# Supporting centrally managed Quaker work

"Beyond our own area meeting, funds are required for the wider organisation of Friends and the work we undertake centrally. Without these, we would be a scattered collection of small meetings with no coherence or shared witness."

Quaker faith & practice (4<sup>th</sup> edition) 14.05







## What does **Britain Yearly Meeting do?**

Peace education

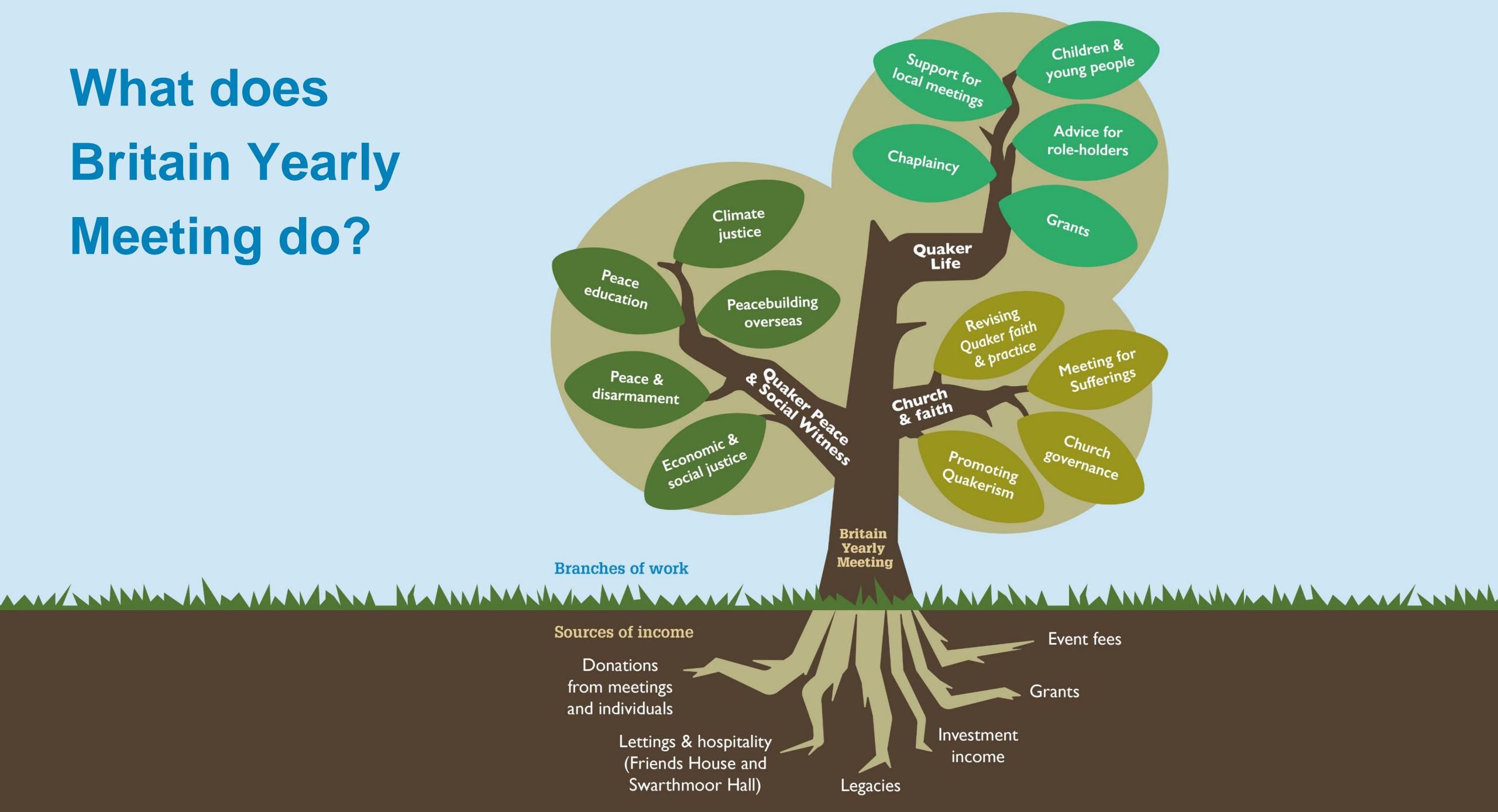
> Peace & disarmament

**Branches of work** 

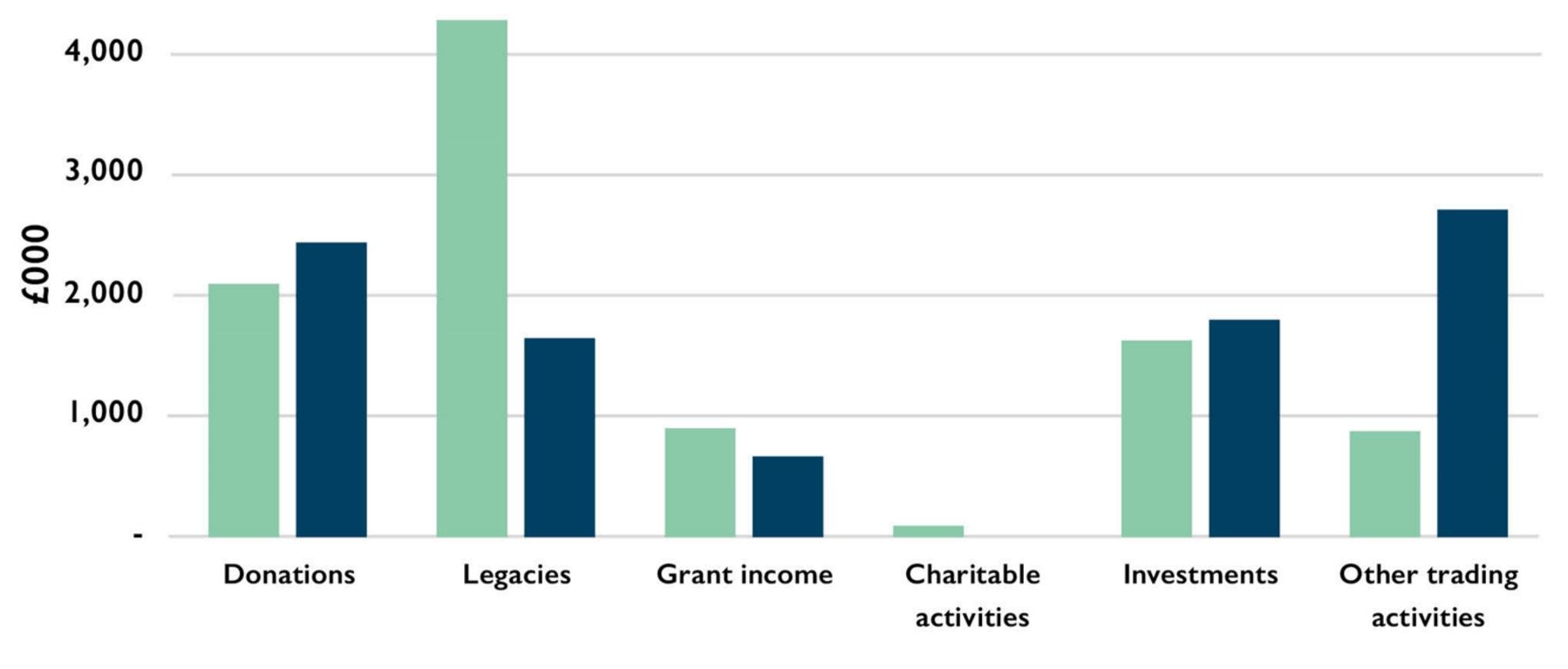
#### Sources of income

Donations from meetings and individuals

> Lettings & hospitality (Friends House and Swarthmoor Hall)



### In 2022, income from trading showed a strong recovery with legacy income significantly down on an unusual year in 2021. **Donations from Friends rose from £2.1m to £2.4m**



■ 2021 **■** 2022

### In 2022 BYM spent £7.9m on:

#### Witness through action 24%

Campaigning for a more peaceful and sustainable world

Practical action on peacebuilding and education at home and abroad

Resources and training for Friends taking local action

#### Sustaining church & faith 19%

Sustaining Meeting for Sufferings and Yearly Meeting

Facilitating the revision of *Quaker faith & practice*  **Total expenditure: £7.9m** (2021: £6.8m)

### We received £2.4m in contributions from Friends in 2022

### Supporting Quaker communities 32%

Resources for children and young people

Local development workers to help Friends sustain the life of their meetings

Safeguarding

#### Promoting Quakerism 25%

Influencing public policy to bring Quaker values to the world

Providing a strong collective voice for Quakers in Britain

Sharing our faith with others

Increasing Quaker numbers

# The challenge & how you can help

- Inflationary pressures mean that it costs more for us to deliver the work Friends want us to do
- More of the centrally managed work of Friends will need to be sustained by direct support from Friends
- If everyone were to contribute an average of £20 per month (or £240 a year), the centrally managed work would be well resourced

### Thank you for all your support.

# What Friends say about giving

'I give money to BYM because I deeply value the Quaker mix of encouragement for spiritual exploration, work for social justice and equality and environmental concern. BYM is us: it both organises our wider contribution to society and nourishes our grassroots.' Margaret Laurie, Friend

'Quakers in Britain is more than the usual charity - it is a place where the spiritual and political meet. We need a quiet space within from which political action can grow. That is why I give.

Stephen Rowland, Friend

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