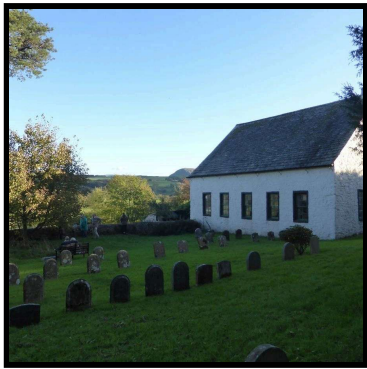


Pardshaw Quaker Centre

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Our Vision

To develop and progress the vision of Pardshaw Quaker Centre as a resource for Quakers, other groups and the local community – a place for worship, relaxation, learning, fun, creative activities, or short breaks in simple, affordable accommodation, in a historical and peaceful setting.

Autumn Gather Thursday 16th - Sunday 19th October

I'm writing this on Thursday evening and very much looking forward to sitting by the wonderful new stove in a weeks time at the gather.

All are welcome for some or all of the time, if you live local come as a day visitor. Cost is the normal booking fee £15pn (or what you can reasonably afford) plus food



which will be veggie/vegan. Please notify any other dietary requirements and we will make sure they're met. Lifts can be arranged from Cockermouth (bus) or Maryport (trains), again please give as much notice as possible.

We do need to know you're coming as much in advance as you can as it helps to make sure we have enough food (very important!) **dawnbeck42@gmail.com** is the contact email.

Bring books, games, crafts, walking boots etc, swimming stuff (if you're feeling brave enough for an outdoor dip) and anything else you like.



Membership

I know I keep going on about this, but honestly if you love Pardshaw and want to support it, **PLEASE** will you join as a Friend of Pardshaw. So far we only have 20 members and this newsletter goes out to almost 140 people. It's £10 per year (not gift aidable) and entitles you to book Pardshaw. It also means that you're helping us to be able to show that we have an active membership who support the work we are doing to

keep Pardshaw going, which is especially useful when fundraising. To join, go to our [website](#) and follow the links. Once you've joined, it would be great if you could set up a standing order with your bank (we can't do that for you) for the 1st of January each year to keep it continuous.

WANTED - New Trustees

Those who read The Friend will have seen our rather lovely advert for Trustees, unfortunately I can't get it to copy over here, so you get the information without the pretty layout.



Join us and help write the next chapter of Pardshaw's story.

Pardshaw Quaker Centre has been a place of worship, reflection, and fellowship for centuries. Today, it is still a peaceful and welcoming space and with your help, we can ensure it thrives for generations to come. We're looking for new trustees and members to join us. No need to be an expert – just someone who cares about community, heritage and creating a place where people feel at home. Together we are developing Pardshaw Quaker Centre as:

- A resource for Quakers and the wider community
- A space for worship, creativity, rest, and renewal
- Simple, affordable accommodation in a calm, historic setting

Join a friendly group working to keep Pardshaw open and flourishing. Whether offering time, skills, ideas, or simply enthusiasm, you could make a real difference.

Interested? We'd love to hear from you.

pardshawquakercentre.org.uk

info@pardshawquakercentre.co.uk

I've been sent the details of this course which is happening at Pardshaw - please do consider booking as it looks fascinating.

Introduction to Permaculture

Saturday 15th and Sunday 16th of November 2025

10 am to 5 pm



A two day course at the historic Pardshaw Quaker Centre. What is Permaculture? It is a way of thinking that uses nature as a guide to help us plan and do things better.

Come and find out about Permaculture and how to live life in a more sustainable way for yourself, your community and the world around you.

You will learn about the ethics, principles and applications of Permaculture and receive an Introduction to Permaculture course certificate (CPD UK certified).

Cost: £120 with concessional prices

If you are interested please send me an email on

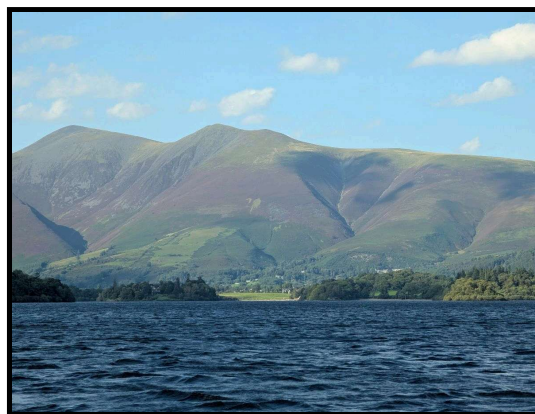
graham.wigginton.uk@gmail.com



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Kes has sent in the following report of a group who meet at Pardshaw over the August Bank Holiday weekend.

The Effective Altruist community quampaway came to Pardshaw over the August bank holiday weekend. EAs are a community group of mainly young adults with a hobby of donating to charities, and like to meet up to socialise and discuss what donation options most meet their goals.



EAs often shun expensive holiday options no matter their personal circumstances (the money could be better used if given to charity) so were a great fit for Pardshaw and really appreciated the atmosphere of the place.

We swam in Loweswater, hiked around Ennerdale valley, and had a picnic up the crag and a game of Capture the Flag. We also met up with some local Quakers on holiday and did an Epilogue with candles. A couple of them might be interested in going to Young Friends General Meeting! Although I did have to explain that Quakers are anti-tithing when a couple of them suggested to make the "right portion of your money to support Quaker work" bit of Advices and Queries into a stronger statement.

Overall we had a great time and are hoping to come back next year, and maybe organise additional events at Pardshaw.



Photos in this edition by Carolyn Phillips, Dawn Beck and Kes Ward

Thankyou for reading all this and supporting Pardshaw.
As ever if you have any feedback about this newsletter, please contact me at dawnbeck42@gmail.com.

Thank you.

In peace

Dawn



Finances

Bank details for our Co-operative Bank account are:

Account name: Pardshaw Quaker Centre

Account number: 67222452

Sort code: 08-92-99

Cheques should be made payable to Pardshaw Quaker Centre and posted to

Dave Moll, 83 Main Street, Great Broughton, Cockermouth, Cumbria, CA13 0YJ.

We can now also accept donations via [Just Giving](#)



Why not show others the video to help inform and inspire?



[Website: reminders and updates](#)

On the 'About Us' page of the website, we have a section entitled 'Pardshaw Past and Present':

<https://pardshawquakercentre.org.uk/about/pardshaw-past-and-present/>

If you have a memory of a visit to Pardshaw, that you would like to share, please send it to us (with photos if possible) so that we can add it to that page of the website. Personal accounts are fascinating to read and show how Pardshaw is, and indeed has been for many years, such a special place to so many people.

Please also take a look at (and like!) our Facebook page:

<https://www.facebook.com/Pardshawquakercentre/>

Any contributions for the website should be sent to Chris Thomas at candcthomas@btinternet.com



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