

Nailsworth Quaker Meeting Role Description

Member of Funeral Friends

How many:	Three (with assistance from elders and overseer).
What they do:	Support Friends with making their funeral wishes known.
When they do it:	<p>Inform the local meeting, the other Funeral Friends in Area Meeting and the Area Meeting Clerk as soon as possible of the death of a Friend.</p> <p>Inform Local Meetings and Area Meeting of the time, location and date of the funeral or memorial meeting via News of Friends and Local and Area Meeting Clerks.</p> <p>Ensure that the arrangements for the funeral, memorial meeting or burial / interment or scattering of ashes are made in accordance with the stated wishes of the deceased and their family wherever possible.</p> <p>Attend the funeral with elders and other Friends to uphold the meeting.</p> <p>Respond with reference to Local and Area Meeting guidance on funeral arrangements and burials, interment and scattering of ashes and any legal requirements.</p> <p>Whenever a Friend wishes to advise a Funeral Friend that they wish to make their funeral wishes known to meeting.</p> <p>Whenever notified of the death of a member or attender .</p>
Why they do it:	To be alongside Friends and their families when they make their funeral wishes known and at times of bereavement.
Resources:	Resources: Use of email, Funeral Friends from other meetings.
Budget:	Expenses can be reclaimed from the Treasurer(s).
Liaison with:	Deceased's family, Funeral Director, Crematorium staff, AM Funeral Friends, Elders and Overseers /Pastoral Friends, Warden, Convener of Finance and Premises Committee, LM Clerk, AM Clerk, AM Clerk of Trustees, neighbours and friends.
Appointed by:	Nailsworth Quaker Meeting and notified to Area Meeting.

Expanded description see:

- Nailsworth Quaker Meeting Funeral Committee: How we do it
- Nailsworth Quaker Meeting Funerals Checklist
- Gloucestershire Area Quaker Meeting: Friends Responsible for Funerals glosquakers.org
- Gloucestershire Area Meeting Funeral and memorial wishes form glosquakers.org
- Gloucestershire Area Meeting Policies on Burial, Interment and Scattering of ashes