

Minutes from the MfW for Business held at Marple on 11th January 2026

26.01.06 Laying down the Meeting

We have discerned over recent months that the only faithful response to the current state of the meeting is to lay Marple meeting down from the end of January 2026. We feel that we as individual Friends can live out our witness and worship by joining other meetings rather than devoting all our energies to sustaining the meeting which has proven increasingly hard.

We will send this minute to Area Meeting.

26.01.07 Next Steps for Marple Meeting

We ask East Cheshire Quaker Meeting to take over the practicalities regarding our assets and liabilities, including the funds held in our bank accounts, our property currently at Marple Methodist Church, and our library books.

We ask Area Meeting to communicate with all Friends at Marple about our decision to lay the meeting down and insure their pastoral care.

Marple Methodist Church has provided a home for our meeting for many years. Over the years, we have developed a close relationship with Marple Methodists. Hilary Brooks has offered to thank the congregation for offering us a home for all these years and share our gratitude. We ask East Cheshire Quaker Meeting to help us to end our relationship amicably and we would welcome if some of our property could be donated to Marple Methodist Church.

We are grateful to Rob Mallet for being prepared to work together with the Area Meeting Treasurer regarding the accounts for 2025 and transfer the accounts into the East Cheshire Quaker Meeting funds.