THE RELIGIOUS SOCIETY OF FRIENDS (QUAKERS)

EAST CHESHIRE AREA QUAKER MEETING

REPORT AND ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31ST DECEMBER 2025

Full Charity Name	The Religious Society of Friends (Quakers) East Cheshire Area Meeting
Other Names	East Cheshire Area Meeting
	East Cheshire Quaker Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends
	East Cheshire Quaker Meeting
Previous Name	Charities Administered in connection with Cheshire Monthly Meeting of the Society of Friends
Registered Charity Number	502002
Principal address	Quaker Meeting House, 91 Station Road, Cheadle Hulme
Website	www.eastcheshirequakers.org.uk

The Trustees are appointed for a three year term by East Cheshire Area Quaker Meeting in session on the nomination of its Nominations Committee and the following persons served as trustees during the year ending 31st December 2025:

	Term of appointment
Pat Baker	1/1/26-31/12/28
Hilary Brooks	1/1/24-31/12/26
Susan Clark	1/1/25-31/12/27
Frances Hill (ex officio)	1/1/24-31/12/26
Hilary Newhall	1/1/24-31/12/26
Susan Pounder	1/1/25-31/12/27
Anne Sumner	1/1/24-31/12/26

a. East Cheshire Quaker Area Meeting is a charity excepted under SI 1996/180 and SI 2014/242 and the Charities ACT 2011, the object of which is the furtherance of the general religious and charitable purposes of the Religious Society of Friends (Quakers) in Britain in the area of East Cheshire Quaker Meeting and beyond.

The members of the Area Quaker Meeting are those whose names are recorded in the official register maintained in accordance with *Quaker Faith and Practice,* the book of Christian Discipline of Britain Yearly Meeting.

A Governing Document for the Area Meeting was approved by the Area Meeting in session on 9th May 2010 for implementation from 1st January 2011.

b. The Trusts administered in connection with East Cheshire Quaker Meeting are:

Charities administered in connection with East Cheshire Area Quaker Meeting
(formerly Cheshire Monthly Meeting). Registration Number 502002; and

Charities administered in connection with Frandley Quaker Meeting (formerly Frandley Preparative Meeting). Registration Number 236453

OFFICERS		Appointed for term starting
Clerk to East Cheshire Area Quaker Meeting	Peter Eccles	1/1/2024
Clerk to Trustees	Hilary Brooks	1/1/2024
Treasurer	Frances Hill	1/1/2024

BANKERS:	**CUSTODIAN TRUSTEE:**	**INVESTMENT MANAGER:**
CAF Bank Ltd	Friends Trusts Ltd	Rathbone Greenbank Investments
25 Kings Hill Avenue	Friends House	Port of Liverpool Building
West Malling	173 Euston Road	Pier Head
Kent	London	Liverpool
ME19 4TA	NW1 2BJ	L3 1NW

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Object from Governing Body

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

The Trustees of East Cheshire Quaker Meeting confirm that the charity had regard to The Charity Commission guidance on public benefit when planning its activities and preparing the annual report.

ECAM Trustees met four times during the year, one of which was hybrid with Friends attending in person and online simultaneously.

The eight local meetings are:
Cheadle Hulme, Crewe and Nantwich, Disley, Frandley, Macclesfield, Marple, Stockport, and Wilmslow. They all held regular meetings for worship throughout the year at least once per month, in person, online and/or hybrid, and also held meetings for business, learning and discussion, and other activities.

We also have an informal worshipping group in Glossop, each of which meet at least once a month.

At the end of 2025 we had 139 members, a reduction of 4 over the year. We also had 120 attenders including 23 children.

Events and Activities

A residential Area Meeting weekend was held from 12th to 14th September at Glenthorne Guest House in Grasmere. Over 35 people of all ages attended.

