

Trustees review of 2024

Trustees report that 2024 was a successful year for the activities of Quakers in Yorkshire. This was particularly the case with the youth events of Junior Holidays, Yorkshire Friends Holiday School and the revitalised Link Group. These provide Quaker social activities for a wide young age range and do so in a safe environment with the strong support of parents and Friends. The youth events would not be possible without the Youth Development Worker and the teams of volunteers who devote time and effort to ensure their success.

Two very successful Junior Holidays were organised at Curly Hill, Ilkley, and the ever popular Barmoor. Holiday School took place as usual at Bootham School with 63 young people spending a week together and often forming life-long friendships. Link Group met online and over three weekends at Scarborough, York and Barmoor. It has quickly become an essential link in the chain of youth activities.

Easter Settlement in 2024 met at Cober Hill for the last time in its present form as the increasing costs puts it out of reach of many families. But it is being partly replaced by the new Yorkshire Quaker Camp this August.

The Outreach Projects Committee gave grants for four outreach activities in 2024 and the ever popular triennial Book of Members and Attenders was published.

The quarterly meetings in 2024 were held as blended meetings so that people could attend either in-person, or online. The January meeting was held at Carlton Hill meeting house in Leeds; the April meeting was at Huddersfield with a peace theme; the July meeting was at New Earswick and celebrated the 400th anniversary of the birth of George Fox; finally the October meeting was hosted by The Mount School in York.

Financially, 2024 was a satisfactory year. Income was £70,462 and expenditure £75,913 with the difference coming from reserves. QiY has inherited substantial funds amounting to £878,724 at the end of 2024 but most of the capital cannot be spent so usable funds are much smaller. Last year the Linton Taylor Bequest of £42,427 was transferred to Glenthorne Quaker Centre for bursary use.