

Religious Society of Friends (Quakers) North Scotland Area Meeting

Scottish charity number SC017958

Trustees' Annual Report and Accounts Year ending 31 December 2022

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The Area Meeting's principal address: Quaker Meeting House, 98 Crown Street, Aberdeen AB11 6HJ

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Annual Report

Introduction: Living our faith

North Scotland Quakers share in the current sense of direction and purpose of Quakers in Britain, set out in *Our faith in the future*.

'Facing turbulent times, Quakers in Britain seek a future where ...

'... meeting for worship is the bedrock of living as a Quaker.' Our meetings, and the discernment arising out of worship, are the source of all our community and work, as well as being a spiritual resource or home for each of us. Our meetings for worship are open to all, simple, and we hope accessible in every way. Including those online via Zoom, and where we have managed to blend both together.

'... Quaker communities are loving, inclusive and all-age.' Our local meetings come in all shapes and sizes and adapt to local needs. Meetings normally, naturally include social time when refreshments are often served sometimes accompanied or followed by shared food. There are normally, regular and thriving children's meetings in Forres and Inverness, occasional meetings in Aberdeen, and all-age worship is a feature of other meetings; the General Meeting for Scotland family Link weekend has been enjoyed and friendships have followed.

'... all Friends understand and live by Quaker discipline.' The core of our discipline is, through worship, and through such practices as the Experiment with Light, to 'become the transformation' that love requires. Some meetings organise study and discussion groups, especially focusing on *Quaker Faith & Practice*. Local meetings may have a library or share through a 'virtual library'. There is a challenge, especially for those of us in isolated situations, to experience at first hand a variety of Quaker practices in settings where they are well understood. Several members of the Area Meeting are appointed to serve the General Meeting and Yearly Meeting. We encourage Friends – especially those appointed to serve the Meeting – to attend events and training that will enrich all our understanding.

'... Quaker values are active in the world.' There is a continuing concern to raise awareness of increasing militarisation, especially in Scottish schools. Friends in North Scotland support the work done on this by the General Meeting's Parliamentary liaison officer and through involvement with local and National Peace groups. Nurturing awareness with the inclusion of white poppies in War Memorial events is also part of our witness.

British Quakers' 'Canterbury Commitment' to build a low-carbon, sustainable community is a challenge given the distances between us and the rest of the UK, our carbon footprint is traditionally large, but the increased use of online and blended meetings has reduced that considerably saving cost, time and helping our contribution to the 'commitment'.

'... Quakers work collaboratively.' We work and witness with other groups in many ways, including for peace and for interfaith understanding. Friends have become involved with the Extinction Rebellion events and some have been arrested as a result. Other Friends are involved with Women in Black, Highlands Supports Refugees, community foodbanks and other local groups.

'... Quakers are well known and widely understood.' 'Quaker Week' in the autumn helped to focus us on outreach but our profile continues to be very low as we are an aging community, and the priority remains keeping our meetings functioning.

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Reference and administration details

Trustees who served during the year

David James	Clerk to AM trustees
Edmund Holt	Assistant clerk to AM trustees
Anthony Buxton	AM treasurer
Peter Heald	AM assistant treasurer
William McEwen	
Jane Booth	
Anthea Mason	
John Hitchen	

Trustees on date of approval of Trustees Annual Report

Vacant	Clerk to Trustees
Anthony Buxton	AM treasurer
Peter Heald	AM assistant treasurer
William McEwen	
Jane Booth	
Anthea Mason	
John Hitchen	Assistant Clerk to AM
Edmund Holt	Assistant clerk to AM trustees

Trustees who have completed their service

David James	Clerk to trustees. 31.12.2022
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New trustees

Bankers

Bank holding Current account: Bank of Scotland, 201 Union Street, Aberdeen AB11 6UG.

Some Local Meetings also hold separate bank accounts.

