

## Report from Trustees to WSAQM for 23rd January 2021

Meeting in person as a Trustee body, as Friends will know, is still not possible. Meetings in December 2020 and January 2021 have used either zoom or email.

The proposed away day for Trustees has now been arranged for 15<sup>th</sup> March 2021. Chris Lawson (who was instrumental in setting up this AM's Trustee body), Peter Morris (our link person to Quaker Stewardship Committee) and Pip Harris (our regional development officer) have all accepted invitations to attend.

As noted in the last report to WSAQM, Trustees' focus has again related to Covid-19. Taunton's Warden is now in receipt of financial support through the most recent job retention scheme. More surprisingly the Taunton Centre income has not yet been seriously weakened because outstanding debts have been received.

We have continued to hear how each LM is continuing to cope. Most Meetings are using several models for holding Meeting for Worship. Some have experienced increased attendance while using zoom as the medium. Others have experienced the opposite. Many Friends continue to hold Meeting at home and feel more connected than when using zoom. From Burnham-on Sea we have learned that their use of email to start and finish Meetings and to convey necessary information has enhanced attendance.

We have also learned that the transfer of Burnham to North Somerset AM, although technically possible, is not high on the list of priorities under review by North Somerset AM's Trustees at present.

Trustees have met twice in the past month. Future meetings are planned for February.

Margaret Stocks, clerk.