

**East Cheshire Quaker Trustees
meeting at Wilmslow
on 4th December 2025**

Trustees present: Hilary Brooks, Frances Hill, Jane Barrett, Hilary Newhall, Ann Sumner, Susan Pounder, Susan Clark

25.12.01: Retiring Trustee: We say goodbye to Jane Barrett and thank her for her service.

25.12.02: Safeguarding Report: Sue Pounder (attached). We will ask Area Meeting to return to the minute 25.05.16 and clarify that Pastoral Friends are not eligible for DBS checks. We need to consider some safeguarding training for employees of Stockport MH.

25.12.03: Trustees Insurance: Hilary N has asked what cover we have as trustees, and has supplied us with relevant section of our schedule with Congregational Insurance, which is attached to the minutes. We briefly looked at the possibility of becoming a CIO in the future, as suggested by Paul Whitehouse, BYM treasurer.

25.12.04: Property Matters: At a recent online trustee clerks' discussion led by Oliver Waterhouse the attached ideas were put forward. We are considering forming a Property Strategy next year. Hilary Newhall has suggested that this is an area in which she has some experience.

Don't lose sight of the fact that it is about our love for one another.

25.12.05: Health and Safety: We thank Sue Pounder who has agreed to take on Health and Safety during 2026.

25.12.06: Trustees report to Area Meeting: we agree to present a brief report on Trustees activities in 2025 at AM in January 2026.

25.12.07: Investments: We ask our treasurer to explore the possibility of opening up some of our tied funds, particularly as we are going to contribute to employing a regional youth worker.

Our treasurer suggests we should move all or most of our Friends Trusts and CAF deposit monies across to Rathbone Greenbank, perhaps keeping a further £10,000 readily accessible. But we will await the report from the investment consultant, employed by BYM to look into Rathbone Greenbank as the most appropriate vehicle for our money.

Loving our Neighbours: Report on meeting at Mount Street Sunday 30th November Hilary B and Frances reported on this event at Mount Street, looking at the many possibilities that could come from joining with our three neighbouring AMs. There are many formats to consider.

Signed
Hilary Brooks
Clerk

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Dates for Trustee meetings in 2026:

Monday 16th or 23rd February at Cheadle Hulme, 2.30pm

Wednesday 10th June at Frandley, 2.30pm

September Disley tbc

Saturday 5th December at Frances Hill's house, 12.30pm with lunch tbc