financial situation and this has led to a pause in staffing recruitment as of January 2026. As a result, the service in Leicester has been without I caseworker coordinator which has caused capacity issues and a void in service delivery.
The current challenging financial picture means that a restructure of our local refugee service is inevitable to ensure financial stability and could lead to a further reduction in staffing.
We are continuing to prioritise casework aimed at enabling destitute and homeless service users access adequate statutory financial support and suitable housing. We help service users access NASS support and we advocate for newly granted refugees to access Leicester City Council's housing and homelessness assistance. We are able to provide short-term cash-based assistance for purchasing food and toiletries whilst we advocate for them to access long term statutory support. We also enable them to travel to relevant Home Office appointments to comply with their reporting conditions in Loughborough, and to submit fresh asylum claims in Liverpool.

The Government intends to make key changes to asylum support legislation which will push more asylum seekers into homelessness and destitution. Provision of asylum support will become a discretion, not a legal duty, which will make it very difficult for asylum seekers to challenge the

Home Office if they refuse to grant asylum support. New proposals seek to limit local authority support for asylum seeking families and young people, which might lead to higher risks of homelessness.

The Government has already introduced changes reducing refugee protection duration from 5 years to 30 months and refugee family reunion remains suspended which is prolonging family separation for newly granted refugees.

The Red Cross is providing guidance and emotional support to those affected by recent government changes. It is also running a pilot project with the Helen Bamber Foundation with staff and volunteers working alongside a clinical psychologist to provide holistic support to victims of gender-based violence, persecution and ill treatment. They would like to extend it beyond its proposed closing date of March 2027.

Quaker's funds are being used to help provide cash-based assistance to the destitute, homeless and those rough sleeping and we would like the funds to continue to be used in this way because they make a huge difference.

The effects of Government changes to asylum and immigration legislation – report from QARN (Quaker Asylum and Refugee Network)

We are called to speak truth to power, and the truth is that separating families fleeing persecution is cruel and wrong '*Adwoa Burnley* (Quaker): Faith leaders from across the UK, including Quakers, have written to the Home Secretary warning against permanently restricting refugee family reunion.
The Government has already introduced changes which will require those accepted as refugees – so accepted as being in need of protection - to remain in limbo for 20 years (previously five years) on the 'core protection route' before being granted settled status to remain in UK. Every 2.5 years they will have to pay a hefty fee and apply to remain here, and face a reassessment of whether their refugee status will be continued. That is such a cruel, long time to live with enforced lack of stability and belonging. They will also be trapped in an outrageous system that decides if they are deserving/undeserving refugees, so this 20 year period can be shorter if they have somehow managed to work throughout that time and contribute to society, but also it could be even longer if they have been dependent on welfare benefits.
We share the significant disquiet arising amongst faith groups and others that reforms should be to strengthen integration and encourage contribution, not to make both harder to achieve.

Conclusion

We hope this report shows that the funds provided by Area Meeting continue to support the work of City of Sanctuary and the Red Cross Refugee Service effectively and request that Area Meeting continues to contribute £2,000 to both LCoS and to the Red Cross (£4,000 in total).

Leicester LM Sanctuary Meeting Committee