

Nailsworth Quaker Meeting Role Description

Supporting Friend

How many:	At least two.
What they do:	<p>Work on a 1 to 1 basis with people who are actively exploring membership of the Society of Friends.</p> <p>Help the aspiring member define and work through questions about the meaning of membership, in a way that suits the person concerned.</p> <p>Once the aspiring member has made a formal application for membership to Area Meeting, work with the AM appointed Supporting Friend and the aspiring member to produce a draft minute of membership.</p> <p>Ensure that Nailsworth Friends welcome new members.</p> <p>Ensure that all Nailsworth Friends know where to find information about membership.</p> <p>Meet as a group 3 or 4 times a year.</p>
When they do it:	As required: interest in membership is not predictable. Nailsworth usually has no more than 2 people working towards membership at any one time.
Why they do it:	To provide an aspiring member with information about Quakers and Quakerism and guidance on the meaning of membership.
Resources:	<p>Area Meeting guidance and diagrams about our Supporting Friends approach.</p> <p>Two leaflets about Membership of the Society of Friends (available in Meeting House).</p>
Budget:	Expenses (for paper and printer ink) can be reclaimed from the Treasurer(s). There is no specific budget for this work.
Liaison with:	Area Meeting Supporting Friends coordinator, Local Meeting Clerk, AM Clerk, Elders and Overseers, SFs from other Local Meetings.
Appointed by:	Area Meeting.

Expanded description see:

- Chapter 11 Quaker Faith and Practice

There is an old (2009) job description for the SF Coordinator. Val Kirby is in revising this (June 2017). The SF guidance contains advice about the desired qualities of a Supporting Friend. See pages 2 - 5 for SF guidance. glosquakers.org