



The Monument in Fenny Drayton village commemorating the life of George Fox



Picnicking in Hartshill Hayes Country Park (opposite the meeting house) where George Fox tended sheep



Fenny Drayton Church where Nathaniel Stephens was priest and Christopher Fox (father of George) was church warden. (2 miles)



Mancetter Church where the priest bid George "take Psalms and tobacco" to cure him. (2 miles)

Or even Atherstone where the High Street is still full of public houses. See if you can find the one where George went on a market day for a drink with his cousins and left when they started silly drinking games. (3 miles)

What Hartshill has to offer

Hartshill meeting house is the nearest meeting to Fenny Drayton, the next village, where George Fox was born and brought up. Hartshill village has a long history dating back to earliest Quaker times when Friends would meet in the barn of Nathaniel Newton, a contemporary of George Fox, at the Grange. The Grange is a place he would visit upon his return from his early travels and was where his son, also Nathaniel, set up a school before it was relocated on the site of the current meeting house. At its peak this was one of the largest Quaker boarding schools. Nathaniel also gave a barn which was converted into a meeting house on The Green.

Hartshill Friends have a vision of the future of the meeting house as including a heritage centre with exhibitions, talks and events linked to the unique Quaker history of the area from the time of the early Friends through to the fascinating legacy of the mission tradition of the 20th century which made the meeting house a hub of religious and social events for many people in the village.



The old school which was demolished to build the current meeting house.

Interested in visiting?

See some of the historical walk leaflets on www.1624country.org.uk

If you are arranging a party to visit please contact us.

Hartshill Meeting House Refurbishment Appeal



Help us to make Hartshill able to welcome you to 1624 country - the area where George Fox was born and brought up

... and fit for the 21st century

Hartshill Friends are proud of their heritage and the connection with 'our George' at the very heart of the Quaker movement and are always keen to welcome visiting Friends



Hartshill Meeting House Refurbishment Appeal

Hartshill meeting house was built in 1972 and is an imaginatively purpose designed building. In many ways it is a classic of its style of design, a feature we are keen to retain. However, it reflects much of the building design standards of the day and now needs refurbishment to the outside and improvements inside.



Hartshill Meeting House Refurbishment Appeal

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**C/o The Treasurer
Hartshill Quaker Meeting House
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Hartshill, Nuneaton
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What we are planning to do initially is:

- Replace the poor condition, leaking, flat roof with one with a high insulation value and a long lasting surface.
- Replace the feature skylight windows in the meeting room with high efficiency glazing and improve the room ventilation.
- Repair the pointing to the building and provide improved insulation such as cavity wall insulation.
- Replace the remaining metal framed single glazed windows.
- Provide accessible toilet facilities and a hearing loop.

Any additional money which we can hopefully raise can then be used to:

- Replace the single glazed wooden patio windows and doors with modern high efficiency double glazing and frames that are not rotten!
- Improve the general accessibility to the building including improved disabled access between different areas of the building.
- Re-commission the heating system to make this more efficient and environmentally friendly.
- And very importantly get our temporary exhibition about George Fox and the early Quakers in a state to welcome all to 'The George Fox Country'.

We have been able to contribute some money towards the project ourselves and have financial support from Central England Quakers, our Area Meeting. We are also making applications to grant giving bodies in the hope to be able to achieve a minimum of £45,000 for the initial work. If we can achieve more than this then we can, as one person summarised it, really begin to bring the meeting house into the 21st century, providing far better disability access and energy efficiency. To be able to achieve all the work the meeting house would benefit from would require around £105,000.

For further information or if you have any queries please email: **'appeal@1624country.org.uk'**

