

## **Nailsworth Quaker Meeting Role Description**

### **Churches Together in Nailsworth**

How many:	Between one and three
What they do:	Act as a link between Meeting and Churches Together in Nailsworth. Represent Nailsworth Quaker Meeting's witness and decisions with integrity. Keep Meeting informed of any local ecumenical activities. Keep Meeting informed about local Christian Aid activities. Inform Churches Together and its constituent churches of any activities that the Meeting is organising, at which the other churches would be especially welcome.
When they do it:	Attend Churches Together (CT) Meetings (currently 4 times a year). Host the CT meetings that are held at the Meeting House (currently once a year) and provide opening and closing devotions. Bring items for discernment from CT to MfWfB. Welcome (with the Warden and Elders) members of other churches when they join Meeting for any reason.
Why they do it:	To foster a loving and constructive relationship between Nailsworth Friends meeting and the other Churches in Nailsworth.
Resources:	The energy of the faith groups in the community coming together.
Budget:	Expenses for refreshments and contributions towards the cost of running Churches Together in Nailsworth events can be requested through the Treasurer(s).
Liaison with:	The other Churches Together in Nailsworth churches, Clerk, Assistant Clerk, Notices Clerk, Calendar Clerk and Elders.
Appointed by:	Nailsworth Quaker Meeting

Expanded description see:

- Quaker Faith and Practice 9.08 to 9.21; 27.12 to 27.20; 27.21 to 27.26; 27.35 to 27.36 and 27.37 to 27.44

QF&P 9.20: We should be wary of prematurely committing our meeting; as representatives on ecumenical bodies we must be ready on occasion, to say no even if this disappoints the expectations of other churches. In giving effect to the concept of churches together in pilgrimage, meetings will go as far and as fast along the ecumenical road as each judges, in its local situation, to be consistent with the unity in the meeting, with our understanding and practice of church government, and with Quaker testimonies and integrity.