Solicitors

North Scotland Area Quaker Meeting has Gordon Fraser of Fraser & Mulligan, 1 Carden Place, Aberdeen AB10 1UT as its solicitor.

Independent Examiner

A.J.B. Scholes Ltd. 8 Albert Street, Kirkwall, Orkney KW15 1HP

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Structure, governance and management

Organisation

North Scotland Area Meeting is the primary administrative unit for church affairs of the Religious Society of Friends (Quakers) in the area of North Scotland and is itself a constituent part of Britain Yearly Meeting, which is the final constitutional authority of the Religious Society of Friends (Quakers) in Britain. The members of North Scotland Area Meeting are all those persons whose names are for the time being recorded in the official register maintained in accordance with the book of discipline of Britain Yearly Meeting, *Quaker Faith & Practice*. *Quaker Faith & Practice* is a book of faith and practice and constitutes the Christian discipline of the Religious Society of Friends in Britain. It was first issued in manuscript form in 1738 and has been revised at periodic intervals; the most recent edition was published in 2013.

North Scotland Area Meeting along with the other three Area Meetings in Scotland form the membership of the General Meeting for Scotland, which acts on behalf of Britain Yearly Meeting in relation to the Scottish Parliament regarding both legal and political affairs, and to relationship to other Church denominations and Faiths.

Constituent local Quaker meetings of North Scotland Area Meeting in 2022 were: Aberdeen; Forres; Inverness; Lochaber & Lorn; Orkney; Shetland; Westray and Papa Westray. Additionally, we have Worship Groups meeting in Banchory; Nairn; Dingwall and Caithness. These meetings are all under the care of Inverness Local Meeting except for Banchory which is looked after by Aberdeen Local Meeting.

Additionally, there is a weekly Area Meeting online Meeting for Worship which has a regular membership of more isolated Friends, augmented by those who are unable to travel that week.

Governing Document

North Scotland Area Meeting adopted a revised Governing Document, based on *Quaker Faith & Practice*, which has been approved by the Office of the Scottish Charities Regulator (OSCR), in November 2021

Trustees

Trustees are appointed in accordance with the Governing Document. The names of members are brought forward by the Nominations Committee and appointed by North Scotland Area Meeting in session.

Trustees are given a copy of the Governing Document and Trustees Terms of Reference; and directed to the *Handbook for Trustees of Quaker Meetings* and the *OSCR Guidance for Charity Trustees*, which are available on the internet.

The Trustees meet regularly and are responsible for ensuring compliance with charity law and other relevant legislation. The Annual Report and Accounts of the Area Meeting are approved at a meeting of the Trustees and are then accepted by the Area Meeting in session.

Since 2012 we have had in place a Policy on Safeguarding and Procedures for Safeguarding, and the AM appointed a Safeguarding Co-ordinator and deputy. The Area Meeting subscribes to 'Thirty one: eight' for guidance on this issue.

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Trustees have an appropriate form for a Memorandum of Understanding between Local Meetings and the Area Meeting, and an agreement is now in place with all meetings. Trustees attend relevant conferences and training courses to enable them to fulfil their duties.

Objectives and activities

Charitable purpose

The charitable object of North Scotland Area Meeting is the advancement of the religious and charitable purposes of the Religious Society of Friends (Quakers) in Britain in the area of North Scotland and beyond as laid down in *Quaker Faith and Practice*.

North Scotland Area Meeting supports the spiritual development and religious beliefs of its members and attenders. It enables Quaker Meetings for Worship to be held within North Scotland. It maintains the Quaker witness and presence within the area. It provides public benefit by its provision of Meetings for Worship which are open to everyone.

As a consequence of our witness to the Grace of God made known to us in worship and life, Friends are often involved in social concerns, both local and global, which we see as the outward expression of our sense that 'true godliness don't take us out of the world but excites our endeavours to mend it' (William Penn). A full account of the nature of the Religious Society of Friends and of its principles of church governance can be found in *Quaker Faith and Practice*.

