

**1960s**: As a nation we are better housed than ever before, yet the housing needs of some sections of the community are not being met.

QHT was created so that Friends can help those people who are particularly vulnerable when looking for a home.

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**1970s**: About a quarter of the housing stock is unfit for habitation and homelessness in our large cities is growing.

In its first 10 years QHT primarily helped projects housing elderly people, single families, ex-prisoners and people who were lonely and/or homeless

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**1980s**: When QHT was 10 years old 34,000 families were officially homeless; 10 years later there were 120,000.

In comparison with the problem QHT resources are minimal, but its contributions to small groups often means the difference between success and failure.

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**1990s**: The inequalities and injustices that faced the groups identified in 1967 in their search for a decent home, have not changed substantially.

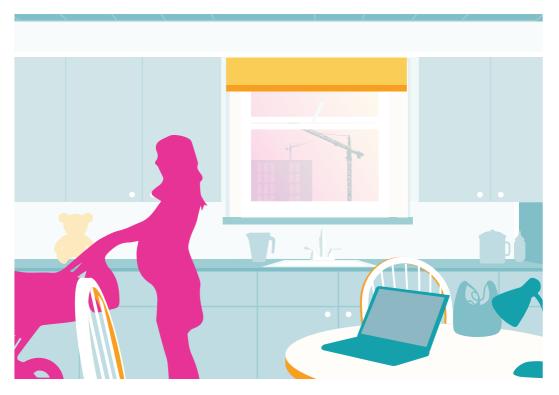
Even modest QHT grants at an early stage often plant the seeds from which significant new organisations have grown

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**2000s**: Housing needs in the 21st century are just as urgent as those in the 1960s.

QHT continues to help projects give safe homes to people of all ages and needs, now including refugees, asylum seekers, migrants and survivors of trafficking.

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**2010s**: The housing crisis now is truly shocking, but there is nothing inevitable about it and the problem *is* soluble.

Meanwhile, QHT continues to respond creatively to the approaches from projects contributing to local solutions for people in housing need.

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## Quaker Housing Trust is a way of allowing those who have accumulated housing wealth to share it with those who have not

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#### Lives have been changed by Quaker investment in meeting housing need.

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# Housing the 'unhouseable' is not just about providing bricks & mortar, but challenging prejudices within society.

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## Friends discover again and again that money is only one requirement. Both faith and works are needed.

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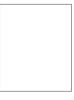
As spiritual creatures, we need hope as well as shelter – and we are optimistic that change *is* possible.

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## Where will the Society of Friends' spiritual and political focus on housing issues be in the future?

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