

ANNUAL REPORT FOR CHARITIES COMMISSION
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A major development within our small community was our return to face-to-face Meetings on 5th June 2022, after a two-and-a-quarter year absence. We have met in person on the first Sunday of each month, and continued our zoom Meetings on the 3rd & 5th Sundays. Thereby catering for those whose health issues prevent their attendance in person, as well as to those living further afield who might wish to join us in worship.

Few in number though we may be, we played a hugely active role in hosting over 50 panels of the "Loving Earth Exhibition" in the Play House Gallery - each panel creatively hand sewn/embroidered, and illustrating something that would be lost through our mistreatment of the natural world. Derry's Mayor was the guest speaker at the official opening and the Exhibition ran from 4 - 9 April. It was a truly inspirational event, highlighting to the public, the Society of Friends concern for the climate crisis we face.

A small number of visitors attended our in-person Meeting for Worship, as confidence began slowly increasing in attending gatherings outside the immediate family.

We supported the work of Quaker Service, Irish Quaker Faith in Action, Ramallah School, and a local food bank in Derry.

Jean Roble
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