Activities

2022 has been a year of recovery from the pandemic. All Local Meetings are now meeting regularly, and Aberdeen is undertaking blended meetings. The weekly AM wide Meeting for Worship on a Sunday morning has continued and continues to thrive with a more stable membership. Some local Meetings have continued to arrange additional meetings online for their own members. These are advertised through the General Meeting for Scotland website www.quakerscotland.org. or details are available from local Clerks.

Meetings for worship for church affairs (the business meetings of Area Meeting), have largely continued online, have become more frequent and shorter at which decisions are made without voting. In business meetings those present seek through worship to discern the right way forward with God's guidance. Once the meeting has come to a decision it is recorded in minutes which are approved and signed in the meeting. This year we have met again face to face at our traditional residential venue of Pluscarden and many Friends stayed for the weekend, while others came for the day.

Our experimentation with fellowship meetings has become an enjoyable success and has become part of our annual programme. Online Meetings have been a bonus for some isolated Friends and those not normally able to get to a regular Meeting. But not everyone is connected or willing to use the technology and we have had to resort to old ways of keeping in touch by phone and letter with some Friends. The General Meeting link weekend was able to meet face to face this year. General Meeting has met four times this year as blended meetings the last being hosted by Aberdeen Meeting. Some Friends have joined in online meetings in other parts of the country. The Area Meeting covers a large geographical area, from Oban to Unst and from the Outer Hebrides to Aberdeen. Within the area there were in 2022 7 local meetings, some of which support relatively small numbers of members and attenders in remote locations. The Area Meeting seeks to ensure, both from its own

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resources and from those generously donated by other bodies supportive of the Religious Society of Friends, that no member or attender should be prevented by financial constraints from participating in Quaker worship and learning.

The Area Meeting fundraises from its members and others for the furtherance of its objectives and to support the work of the General Meeting for Scotland and the centrally managed work of the Society carried out by Britain Yearly Meeting.

Achievements and performance

2022 has been a year of recovery from the pandemic and our dynamics have changed as a result. We are now meeting again regularly in person but there is a much wider continued use of online meetings particularly for committees and business. We managed our residential Area Meeting at Pluscarden again in August and had an organised speaker for that event on the Peace Testimony. This was also an opportunity for our young people to get together. We have continued to have our Fellowship meetings online, without business of any kind. We have gathered a few new faces and some regular attenders have become members. Our exposure to the public has begun to recover with our return to physical meetings both of our own and with other bodies. We have stayed together and grown together.

The Area Meeting continued to support members and attenders from local meetings throughout the North of Scotland to enable them to attend online Quaker conferences and training courses offered by the Woodbrooke Quaker Study Centre and by Britain Yearly Meeting. Young people are encouraged to take part in activities arranged for their age group.

The Area Meeting financially supported the work of General Meeting for Scotland and representatives attended their blended meetings.

The Area Meeting contributed to the centrally managed work of the Society carried out by Britain Yearly Meeting. Members of the Area Meeting serve on various of the national committees of the Society and attended Yearly Meeting, some online.

Trustees

During the year trustees have met on a number of occasions online to deal with routine business.

In common with other organisations with commercial assets similar to 100 Crown Street the property continues to give concern. Both the market for the use of this type of property and the effect of the economic climate increase the financial risks and questions the viability of retaining the building in its present form.

Financial review

Local funds

During the year the Skye Account was closed and added to the Inverness account as Friends from Skye are now members of that meeting.

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Inverness's main account has also been closed and is now managed by the AM treasurer as a separate fund. The reserve account is still retained but has not been used this year and remains in a current account pending charge of signatories.

Members' contributions

Members and attenders have continued to contribute enough to enable the Area Meeting to maintain a balanced budget and to hold its level of reserves. However, contributions overall have fallen again this year and remain below the pre-pandemic figure. The Area Meeting has been able to continue the level of giving to parts of the Religious Society of Friends it has traditionally supported and has used accumulated reserves to increase the level of giving to support the centrally managed work of the Society.

