

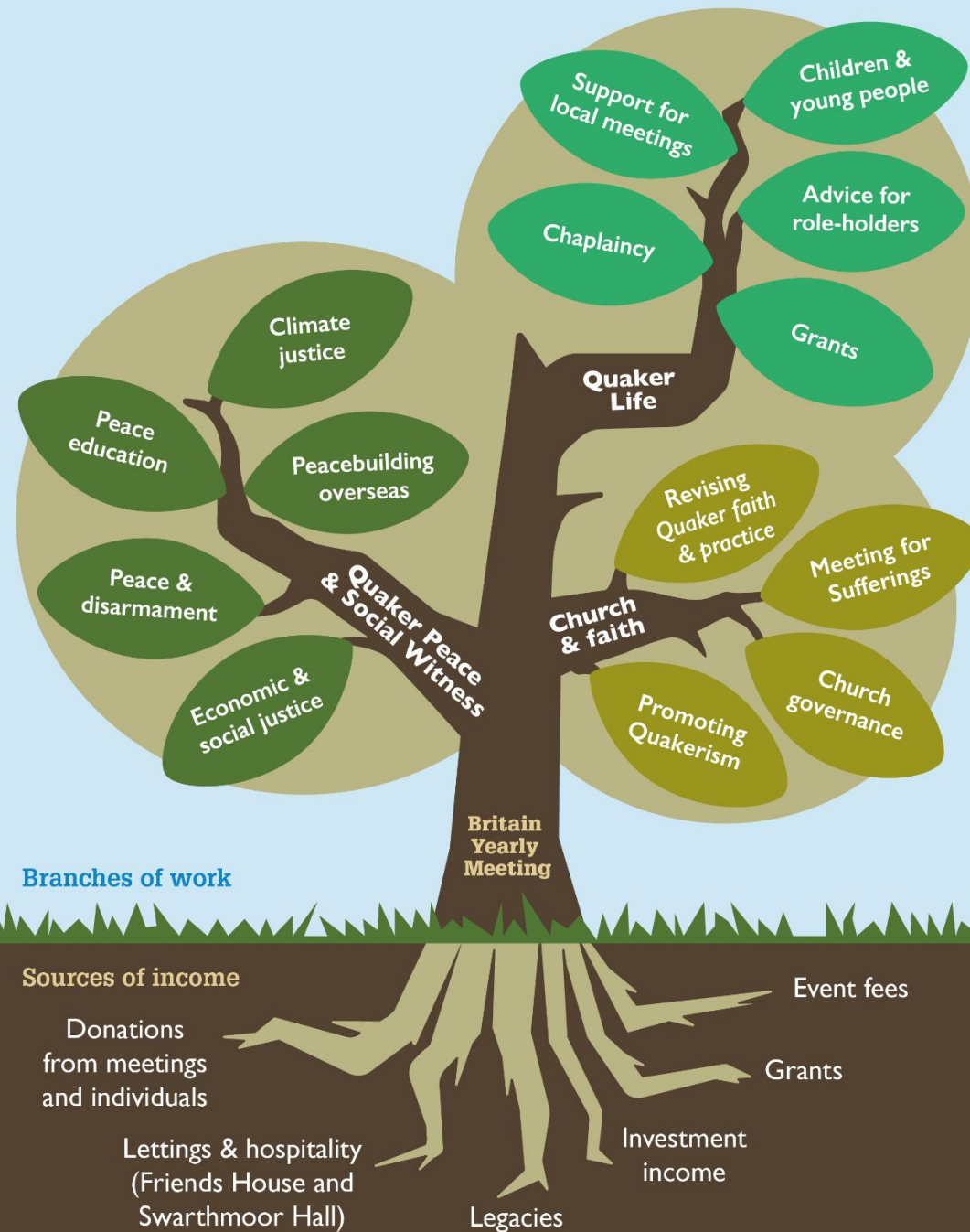
# Supporting our centrally managed work

“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.”

