

Nailsworth Quaker Meeting Role Description

Elders

How many:	Usually between four and seven.
What they do:	Care for the meeting. Participate in a rota of attendance at particular meetings for worship including meetings for worship for business. Ensure that Meetings for Worship start, are held and finish appropriately. Support both silent and spoken ministry. Promote learning for those new to meeting, who are considering membership and who have been attending or in membership for a long time. Act as a link between Woodbrooke and Meeting.
When they do it:	At meetings for worship, as agreed for the attendance rota. At Elders' group meetings (usually every 6 to 8 weeks). At Area Meeting Elders meetings usually 3 or 4 times a year, meeting at a different Gloucestershire meeting each time. At Britain Yearly Meeting when possible. Other meetings at which the presence of an Elder is needed.
Why they do it:	To nurture the spiritual life of the meeting.
Resources:	Courses at Woodbrooke for Elders
Budget:	Expenses (for paper and printer ink) can be reclaimed from the Treasurer(s). A budget is agreed annually
Liaison with:	Clerk, Assistant Clerk, Membership Clerk and Calendar Clerk, Overseers / Pastoral Friends
Appointed by:	Area Meeting

Expanded description see:

- Quaker Faith and Practice 12.12 Caring for one another
- Gloucestershire Area Meeting Job Description glosquakers.org