

## **Nailsworth Quaker Meeting Role Description**

### **Overseers / Pastoral Friends**

How many:	Usually between four and seven
What they do:	Care for members and attenders of the Meeting. Have special duty to respond to the needs of the individual by way of support, comfort, friendship, or material help. Encourage attendance at Meeting, welcome newcomers and help attenders towards membership. Have a care for the children of the Meeting. Link with a named list of Friends. Be available to answer questions after Meetings for Worship.
When they do it:	Meet regularly to reflect on the welfare of members and attenders. Meet jointly with Elders approximately every two months. Keep in touch with people on their lists.
Why they do it:	To maintain contact with our members and attenders and offer pastoral and spiritual support on behalf of the meeting.
Resources:	Support from other Overseers and Elders. Recurring courses and events are held nationally, which current and prospective overseers are encouraged to attend.
Budget:	There is an annual budget. There is access to bursaries as needed.
Liaison with:	Elders, other Overseers / Pastoral Friends, Children and Young People's Committee and Clerk.
Appointed by:	Area Meeting.

Expanded description see:

- Quaker Faith and Practice Chapter 12
- Gloucestershire Area Quaker Meeting Overseers Job Description
- "How Nailsworth Overseers organise ourselves".