To support the national structure of the Religious Society of Friends, the Area Meeting shares with the other three area meetings in Scotland the cost of financing the work carried out by General Meeting for Scotland. The Quota for 2022 was £2,559.11 including our contribution to the salary of the Scottish Parliamentary Liaison Officer. The cost of GM had reduced due to reductions in travel and its blended meeting approach. To support the work done by Britain Yearly Meeting the Area Meeting collects contributions from its members and attenders and passes the funds on as donations to Britain Yearly Meeting. In 2022 donations of £6,957 and a grant of £150 from Local Meeting funds were sent to Britain Yearly Meeting. Some members made direct contributions totalling £2,575 bringing the total amount sent to support the centrally managed work of the Society to £9,682. We have 131 members which gives an average of £74 per member.

Accounts for 2022

The Area Meeting accounts for 2022 have been prepared by Heather Hartman CA. A.J.B. Scholes Limited acted as Independent Examiner. The report and accounts are available on request. The total receipts for the year came to £39,590 (2022: £41,385) and the total payments were £32,312 (2022: £41,709) leading to a surplus of £7,278 (2022: deficit £324). At 31 December 2022, the bank balances totalled £142,408 (2022: £135,130).

Property

The Area Meeting owns the Quaker Meeting House at 98 Crown Street Aberdeen which was given a restatement value in the event of a total loss by Ralph Ogg & Partners on 29.01.2021 of £900,000. And the Commercial property at 100 Crown St which was given a restatement value in the event of a total loss by Ralph Ogg & Partners on 29.01.2021 of £1,100,000. The Area meeting also owns Quaker burial grounds at Kingswells and Kinmuck that are considered to have no commercial value.

Reserves policy

The policy of the Area Meeting is to hold 30% of annual expenditure in the general fund. We recommend to local meetings that they hold a similar level of reserves.

Local meeting funds

In accordance with advice received from the Quaker Stewardship Committee, acting on behalf of Britain Yearly Meeting and following advice issued by the Office of the Scottish Charity Regulator, local meeting funds are considered to be unrestricted funds which have been designated for the charitable purposes of the individual local meetings.

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NSQT Fund

This fund consists of an original permanent financial endowment and an accumulated expendable restricted endowment. The former cannot be quantified in modern financial terms as the two endowments have been run together since inception. The fund currently comprises £84,421.99 held in the Charity bank and the Bank of Scotland. This is currently below the figure recommended in guidance from Britain Yearly Meeting for the value of property the Area Meeting holds. 100 Crown Street and the Kinmuck Burial ground form part of the permanent endowment.

Insurance

Trustees agreed that the NSQT fund should pay the cost of the insurance for 100 Crown Street and asked Aberdeen to contribute towards the insurance that covered 98 Crown Street and the activities of the AM. Unfortunately, they took the request for a contribution as a request for the full amount. It has subsequently been agreed that the payment they have made will be a contribution for 2021 and 2022.

Sustainability

Building a low-carbon, sustainable community is a challenge given the distances between individuals and Meetings when we cover an area from Shetland to Oban and across to the Outer Hebrides in one direction, and across to Aberdeen in the other. Our carbon footprint is traditionally large and consequently we measure it when we meet face to face. This year the local Meetings have returned to face to face but most other meetings have remained on-line reducing travel time and costs.

Remuneration of trustees

During the period, no trustee received any remuneration or reimbursement of expenses for activities undertaken on behalf of the Area Meeting. Trustees claimed expenses totalling £nil (2021: £49.70).

Plans for the future

The priority for North Scotland Area Meeting is to maintain and support its worshipping communities in North Scotland. It also has a responsibility to increase the profile of Quakerism within this area. To enable the Meeting to fulfil its responsibilities it will continue to manage its costs and maintain its reserves.

