

## Report from Trustees to WSAQM for 17th November 2020

What a strange year this has been for all of us. Meeting in person as a Trustee body has not been possible since February. The most recent meetings in September and November have used zoom as the simplest and most economic medium.

The proposed away-day, intended to consider the overall future of this AM, had to be abandoned for this year. We hope to return to the subject in 2021.

Some of the work we have covered concerned itself with the effect of Covid-19 on the situation of the Warden at Taunton, on hirers and on the unfolding situation regarding the safe opening and use of Meeting Houses for both Friends and potential hirers. To alleviate the burden on the finances of the Taunton Centre when income from hirers plummeted and her work inevitably diminished, the Warden suggested and was granted a reduction in her hours.

We have heard how each LM is coping in the present circumstances. In particular it was possible to assure the Trustees of North Somerset AM that Burnham-on-Sea LM is not carrying liabilities from this Area Meeting. This means that the transfer of Burnham to North Somerset AM should be able to go ahead.

Trustees do not meet again as a full group until early in 2021, when they will consider what the prevailing national situation implies for this AM and respond to any requirements the AM may have.

The Trustees' Annual Report and Accounts for 2019 - as required by the Charity Commission - has now been completed and despatched to the CC and Quaker Stewardship Committee.

Kathy Gollin and Margaret Stocks, co-clerks.