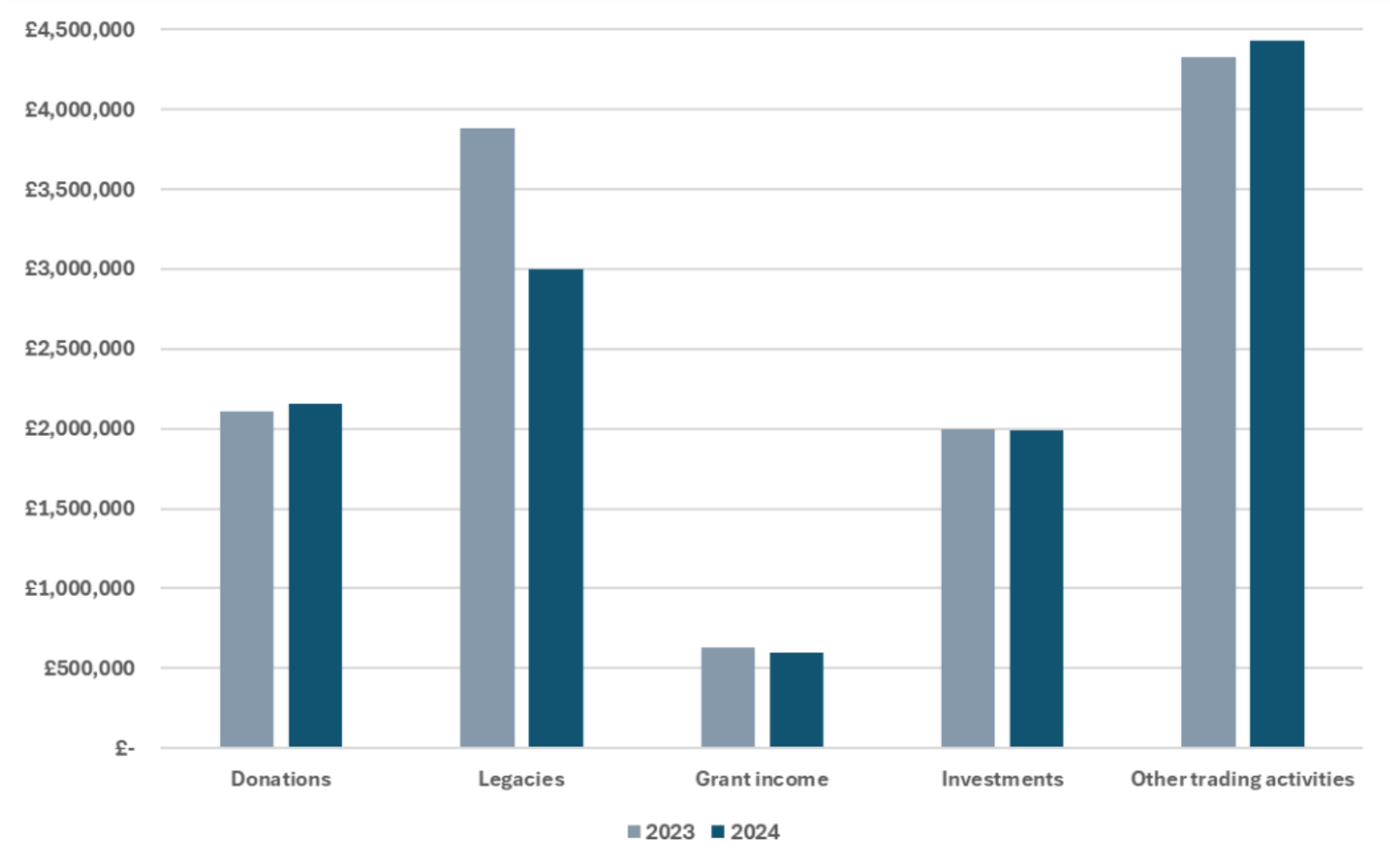
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