Declaration

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees:

Signed: Edmund Holt 28th March 2023

Date:

for
North Scotland Area Meeting Trustees

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Independent Examiner's Report for year ending 31 December 2022

I report on the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2022, which are set out on pages 10 to 16.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the terms of the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005 and the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006.

The charity trustees consider that the audit requirement of Regulation 10(1) (d) of the Accounts Regulations does not apply. It is my responsibility to examine the accounts as required under section 44(1) (c) of the Act and to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's statement

My examination is carried out in accordance with Regulation 11 of the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts and seeks explanations from the trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently I do not express an audit opinion on the view given by the accounts.

Independent examiner's statement

In the course of my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

1. which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:
 - to keep accounting records in accordance with Section 44(1) (a) of the 2005 Act and Regulation 4 of the 2006 Accounts Regulations, and
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with Regulation 9 of the 2006 Accounts Regulations

have not been met, or

2. to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

**Ryan Allan FCCA
Chartered Certified Accountant
Independent Examiner
A.J.B. Scholes Limited
8 Albert Street, Kirkwall, Orkney KW15 1HP**

Date: 02/06/2023

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Receipts and payments accounts

For the period from	Period start date			to	Period end date		
	Day	Month	Year		Day	Month	Year
	01	January	2022		31	December	2022

Section A Statement of receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Expendable endowment funds	Permanent endowment funds	Total funds current period	Total funds last period
	to nearest £	to nearest £	to nearest £	to nearest £	to nearest £	to nearest £
A1 Receipts						
Donations	25,877				25,877	31,631
Legacies	2,200				2,200	
Grants	1,000				1,000	
Grants paid to individuals refunded						
Receipts from fundraising activities	1,306				1,306	422
Gross trading receipts					-	
Income from investments other than land and buildings	26		488		514	279
Rents from land & buildings			7,500		7,500	8,932
Gross receipts from other charitable activities	1,193				1,193	121
					-	
A1 Sub total	31,602	-	7,988	-	39,590	41,385
A2 Receipts from asset & investment sales						
Proceeds from sale of fixed assets					-	
Proceeds from sale of investments					-	
A2 Sub total	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	31,602	-	7,988	-	39,590	41,385
A3 Payments						
Expenses for fundraising activities					-	-
Gross trading payments			3,238		3,238	2,948
Investment management costs					-	
Payments relating directly to charitable activities	11,902				11,902	11,383
Grants and donations	14,955				14,955	26,386
Governance costs:					-	
Audit / independent examination	660				660	492
Preparation of annual accounts	525				525	500
Legal costs					-	-
Other	1,032				1,032	-
					-	
A3 Sub total	29,074	-	3,238	-	32,312	41,709
A4 Payments relating to asset and investment movements						
Purchases of fixed assets					-	
Purchase of investments					-	
A4 Sub total	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	29,074	-	3,238	-	32,312	41,709
Net receipts / (payments)	2,528	-	4,750	-	7,278	(324)
A5 Transfers to / (from) funds						
					-	
Surplus / (deficit) for year	2,528	-	4,750	-	7,278	(324)

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Section B Statement of balances							
Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Expendable endowment funds	Permanent endowment funds	Total current period	Total last period
		to nearest £	to nearest £	to nearest £	to nearest £	to nearest £	to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	Cash and bank balances at start of year	55,458		79,672		135,130	135,454
	Surplus / (deficit) shown on receipts and payments	2,528		4,750		7,278	(324)
						-	
						-	
	Cash and bank balances at end of year	57,986	-	84,422	-	142,408	135,130
	Details			Fund to which asset belongs		Market valuation	Last year
						to nearest £	to nearest £
B2 Investments							
					Total		-
	Details			Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (if available)	Current value (if available)	Last year
					to nearest £	to nearest £	to nearest £
B3 Other assets	98 & 100 Crown Street, Aberdeen		Permanent Endowment Fund		335,000	2,000,000	335,000
	Quaker Burial Ground, Kinmuck, Inverurie						
	Quaker Burial Ground, Kingswells, Aberdeen						
					Total	335,000	2,000,000
	Details			Fund to which liability relates		Amount due	Last year
						to nearest £	to nearest £
B4 Liabilities	Independent Examination Fee			Unrestricted		510	492
	Accounts Preparation Fee			Unrestricted		367	525
	Accountancy support			Unrestricted		474	-
				Total		1,351	1,017
	Details			Fund to which liability relates		Amount due (estimate)	Last year
						to nearest £	to nearest £
B5 Contingent liabilities							
					Total		-
Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees	Signature	Print Name					Date of approval
		Anthony Buxton 28th March 2023					
		Edmund Holt 28th March 2023					

