

West Scotland Area Meeting
Contribution schedule 2018

Religious Society of Friends (Quakers)
West Scotland Area Meeting
(Scottish Charity No: SC011234)

Name

My contribution in 2018 will be £..... per month / quarter / annum
to be allocated:

ToLocal Meeting £.....

To West Scotland Area Meeting £.....

To Britain Yearly Meeting £.....

I shall make my payment by:

(Please indicate)

Cheque

Standing Order/bacs payment

CAF Voucher/Standing Order

Please indicate:

- If you wish a receipt or acknowledgement
- If you would like a standing order mandate form
- If you would like bank details for bacs payment
- If you would like a gift aid declaration form

Cheques and CAF Vouchers must be made payable to

Religious Society of Friends West Scotland Area Meeting

Please return this form and any donations to the Assistant Treasurer of
West Scotland Area Meeting:

Helen McLean, 12A Sheean Drive, Brodick, Isle of Arran, KA27 8DH

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Your Financial Contribution in 2018

Please take some time to think about the financial needs of the Society of Friends (Quakers) and how you can make a contribution. Through donating to West Scotland Area Meeting, you can support your local Meeting for Worship and the administration that supports it both locally and nationally. You can help to maintain our spiritual and social witness in your local community and the wider world.

You can choose to allocate your donation in three ways:

Your Local Meeting

Consider first what it costs to maintain your Local Meeting for Worship: the cost of accommodation and your local Quaker activities. There are twelve local meetings in West Scotland and their needs will vary considerably: Argyll, Arran, Ayrshire, Castle Douglas, Dumfries, Dunblane, Glasgow, Islay & Jura, Lanark, Milngavie, Mull & Iona and Wigtown.

West Scotland Area Meeting

Your Local Meeting is part of West Scotland Area Meeting, the registered charity that undertakes administration on behalf of Local Meetings. All its work is done by volunteers. It looks after membership matters; produces a newsletter; supports attendance at conferences and training events; and provides insurance cover for all Local Meetings. Along with other Area Meetings in Scotland, it funds General Meeting for Scotland. It also makes donations, which are reviewed annually, to other Quaker charities.

Britain Yearly Meeting

You are also asked to bear in mind the central work of the Society which is the responsibility of Britain Yearly Meeting. As well as providing essential support, networking, co-ordination and publicity, it promotes Quaker concerns and values throughout our country and in the wider world. You will find more details about what it does at the website *Quakers in Britain* and in the free quarterly magazine *Quaker News*.

HOW MUCH IS NEEDED?

We realise that everyone's circumstances are different and we are grateful for all donations, regardless of their size or frequency.

We have been asked in the past to provide some guidance about what is required to sustain Quakers at local, area and national level. Some Friends will be able to contribute the suggested amounts, while for others that it will not be possible. We hope that Friends will contribute what they can and that those who are able to give more will do so.

Your Local Meeting

The expenses of Local Meetings differ. Your Local Meeting Treasurer will be able to advise you about running costs and expenses of your local Quaker Meeting.

West Scotland Area Meeting

West Scotland Area Meeting needs about **£120** for every member to meet its budget obligations in 2018.

Our Area Meeting sets its budget annually and all Friends can be involved in decisions about spending through attendance at Area Meeting. Over half of Area Meeting's expenditure goes to supporting other Quaker bodies, with a membership quota system in operation for General Meeting for Scotland, Northern Friends Peace Board and Northern Friends Youth Events Trust (which runs an annual residential Summer Shindig for the children and young people in our Meetings).

Britain Yearly Meeting

Britain Yearly Meeting has advised us that it needs about **£225** for every member to carry out its work in 2018.

However, West Scotland Area Meeting makes an annual donation to Britain Yearly Meeting on behalf of its members, amounting to almost £25 per member (included in the £120 mentioned above). Local Meetings throughout West Scotland may also decide to make a direct donation from their own funds.

HOW CAN I CONTRIBUTE?

It is possible to make separate donations directly to your Local Meeting, to West Scotland Area Meeting and to Britain Yearly Meeting.

However, you may find it more convenient to contribute to all these bodies through West Scotland Area Meeting, using the Contribution Schedule overleaf. This allows you to specify how your donation should be assigned and we will pass on the money in accordance with your wishes. If you do not specify how you wish your money allocated, the whole amount will go to West Scotland Area Meeting.

If you wish to set up a Standing Order, please tick the appropriate box on the form overleaf and we will send you a Standing Order mandate form.

If you already have a Standing Order and wish to change it, you must contact your bank in order to make the arrangements. We would be grateful if you could let us know of any changes by contacting the Assistant Treasurer whose details are overleaf.

If you wish to set up a bank transfer in order to make a one-off payment, please contact the Treasurer or the Assistant Treasurer for our bank details.

GIFT AID

If you are a taxpayer, you can increase your donation by allowing us to claim back relevant tax from HMRC (Her Majesty's Revenue and Customs) through the Gift Aid Scheme. This will add 20% to the value of your donation.

However, be warned. You must have paid enough tax to cover your Gift Aid, otherwise you will be liable to pay back HMRC for the amount falsely claimed. If your circumstances change and you are no longer a tax payer, or if you have other queries about Gift Aid, please contact:

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