There are 48 children and young people with links to Friends in the Area Meeting, even though we do not see them often at Meeting.
East Cheshire has active children's meetings at Frandley and Disley, with occasional children's meetings at Wilmslow and Marple too.
We have started to explore the idea, with other Area Meetings in the North West, of employing a children and young people's development worker, to boost numbers and support for young people.
We try to run some events to gather all together. In early January Stockport held their annual All Age Worship and New Year party for all ECAM Friends. After lunch the teenagers went rock-climbing at a local indoor centre.
5 of our teenagers participated in the Friends' Summer School held in Snowdonia this year, with some of the adult helpers being ex-participants from East Cheshire.
Several adult Friends and four teenagers attended Britain Yearly Meeting – with two teenagers joining the activities of Junior Yearly Meeting.
Sixteen 10-16 year olds with links to local Quakers (with 3 linked to Pendle Hill AM) attended the ECAM Young People's Residential "camp" at Yealand from 14th to 18th April enjoying using art and drama to explore their own ideas, and walking and other outdoor activities in the local area. The participants say it brings them new friendships that are not part of school, of a wider age range, and builds a community for the future. In October we organised a one night residential at Wilmslow Quaker Meeting House to get new young people building relationships – with 3 participants who we hope will come to Yealand next year.

Racial Justice Group

The group has continued to offer workshops on Unlearning Racism and White Allyship to local meetings. These workshops help Friends taking part to question their white privilege and challenge racism. Friends have embraced these learning opportunities. The feedback has been encouraging and led to Friends to take action.

Peace Pathways

Peace Pathways has continued to work with schools in 2025. We delivered a “Handling Conflicts Well” course to Year 3 in a school in Hough Green, Widnes, and introduced and trained up Peer Mediators in a school in Levenshulme. Excitingly, we co-organised with Quaker Peace and Social Witness the first celebratory event for Peer Mediators in the North West, involving children from 5 schools. This was held in Central Manchester and had a keynote speech by Cllr/Professor Erinma Bell who brought together communities in Hulme and Moss Side and reduced violence. The Peer Mediators also received accredited certificates from the Civil Mediation Council. Several Friends from East Cheshire and Manchester & Warrington Area Meetings were volunteers on the day and a wonderful art activity, creating large peace posters for the schools was led by Patrick Jones of Frandley Meeting. We are very pleased that some of the volunteers have since continued with Peace Pathways and trained to be facilitators.

Employees

The Area Meeting had 2 employees at the year end. They were the warden and cleaner at Stockport.

Records

We paid particular attention to the retention and storage of our records, aided by our archivist.

Public Benefit Statement

In addition to the above,

- As part of our service to the community all our meeting houses are let on a sessional basis to groups with values in keeping with the values of the Society. Hire charges are maintained at a modest but fair level.
- We lease the land next to the Meeting House in Wilmslow to the Guild of Lifelong Learning at a minimal rent, for adult education across the local community, as established by Quakers in the 1920s.
- Disley Meeting have taken care to replace the gutters on their Grade 2 Listed building with appropriate ones.
- With an eye to sustainability,

- all our electricity contracts are on green tariffs;
- Stockport Meeting have developed a wildlife garden;
- Wilmslow Meeting have been exploring options for insulation and heating the Meeting House more sustainably.

Trusts

The Trusts administered by East Cheshire Area Meeting are:

- Charities in connection with East Cheshire Area Quaker Meeting (formerly Cheshire Monthly Meeting) Charity Registration number 502002, and
- Charities administered in connection with Frandley Quaker Meeting (formerly Frandley Preparative Meeting) Charity Registration number 236453

Support for Britain Yearly Meeting (BYM)

During the year BYM received contributions from East Cheshire Friends amounting to £46,186 which includes contributions from individual Friends directly to BYM. The average contribution per member from ECAM was £332.

Support for Northern Friends Peace Board (NFPB)

During 2025 NFPB received contributions from ECAM and its local meetings amounting to £1196. This does not include direct contributions from Friends.

Financial Review

The accounts include the income and expenditure of the East Cheshire Area Meeting and its constituent Local Meetings for the year ended 31 December 2025. They also include a statement of the financial position at the end of the year.
The accounts comprise:

- cash receipts and payments,
- accruals and prepayments where these are known,
- market valuation of the investments.

Financial Performance

The collated accounts for 2025, include restricted funds, local meetings and Area Meeting funds, show a net gain of £31,197 of income over expenditure. In part this reflects an improvement in the investment market, with interest and investment gains totalling £20,854.

The increase income also includes an increase in contributions from members of £3500, and a substantial increase in our lettings income, which had fallen away badly over the COVID period.