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Notes to the Accounts for year ending 31 December 2022

Notes to the accounts

- 1 Basis of accounts**

These accounts have been prepared on the Receipts & Payments basis in accordance with the Charities & Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005 and the Charities Accounts (Scotland) regulations 2006 (as amended).
- 2 Nature and purpose of funds**

Area Meeting funds ~ these are funds held and managed by the Area Meeting. They are an unrestricted fund used for general purposes.

Local Meeting funds ~ these are funds held and managed by local meetings and are designated for use by the individual local meetings for charitable purposes.

Expendable Endowment Funds ~ income and expenditure generated from the properties held as a permanent endowment fund.

Permanent Endowment Funds ~ the properties 98 & 100 Crown Street Aberdeen and the Quaker burial grounds at Kinmuck, Inverurie and Kingswells, Aberdeen.

The area meeting manages the finances of the Forres, Nairn and Inverness (Including Skye) Local Meetings on their behalf. The balances at 31/12/22 were Forres LM £1,213 (2021: £789), Nairn LM £1,202 (2021: £1,279), Inverness LM £8,638 (2021: funds held locally).

Inverness Local Meeting has redesignated its Premises Fund as a Premises Support, Outreach and Development Fund. The balance of the fund at 31 December 2022 is £17,469 (2021: £19,430). The purposes of the fund are wider ranging including the support of the local meeting base and its charitable work. Along with general meeting funds of £8,638 (2021: £6,601) as noted above, this allows Inverness Local Meeting to comply with best practice on holding a reserve that would cover one year's gross expenditure (including property rental).
- 3 Grants and donations**

Grants are given to other bodies in accordance with the governing document to further the work and witness of the Religious Society of Friends (Quakers).

Grants were given to 11 institutions and 1 individual, totaling £14,955 (£26,386 in 2021).
- 4 Other assets and liabilities**

The accounts are prepared on a receipts and payments basis but at the year end these figures were outstanding:

Liabilities: Examination fee £510; Accounts Preparation fee £367.50; Accountancy support Oct-Dec 2022 £474.
- 5 Trustee remuneration**

No remuneration was paid to any charity trustees or person connected to a trustee.
- 6 Trustee expenses**

Trustees received reimbursement of expenses of £nil (2021: £49.70): for postage and stationery.
- 7 Quaker activities**

These include room hire for meeting for worship and property costs for the running of the Aberdeen Meeting House.

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Breakdown of grants

	Expendable Endowment funds	Area Meeting funds	Local Meeting funds	Total 2022	Total 2021
Britain Yearly Meeting		6,957	150	7,107	15,467
General Meeting for Scotland		3,262		3,262	1,638
Northern Friends Peace Board		1,251		1,251	1,824
Northern Friends Youth Events Trust		707		707	0
Quaker UN Office		500		500	0
Quaker Council for European Affairs				0	540
Quaker International Trust (Ramalla School)		1,000	100	1,100	500
Quaker Asylum & Refugee Network				0	1,000
Good News Associates			108	108	0
Glenthorn Quaker Centre				0	500
Quaker Social Action				0	100
Claridge House				0	500
Scottish Refugee Council				0	300
Prison Phoenix Trust				0	100
Orkney Food Bank			150	150	500
Orkney Street Pastors			150	150	150
Rwandan School Village Project				0	135
St Neot's LM – Mfangano Project			500	500	0
Woodbrooke				0	1,000
Support Global South				0	2,000
Small grants (1, < £100)			20	20	132
Grants to individuals (1, ≤ £2,500)			100	100	0
Total		13,677	1,278	14,955	26,386