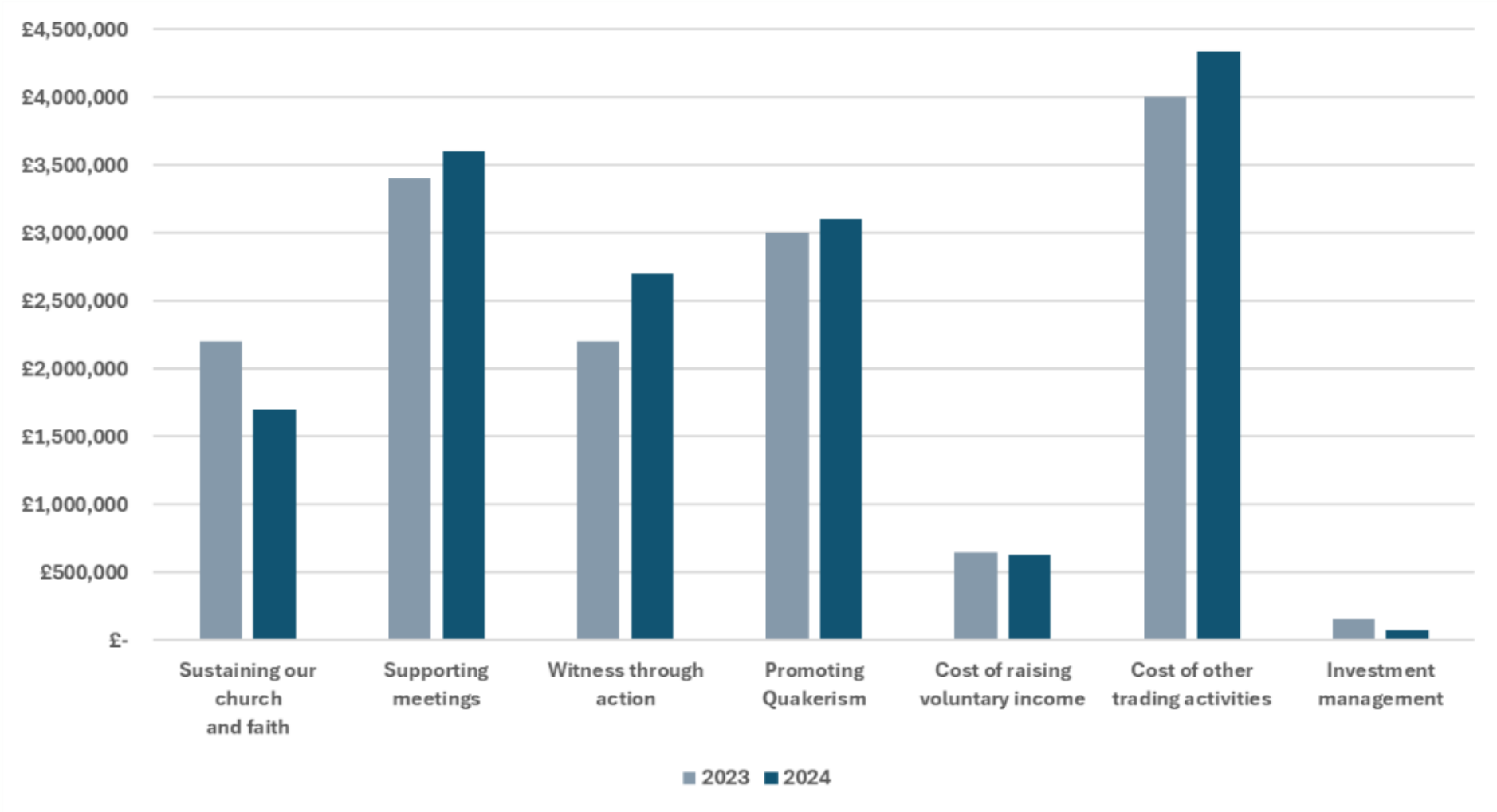
# What does Britain Yearly Meeting do?