Expenditure had reduced this year, following the need in the previous year for costly roof repairs at Frandley.

Financial Position

Cash at Bank

East Cheshire Area Meeting and its constituent Local meetings held £282,485 in bank accounts at 31 December 2025. It is expected that more of this will be placed in investments during the next year.

Investments

East Cheshire Area Meeting has capital that is not needed for its day to day running expenses. This capital is invested for both capital growth and the generation of income. Professional help is used to ensure that money is invested both wisely and in accordance with the ethical principles valued by Friends.
Most of our investments are managed by Rathbone Greenbank Investments in Liverpool. In line with instructions from Trustees, our risk level remains high, which means that 80% of our investments are in equities. The capital value of our investments has risen by £8068 in the year. This continues to reverse the reduction in 2022.

Ethical investment policy

The ethical principles guiding Trustees and passed on to Rathbone Greenbank are indicated in Quaker Faith and Practice #20.56: “If Friends are investing, thought should be given not only to security and the rate of interest, but the conditions under which the income is produced and the effect which the investment may have on the welfare of all, through social and environmental impact, at home or elsewhere.”

Investment management

Rathbone Greenbank Investments review our investments in accordance with the ethical criteria to be used. In instructing them, the Trustees consider the following:

a) the level of risk to be accepted;
b) whether capital growth, an income, or a combination of both is sought;
c) what positive good by the investment is sought;
d) which commercial areas should be avoided.

Each of these areas is considered below, and the principles stated:

Level of risk

The charity currently adopts Risk Level 5, which means that up to 80% of the investments can be held in equities. This should be achieved by investing in ethical funds that spreads the risk across a variety of companies and industrial and commercial areas.

Capital growth or income

Capital that cannot be spent should be invested for long-term growth. Other money should be invested to produce income and the possibility of capital growth.

The positive good sought

Investment should be in companies that:

- have responsible employment practices;
- have regard to human rights;
- show concern for environmental issues;
- show sensitivity towards the communities in which they operate.

The managers of the funds invested should be actively engaged in promoting these ideals in companies in which they invest.

The commercial areas to be avoided

It is recognised that, given the complexity and interconnectedness of the commercial world, it is impossible to invest in funds that avoid completely things of which friends disapprove. However, investments should avoid companies in which any of the following form a substantial part of their business:

- the production and/or supply of armaments and military equipment;
- the promotion of gambling;
- activities that cause serious environmental damage;
- the production and/or distribution of pornography;
- the encouragement of an irresponsible consumption of alcohol;
- the production and/or distribution of tobacco products;

the encouragement of irresponsible borrowing.

Reserves policy

Our constituent Local Meetings and funds hold reserves of at least 6 months of expenditure without income. Trustees have assessed the financial position at the year end and have formed the view that ECAM has sufficient funds to meet its commitments as and when they fall due. Sufficient funds are held in the General Purposes Fund to allow for a reasonable cash flow.

Signed on behalf of East Cheshire Area Meeting

Signature	Office	Date
Peter J Eccles	Peter Eccles, Clerk to ECAM	25 July 2026
Hilary Brooks	Hilary Brooks, Clerk to Trustees	25 July 2026

Independent Examiner's Report to East Cheshire Area Meeting and the Trustees of East Cheshire Area Meeting

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the East Cheshire Area Meeting ("Meeting") for the year ended 31 December 2025.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of East Cheshire Area Meeting, 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 Meeting's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no 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 Trust 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 applicable 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.

