

## Report to York Area Meeting

Name of event	Woodbrooke online clerking course November 2016
Date and place of event	As above
Your name	Linda Smith and Anna Botwright
Your Meeting	Thirsk
Why did you accept nomination?	Not nominated; chose to do the course because we are new co-clerks
Who ran the event?	Woodbrooke online
What was its purpose?	Training for new clerks
How was it structured?	Weekly quotation from QF&P; weekly exercise on clerking topics; downloadable online learning materials; online discussion forum to discuss topics each week. Feedback from tutors.
What did you learn?	Good basic principles of clerking; useful to hear experiences of clerks from other meetings both nationally and internationally. We both feel the tutors were not comfortable with the online format, especially the video presentations. Their written responses to the exercise work was sometimes unsatisfying, lacking detail and depth. The Moodle software is a bit cumbersome to use.
What can the Area Meeting learn?	The online course is helpful for busy people but has its limitations. We probably have the expertise across York AM to support new clerks or if not could get it from e.g. Woodbrooke on the road, Quaker Life etc.