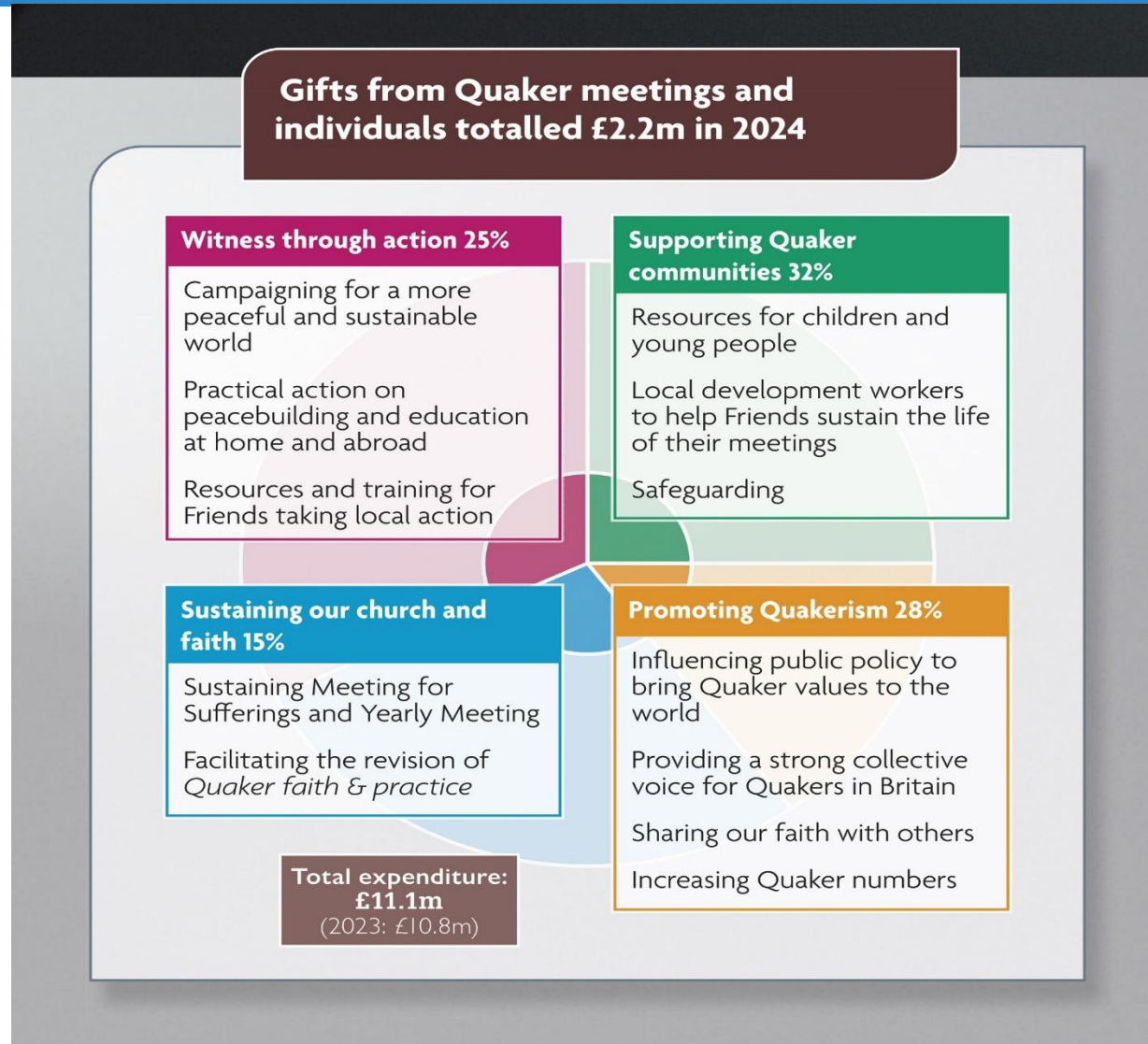
# Sources of income 2024



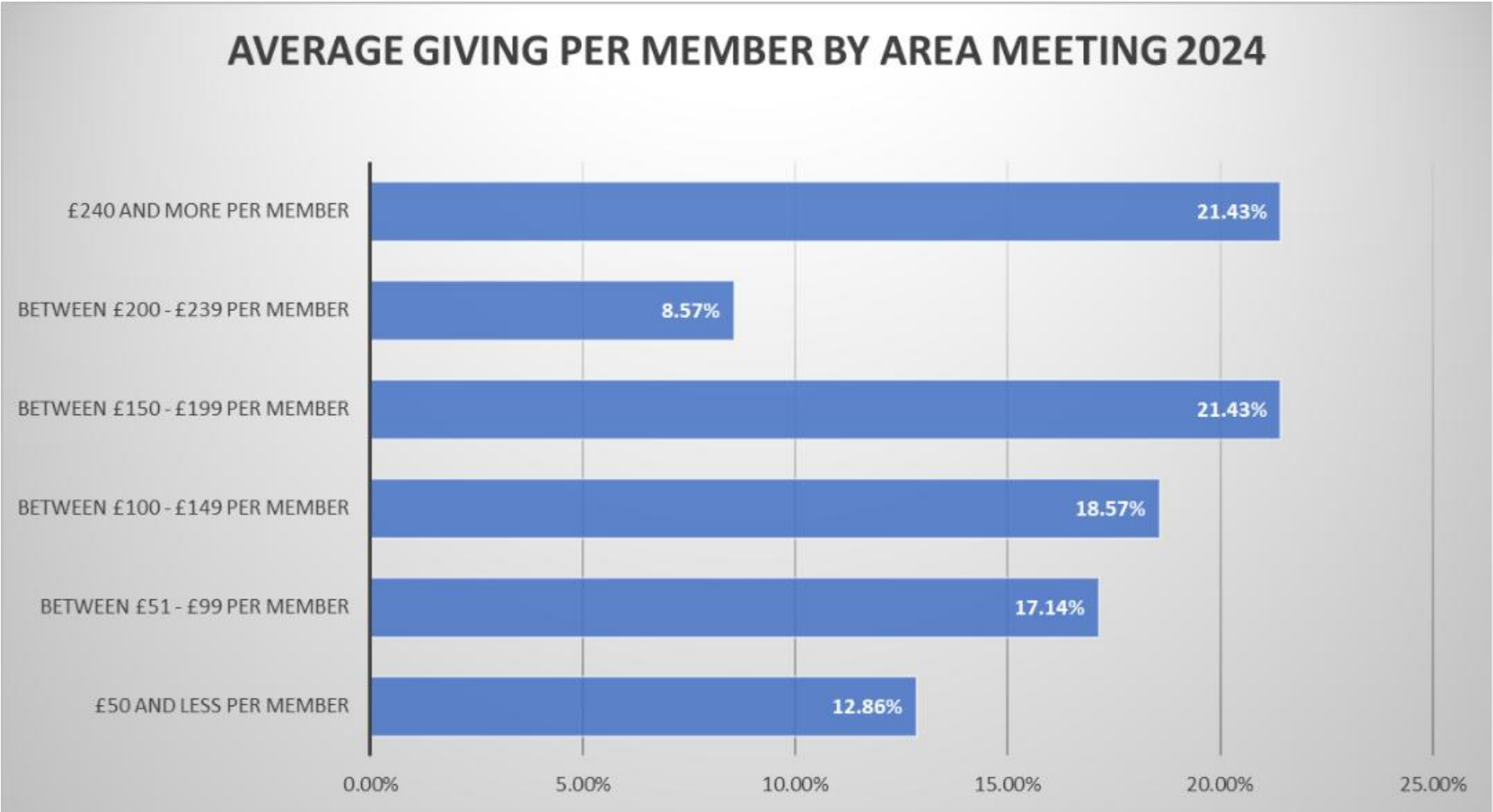
# Areas of expenditure 2024



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# Average giving by member, by area meeting 2024



# Sharing with the wider community

‘With privilege comes greater responsibility for the welfare of the community. There is joy and freedom that comes from divesting ourselves of too much power and influence, and in seeing the fruits of our gifts, or trust in what may come of them after we have gone.

Donating is not only a matter for the individual – our corporate bodies also have a duty of sharing their wealth with sister Quaker structures that may have less, and a duty to encourage a culture of generosity and giving among their members and attenders.’

BYM trustee minute, 8 February 2025



# Reasons Friends give to Britain Yearly Meeting

- **A sense of duty** as a Quaker/member of the organisation
- 'If you want to be part of something, you need to put your money where your mouth is. You can't expect things to run on fresh air and love.'



# Reasons Friends give to Britain Yearly Meeting

## To have a broader impact

‘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

# Reasons Friends give to Britain Yearly Meeting

**To support Faith in Action, particularly peace and climate justice work**

‘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.’

-Stephen Rowland

# Reasons Friends give to Britain Yearly Meeting

- **Shared values:** 'Because Quakers echo so many values that I try to uphold'
- **Giving back:** 'I owe to Quakers the support that I received in 1970 when I got out of the army.'
- **Trust that the money will be put to good use:** 'I trust the Quakers with my money.'

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