Ian Smallwood, ACA
Address: Highfield Crescent, Wilmslow SK9 2JL

Signed: I Smallwood

Date: 1/7/26

East Cheshire Area Meeting 2025 Funds Statement	Notes	As at 01/01/2025	Reclassification (Note 9b)	Movement in year	As at 31/12/2025
		£	£	£	£
Endowment - Capital preserved					
Ducker Thornhill		25,119		367	25,486
Wilmslow Trust		8,367		123	8,490
Wilmslow Recoupment Order		115,806		3,859	119,665
Low Leighton Estate capital		56,104		821	56,925
Low Leighton Meeting House capital	9b	70,727	-70,727		0
Macclesfield Meeting House Fund capital	9b	261,797	-261,797		0
		537,920	-332,524	5,170	210,566
Restricted					
Ducker Thornhill interest		18		-15	3
Low Leighton Estate interest		1,000		862	1,862
Wilmslow Trust Interest		0		156	156
Low Leighton Meeting House interest	9b	0	0		0
Macclesfield Meeting House interest	9b	53,248	-53,248		0
Macclesfield cash held by AM		985	-985		
		55,251	-54,233	1,003	2,021
Total Restricted Funds		593,171	-386,757	6,173	212,587
Unrestricted - Consolidated Local Meeting funds		130,753	0	11,787	142,540
Unrestricted - Area Meeting Central Funds					
General purposes		13,191		9,905	23,096
Gifts /legacies		22,678		0	22,678
Yearly Meeting		3,963		-400	3,563
Choices event		1,830		0	1,830
Peace Pathways		5,951		524	6,475
Low Leighton Meeting House capital	9b	0	70,727	1,036	71,763
Low Leighton Meeting House interest	9b	0	0	6	6
Macclesfield Meeting House Fund capital	9b	0	261,797	3,833	265,630
Macclesfield Meeting House interest	9b	0	53,248	-1,929	51,319
Macclesfield cash held by AM			985	262	1,247
		47,613	386,757	13,237	447,607
Total Funds					
Total Restricted		593,171	-386,757	6,173	212,587
Total Unrestricted		178,366	386,757	25,024	590,147
Total Reserves		771,537	0	31,197	802,734

Statement of Consolidated Financial Activities 2025

		Unrestricted funds	Restricted income funds	Endowment funds	Total funds 31/12/2025		*Total funds 31/12/2024*
		£	£	£	£		£
Incoming resources							
	Donations and legacies	45,544	0	0	45,544		*41,907*
	Charitable activities	23,707	0	0	23,707		*23,189*
	Other trading activities	69,644	0	0	69,644		*53,985*
	Investments (interest, dividends)	8,950	1,673	2,163	12,786		*15,003*
	Separate material item of income	0	0	0	0		*210*
	Other	0	0	0	0		*23*
Total incom		**147,845**	**1,673**	**2,163**	**151,681**		*134,317*
Expenditure							
	Raising funds	0	0	0	0		*0*
	Charitable activities	127,882	670	0	128,552		*135,812*
	Other	0	0	0	0		*0*
Total expenditure		**127,882**	**670**	**0**	**128,552**		*135,812*
	Net gains/(losses) on investments	5,061	0	3,007	8,068		*22,897*
	Net income/	25,024	1,003	5,170	31,197		*21,402*
Net movement in funds		**25,024**	**1,003**	**5,170**	**31,197**		*21,402*
Reconciliation of funds:							
	Total funds brought forward	565,123	1,018	205,396	771,537		*750,135*
Total funds carried forward		**590,147**	**2,021**	**210,566**	**802,734**		*771,537*

Statement of financial position at end of 2025

		Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total this year		*Total 31/12/2024*
		£	£	£	£		£
Fixed assets							
Investments							
	Rathbone Greenbank investments	265,226	2,021	210,566	477,813		*476,925*
	Friends Trusts	41,986			41,986		*37,028*
Total fixed assets		**307,212**	**2,021**	**210,566**	**519,799**		***513,953***
Current assets							
Debtors							
	Hinsley Hall Deposit for AM w/e Oct 2026	400			400		*718*
	Yealand deposit	50			50		*50*
Cash at bank and in hand							
	Local Meetings	142,540			142,540		*130,751*
	Area Meeting (inc Macc)	139,945	-		139,945		*125,669*
Total current assets		**282,935**	-	-	**282,935**		***257,188***
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year							
	Churches Together				-		*175*
Total creditors		**-**	**-**	**-**	**-**		***175***
Net current assets/(liabilities)		282,935	-	-	282,935		*257,013*
Total assets less current liabilities		**590,147**	**2,021**	**210,566**	**802,734**		***770,966***
	Creditors: amounts falling due after one						
	Provisions for liabilities						
Total net assets or liabilities		590,147	2,021	210,566	802,734		*770,966*
Funds of the Charity							
	Endowment funds			210,566	210,566		*537,920*
	Restricted income funds		2,021		2,021		*55,252*
	Unrestricted funds	590,147			590,147		*178,365*
Total funds		**590,147**	**2,021**	**210,566**	**802,734**		*771,537*

