

## Friargate Appeals and Collections Committee 2019 Report to Local Meeting

*Remember your responsibilities as a citizen for the  
conduct of local, national and international affairs.*

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Appeals and Collections Committee was set up in 2002 to review appeals received by the Meeting, provide the script for the Sunday collections, and make recommendations for donations from Meeting funds.

The committee meets yearly in November/December to review requests for donations and to choose the weekly collections for the coming year. Each cause is announced on two Sundays, covering the first and second, or third and fourth, Sunday of the month. Fifth Sundays over the year are given over to Friargate funds.

During 2018, Friends gave £3,713.59 in total across the two causes each month. A further £305.24 was collected on Fifth Sundays for Friargate funds.

Total collected **£4,018.83** (£4,056.74 in 2017).

Exceptionally in 2018, there was an additional collection on Easter Sunday in response to an urgent appeal from Rwanda Yearly Meeting.

For 2019 we have included as usual causes which have a Quaker link, or a connection with the Meeting, drawing to Friends' attention to smaller organisations of which they might not be aware and where their gift can make the greatest impact. Alongside this we continue to include a small proportion of large charities which the Meeting has supported in the past. We alternate some causes with similar aims every other year.

In choosing the appeals for each month, we seek to balance local, national and internationally focused causes. We are interested in the work of small and innovative charities, and in local organisations offering support services to the York community. We also aim to include a range of causes supported or initiated by Quakers.

Many local Friends are of course involved with charities locally, nationally and across the world. If you know of a charity which would benefit from the Meeting's financial support, do bring it to the attention of the Appeals Committee, and we will include it alongside the other causes we are considering for the year ahead. Please bear in mind that we meet once a year to set the appeals for the year ahead, so we do not provide a swift response!; and the average collection per cause is about £150. Friargate meeting also has other ways – and sources of funding – for supporting new and ongoing initiatives.

John Gray, Convenor

Committee members: Meredith Andrea; Margaret Gravely; John Gray (convenor); Liz Lance; Donald Purves

<b>2018 Appeals &amp; Collections</b>		<b>Collected &amp; Paid to the Charity</b>
7 & 14 Jan	Friends World Committee for Consultation	£59.75
21 & 28 Jan	Quaker Action on Alcohol and Drugs	£195.50
4 & 11 Feb	Quaker Tapestry	£68.47
18 & 25 Feb	York Mind	£167.75
4 & 11 Mar	Peacemakers	£149.73
18 & 25 Mar	Freedom from Torture	£156.00
1 & 8 April	Corrymeela Community	£183.77
15 & 22 April	Prisoners Education Trust	£140.89
6 & 13 May	Tree Aid	£216.12
20 & 27 May	Christian Aid	£203.66
3 & 10 June	Carecent	£217.29
17 & 24 June	York Neighbours	£83.61
1 & 8 July	Quaker Bolivia Link	£167.70
15 & 22 July	Friends of Hlekweni	£144.73
5 & 12 Aug	Refugee Action York	£237.61
19 & 26 Aug	War Resisters International	£202.24
2 & 9 Sept	Friends School Ramallah	£195.33
16 & 23 Sept	Conscience Taxes for Peace	£96.88
7 & 14 Oct	World Land Trust	£84.44
21 & 28 Oct	Campaign for Accountabilty of American Bases	£80.18
4 & 11 Nov	Quaker Council for European Affairs	£109.16
18 & 25 Nov	Medical Aid for Palestine	£232.04
2 & 9 Dec	Northern Friends Peace Board	£140.45
16 & 23 Dec	York Samaritans	£180.29

	<b>Total: PAID TO THE CHARITIES</b>	<b>£3,713.59</b>
29-Apr	FRIARGATE Funds	£69.50
29-Jul	FRIARGATE Funds	£96.92
30-Sep	FRIARGATE Funds	£53.90
30-Dec	FRIARGATE Funds	£84.92
	<b>Total: FRIARGATE Funds</b>	<b>£305.24</b>
	<b>GRAND TOTAL OF 2018 COLLECTIONS</b>	<b>£4,018.83</b>