

## TREASURERS

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### WHAT HAS WORKED WELL?

- Online banking / electronic banking - worked well for most people reducing postage and the need to get cheques countersigned
- Going over to Quickbooks - a lot of stress caused by getting it set up, but worked well afterwards
- Quaker LM spreadsheet
- Good support from BYM

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### ISSUES AND CONCERNS

- Problems with electronic banking for some users
- Access to banks causing problems with depositing cash and cheques
- Time consuming and hard work
- Acting as Agent (paying money to charity on behalf of individuals) causing extra work for treasurers
- Role description not always clear so Friends volunteer for the role without knowing what is involved
- Some worries about training at Woodbrooke e.g. too much emphasis on Accruals accounting when many don't use it.
- AM treasurers are also trustees, so have to do two 'heavy' roles
- Problems can arise with role transfer from one person to the next
- Difficulty in finding others to do the role so treasurers in post for too long - also, knowing this makes finding others even more difficult

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### HOW DOES IT FEED YOUR LIFE AS A QUAKER?

- Able to provide a service for the LM/AM - Ministry of Money
- Stewardship
- Can be enjoyable (when everything balances)
- Can take time / energy away from other Quaker service

## WORKING TOGETHER / IDEAS

- Issues of property - can take up a lot of treasurer time. Possibly set up a Wales property group which is professionally managed - needs more discussion
- All Wales moving to professionally managed Quickbooks?
- All Wales amalgamation? But would have to be using the same system beforehand
- Have Wales in -house training
- Have others in the Meeting take on tasks e.g. collecting Gift Aid does not have to be done by the treasurer
- Outsource tasks e.g. employ a bookkeeper