Consolidated Local Meeting Accounts		Cheadle Hulme	C&N	Disley	Frandley	Marple	Stockport	Wilmslow	Total of LM funds
INCOME									
	contributions to local meeting	1,422	3,475	16,406	5,136	2,748	7,160	6,951	43,298
	Legacies and gifts				400				400
	interest and dividends	832		421	148	94	435	562	2,492
	lettings	5,965		3,921	11,200		35,205	13,353	69,644
	other income	193		3,429	330	312	7,418	0	11,682
	Total Income	8,412	3,475	24,177	17,214	3,154	50,218	20,866	127,516
EXPENDITURE									
activities									
	life of the meeting	138	5	972	58	483	4,542	235	6,433
	Children & young people			58	0	0	29		87
	bursaries				50				50
	committees and conferences								0
	outreach and publicity		11		0			192	203
premises									
	repairs and maintenance	1,618		11,349	5,295		10,127	6,621	35,010
	utilities/rent	1,871	775	2,493	5,429	1,723	4,264	3,476	20,031
	cleaning	103		202			13,781	1,356	15,442
	miscellaneous				54	138	597	200	989
contributions and grants									
	Britain Yearly Meeting	1,000	1,920	5,000	3,000	360	8,030	4,500	23,810
	Northern Friends Peace Board		35	370	125	156	320	140	1,146
	Other Quaker Groups	460	135				335	600	1,530
	Non Quaker Groups	360	200			50		0	610
administration		60		28	1,307				1,395
	Total Expenditure	5,610	3,081	20,472	15,318	2,911	42,025	17,320	106,735
INCOME- EXPENDITURE		2,802	395	3,706	1,896	243	8,193	3,546	20,781
	transfer to Area Meeting	809	404	2,021	1,870	960	1,364	1,566	8,994
	net income/(expenditure	1,993	-9	1,685	27	-717	6,829	1,980	11,788
Reserves	balance at 1 January 2025	31976	585	16,729	17,289	8,114	30,345	25,715	130,753
Reserves	balance at 31 December 2025	**33,969**	**576**	**18,414**	**17,316**	**7,397**	**37,174**	**27,695**	**142,540**
Movement in Reserves		1,993	-9	1,685	27	-717	6,829	1,980	11,787

Notes to Accounts

1. Basis of accounting

These accounts have been prepared under the historical cost convention with items recognised at cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant note(s) to these accounts. The accounts have been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities (SORP) working to the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) issued July 2014 and with the Charities Act 2011. The accounts are prepared on the Accruals basis rather than Receipts and Payments basis. Only significant accruals and prepayments are included.

2. Going Concern

The accounts have been prepared on a going concern basis.

3. Income

a. Recognition of income – Income is included in the Statement of Financial Activities when

i. The charity becomes entitled to the resources

ii. It is more likely than not that the charity will receive the resources

iii. The monetary value can be measured with sufficient reliability.

b. Offsetting – there has been no offsetting of assets and liabilities, or income and expenditure unless permitted by the SORP.

c. Grants and Donations are only recognised in the SOFA when general income recognition criteria are met.

d. Legacies are only included in the SOFA when the receipt is probable, that is when there has been a grant of probate.

e. Tax reclaims on donations and gifts – Gift Aid is included in the income when there is a valid declaration from the donor. Any Gift Aid is treated as part of the gift and is included in the same fund as the original donation unless the donor has specified otherwise.

f. Volunteer help – the value of any voluntary help received is not included in the accounts.

g. Income from interest and dividends is included in the accounts when receipt is probable and the amount receivable can be measured reliably.

h. Investment gains and losses – this includes any realise or unrealised gains or losses on the sale of investments and any gain or loss resulting from revaluing investments to market value at the end of the year.

4. Expenditure

a. Liabilities – liabilities are recognised where it is more likely than not that there is a legal of constructive obligation committing the charity to pay out resources and the amount of the obligation can be measured with reasonable certainty.

b. Creditors – When the charity has creditors these sums are measured at settlement amounts less any trade discounts.

