

## **Friargate Appeals and Collections Committee**

### **Report to Local Meeting July 2018**

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

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Friargate Meeting set up the Appeals and Collections Committee in 2002 to establish a small group that would 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 to review requests for donations and make recommendations for weekly collections for the coming year. To aid this process a spreadsheet for the years 2011 to 2017 was prepared showing that we donated to 72 organisations (see below). We seek to balance local, national and internationally focused causes. Those selected often highlight the work of small and innovative charities, or of local organisations offering support services.

Quakers are often involved with charities locally, nationally and in many parts of the world. Friends who are actively involved with such causes which would benefit from the Meeting's financial support are encouraged to bring them to the attention of the Appeals Committee.

For 2018 (see below) we focussed once again on causes which have a Quaker link, or a connection with the Meeting, trying to draw to Friends' attention appeals by 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 and alternate some causes with similar aims every other year.

Terry Kay carried out an analysis of bank statements to determine the amounts donated in 2017 and 2016 (see below).

John Gray took over as convenor from January 2018.

Keith Knight Convenor 2017:

Committee 2017  
John Gray  
Donald Purves  
Saffron Walking  
Stacey Hockin