

**Quakers in Yorkshire Quarterly Meeting
held at The Mount School, York
on Saturday 3 October 2026**

1. Clerk

We agree that Chris Love is to be the Clerk for the meeting today.

2. Elders

We thank Margaret Bryan and David Olver, who have agreed to be Elders for our meeting today.

3. Welcome

We have been given a warm welcome to The Mount by Anna Wilby, Head.

This morning Friends were shown round the school by Hannah and Frieda [and other pupils], as part of the school's Open Day. We are grateful to them and to the school staff and trustees for making this possible.

4. Attendance

We record that there are 24 Friends here today.

5. Reports from The Mount and Bootham

On behalf of The Mount, we have received reports from Anna Wilby, Head; Greg Willmott Clerk of the Governors; and Ada and Imy, pupils.

On behalf of Bootham we have received reports from Deneal Smith, Head; and Melissa Askew, Clerk of the Governors.

We thank all our speakers for their stimulating and comprehensive reports. Excellent academic results and opportunities for young people at different levels, cultural and sporting activities all complement the strong endorsement of our Quaker values which are transmitted to young people as they go out into the world. Their reports will be on the Quakers in Yorkshire website: <https://quakersinyorkshire.org.uk/qms-2026/>

6. Quaker Social Action

We are delighted to welcome Judith Moran the Director of Quaker Social Action (QSA).

Judith's approach was to give us a brief introduction to the work and then enlarge on certain aspects on which Friends sought clarification.

An anti-poverty charity, QSA originated with Quakers going into poorer parts of East London. Its unique social purpose is to put something new and interesting in the world. It takes risks, undertakes research and campaigns. Traditionally it undertook crisis work and development work; increasingly work in the charity sector focuses on crises such as food banks. They have to compete for funds with other organisations.

Some startling statistics given to us by Judith are that 14 million people are living in poverty, six million in very deep poverty and three million are destitute. The Joseph

Rowntree Foundation's definition of poverty is when person's resources are insufficient to meet minimum needs including social participation.

QSA's most well known project is 'Down to Earth' which started following an identified need for people to be helped to get an affordable funeral. There is now a national helpline. They campaigned for the funeral industry to be regulated, because of its former lack of transparency. They also pressured Government to increase the level for funeral grants.

Other current projects are:

'Cook Up' – a cooking project for those who do not have kitchens, those in those temporary accommodation or homeless and people seeking asylum.

'Stirring the pot' project allies with a human rights organisation to publicise that being able to cook is a human right.

'Turn a Corner' is a mobile library focusing on those who are homeless.

'This Way Up' is a coaching and mindfulness initiative.

'4 in 10' tackles child poverty.

Much face-to-face work is in the London area, but online contact has a role. There was some interest in creating links between QSA and Friends in Yorkshire, including the Quaker schools.

Judith summarised some projects which had now terminated for various reasons and in some cases other charities have taken on similar work. Down to Earth has not been replicated anywhere. Judith encouraged us to sign-up for the newsletter and advised that there are many sources of information on the website: <https://quakersocialaction.org.uk>

We thank Judith wholeheartedly for this inspiring account of the wide range of work of Quaker Society Action.

7. Nominations and Appointments

We have received the following nominations from QiY Nominations Committee:

Position	Nominated	Notes
Custodian of Yorkshire Quaker Archives	Ros Batchelor (YAM)	from 1 Jan 2027 to 31 Dec 2029
Glenthorne Management Committee	Ellie McCarthy (YAM) (2 nd term)	from 1 Jan 2027 to 31 Dec 2030
Breckenbrough School Committee	Michelle Kemp [K&SAM]	from 3 Oct 2026 to 31 Dec 2030
QiY Arrangements Committee	Eleanor O'Flynn (YAM)	from 3 Oct 2026 to 31 Dec 2027

These names being acceptable, the named Friends are appointed accordingly.

We have received the following nominations from the Governors of Bootham School:

Bootham School Committee	Tim Wheeler	from 1 Jan 2027 to 31 Dec 2030
Bootham School Committee	Tracey Copestake	from 1 Jan 2027 to 31 Dec 2030

These names being acceptable, those named are appointed accordingly.

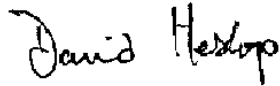
8. Closing Minute

We thank staff at The Mount for their warm welcome and hospitality. There being no further business to be taken today, we conclude. We intend to meet again in person and on Zoom at Carlton Hill, Leeds on Saturday 16 January 2027, if nothing occur to prevent.

Signed

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Chris Love, Clerk this time;

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "David Heslop". The script is cursive and fluid.

David Heslop, Assistant Clerk