5. Assets

a. Tangible Assets - The charity has several properties which are not included in these accounts. These assets and their insurance value are listed later in this Trustees Report (pages 15/16).

b. Investments in quoted shares, traded bonds and similar investments are valued initially at cost and subsequently at their market value at the year end. The same treatment is applied to unlisted investments unless fair (market) value cannot be measured reliably in which case it is measured at cost less impairment. Investments held for resale or pending their sale and cash or cash equivalents with a maturity date of less than 1 year are treated as current asset investments. Any gains /losses in the capital value of investments is allocated between trusts.

c. Debtors (including trade debtors and loans receivable) are measured on initial recognition at settlement amount after any trade discounts or amount advanced by the charity. Subsequently they are measured at the cash or other consideration expected to be received.

6. Acting as Agent

Income is collected specifically for passing to non-Quaker bodies and so does not represent income for the Area Meeting. These amounts are not included in the Income and Expenditure Account.

8. Direct Taxation

All the activities of the Area Meeting are charitable and therefore exempt from income tax, capital gains tax and inheritance tax. There are no trading profits on which corporation tax is payable.

9. Fund accounting

The use of funds is determined by the following categories:

- Local Meeting Funds – the funds of the constituent local Meetings of the Area Meeting are unrestricted funds that have been designated for the purposes of the local meeting (but come within the East Cheshire Area Quaker Meeting charity). Macclesfield Meeting does not keep its own accounts, these are kept in the Area Meeting accounts;
- Unrestricted – General Funds that are freely available for the purpose of the Area Meeting and Designated Funds which have been set aside for specific purposes but remain at the discretion of the Area Meeting;
- Restricted – Earmarked by the donor or testator for certain specific purposes;
- Endowment Funds – The capital must be preserved and only the income may be used for the specific or general purposes stipulated by the donor or testator.

9b. During 2025 an investigation was conducted into the history of the various Endowment funds to ensure that they meet the criteria for being endowments and the supporting documentation for the fund classification is available.

It was established that the purposes of the following funds, previously classified as Endowment Funds, were originally determined by decisions of Cheshire Monthly Meeting (or its trustees), this having been the previous name of East Cheshire Area Quaker Meeting, as opposed to having been restricted by terms of any original endowment. As there were no external restrictions these funds can be used to support any Quaker activities, including but not being restricted to property maintenance or replacement.

	As at 31/12/2024
Low Leighton Meeting House	£70,727
Macclesfield Meeting House Fund	£261,797

Consequently the income funds related to these, which had previously been classified as Restricted, have also been reclassified as Unrestricted.

	As at 31/12/24
Low Leighton Meeting House interest	£0
Macclesfield Meeting House Fund interest	£53,248

Details of Restricted and Endowed funds

a) **Ducker and Thornhill Endowment Fund**

The income is available 'for the relief of poor members and attenders of the Society of Friends in the area of East Cheshire Area Meeting'. This charity has been formed by the amalgamation over many years of several small bequests. The income is available for spending during the year of receipt or may be carried forward if not required.

b) **Low Leighton Meeting House and Estate**

These funds are being managed under the following headings:

Low Leighton Estate

The investments forming this endowment fund resulted from the sales of various parcels of land forming the Low Leighton Estate. The income is available 'for the maintenance of poor Friends and the apprenticing of their children, or, if not so required, for the maintenance and repair of Low Leighton Meeting House and Burial Ground. If the income from this fund is not required for these purposes, the Trustees shall use it towards providing, maintaining, repairing and improving any meeting houses for religious worship, and any burial grounds, in connection with the Society of Friends in the area of East Cheshire Area Meeting.'