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Breakdown of Area Meeting General funds

	Total 2022	Total 2021
	£	£
Receipts		
Scheduled Contributions to AM	7,991	9,235
Scheduled contributions to BYM & GM	7,677	9,396
Grants	-	-
Bank interest	19	3
Receipts from Quaker activities	1,193	121
Sub total	16,880	18,755
Payments		
Fundraising activities	-	-
Cost of Quaker activities	3,189	935
Grants & donations	13,677	19,779
Governance costs		
Examination	510	492
Other	1,557	500
Other	-	-
Sub total	18,933	21,706
Surplus/(deficit) before transfers	(2,053)	(2,951)
Transfers from AM funds	(1,532)	250
Gross transfers	(1,532)	250
(Deficit) for the year	(3,585)	(2,701)
Cash funds		
Cash & bank balance at start of year	14,358	17,059
(deficit) for the year	(3,585)	(2,701)
Cash & bank balance at end of year	10,773	14,358
Bank & cash balances		
Deposit account	3,043	11,575
Current account	7,730	2,783
	10,773	14,358

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Breakdown of Local Meeting funds

	Aberdeen	Banchory	Forres	Inverness	Lochaber & Lorn	Nairn	Orkney	Shetland	Skye	Total 2022	Total 2021
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Receipts											
Contributions	4,208		180	416	360	477				5,641	4,773
Scheduled contributions	1,295	62	960	2,699		720	972	60		6,768	8,227
Receipts fundraising activities	1,306									1,306	422
Bank interest	7									7	39
Gross receipts charitable activities										-	-
Other receipts - grants	1,000									1,000	-
Total receipts	7,816	62	1,140	3,115	360	1,197	972	60	0	14,722	13,461
Payments											£
Cost of generating funds										-	-
Bank charges										-	-
Payments relating to charitable activities	3,649		716	2,883		1,274	191			8,713	5,551
Grants & donations	120	0	0	608	100		450			1,278	6,607
Governance costs:											
Independent examination	150									150	-
Preparation of annual accounts										-	-
Other expenses										-	-
Total payments	3,919	0	716	3,491	100	1,274	641	0	0	10,141	12,158
Surplus/(deficit) before transfers	3,897	62	424	(376)	260	(77)	331	60	0	4,581	1,303

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	Aberdeen	Banchory	Forres	Inverness	Lochaber & Lorn	Nairn	Orkney	Shetland	Skye	Total 2022	Total 2021
Net transfers within LM				2,101					(2,101)	0	0
Net transfers from AM	1,223	31		693			225	40		2,212	0
Net transfers to AM				(380)			(300)			(680)	(250)
Gross transfers	1,223	31	0	2,414	0	0	(75)	40	(2,101)	1,532	(250)
Surplus/(deficit) for the year	5,120	93	424	2,038	260	(77)	256	100	(2,101)	6,113	1,053
Cash funds											
Cash & bank balance at start of year	9,788	1,063	789	24,069	533	1,279	1,077	401	2,101	41,100	40,047
Surplus/(deficit) for the year	5,120	93	424	2,038	260	(77)	256	100	(2,101)	6,113	1,053
Cash & bank balance at end of year	14,908	1,156	1,213	26,107	793	1,202	1,333	501	0	47,213	41,100
Statement of balances At 31 December 2022											
Current account	12,491	1,156	0	17,469	793		1,141	486		33,536	
LM funds held by AM	197		1,213	8,638		1,202	192	15		11,457	
Savings accounts	2,220									2,220	
Cash in hand											
Total	14,908	1,156	1,213	26,107	793	1,202	1,333	501	0	47,213	