Proceeds of the Sale of Low Leighton Meeting House

The meeting house was sold in 1992 with net proceeds of £46,152.98. This capital is being held with a view to being available for a new meeting house in Low Leighton or elsewhere in the area of East Cheshire Area Meeting when required. The income is held in a Designated Fund, used 'for the providing, maintaining, repairing and improving of any meeting houses for religious worship, and any burial grounds, in connection with the Society of Friends in the area of East Cheshire Area Meeting'.

e) **Meeting House Funds**

Income is used for the repair and maintenance, including insurance, of the relevant property. Surplus may be used for repair and maintenance of other ECAM properties. The proceeds of the sale of Macclesfield Meeting House in 2006 were designated at the time by Trustees of Cheshire Monthly Meeting as being for the provision of a new meeting house in Macclesfield.

f) **Wilmslow (Morley) Meeting House and Burial Ground – Recoupment Order**

The fund consists of £20,000 invested in 1994 to produce £146,625 over a period of 40 years, "borrowed" from the Wilmslow Trust (Endowment Fund). This represents recoupment of the amount expended from the proceeds of the sale of the old Meeting House in Altrincham Road on the conversion of the adjacent building to form a new Meeting House in Bourne Street. Interest is added to the fund, which now stands at £119,664.

10. Trustees remuneration

No trustees received any remuneration in respect of service given during the year. Trustees are entitled to reimbursement of expenses in performance of their duties, and these are covered by unrestricted costs (general purposes fund).

11. The examiner of these accounts is not paid a fee or expenses.

12. Employees costs

	2025	*2024*
Salaries and Wages	£10,845	*£9,988*
Social Security costs	£2,095	*£1,883*
Pension costs	£0	*£0*
	£12,940	*£11,871*
Expenses	£30	*£257*
	£12,970	*£12,128*
average headcount	2	*2*

13. Property

All the meeting houses and ancillary buildings are functional properties. As part of our service to the community all our meeting houses are let on a sessional basis to groups with values in keeping with the values of the Society.

The value of the properties has not been included in the accounts, however the 2025 insurance values for each property are listed below.

Three of our meetings have no meeting house. Marple, and Crewe and Nantwich meet at their local Methodist Churches and Macclesfield meets at the Unitarian Chapel.

Meeting House	Notes	Building: £000s	Contents: £000s
Cheadle Hulme Meeting House 91 Station Road, Cheadle Hulme, Cheadle, SK8 7BG	A three storey detached brick house with cellar built about 1886 and in good structural and decorative repair	1,573	48
Disley Meeting House Ring O'Bells, Disley, SK12 2AG	Listed building in conservation area. Former cottages, two storeys, stone, thought to be 17th century. In good structural and decorative repair.	1,868	70

	and decorative repair.		
Frandley Meeting House Antrobus, Northwich, CW9 6LD	Listed Building. Purpose built of brick in 1880. In good structural and decorative repair.	884	20
Frandley School Room Antrobus, Northwich, CW9 6LD	Listed building. Purpose built in brick as a stable and hearse house with school room above. Extensively refurbished, and extension built in 2000.	676	15
Stockport Meeting House	Purpose built building completed in 2015. The value includes the solar panels.	946	60
Whitley burial ground Higher Whitley, Northwich	Boundary wall is listed		
Wilmslow Meeting House 1a Bourne Street, Wilmslow, SK9 5HD	Within the curtilage of a listed building. Brick built former stable and carriage shed built 1831 with the addition of a school room above in 1881. Converted into a meeting house in 1995. In good structural and decorative repair.	1,329	95
Wilmslow Guild site and building	Within the curtilage of a listed building. Timber frame building designed for adult education. Leased to Wilmslow Guild in 1962 on 99 yr lease @ £80pa with requirement that building be maintained and returned in good condition.	Value estimated by ECAM trustees at £2.5million	
Marple QM Room at Marple Methodist Church, Church Lane, Marple, Stockport, Cheshire, SK6 7AY		0	15

14. Chief Rents etc

As noted above ((Charities related to Frandley Meeting), income from chief rent for Palm Grove properties (£10pa each), and fee for sign for Ramillies School (£5pa) have not been pursued, since they have not been forthcoming for several years, and are not material sums. For the record, ownership of the Palm Grove land, continues to exist, as does the right to charge Ramillies School for the sign on Cheadle Hulme Meeting's land. Trustees will be considering the future management of the chief rents.

15. Support for ECAM events:

Glenthorne			
		2025	*2024*
	Income	£6,615	*£7,975*
	Expenditure	£6,959	*£8,060*
	ECAM Subsidy	£344	*£85*
Yealand and other events for teens			
		2025	*2024*
	Income	£1,990	*£1,730*
	Expenditure	£1,581	*£1,970*
	ECAM Subsidy	-£409	*£240*