

Britain Yearly Meeting of the Religious
Society of Friends (Quakers)

Patterns of membership

including the 2021 tabular statement

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Membership patterns in Britain

Yearly Meeting

The tabular statement of membership has been published annually since 1861. It informs the yearly meeting of the number of Friends in membership, based on information provided by area meetings (see *Quaker faith & practice* 4.10h).

This document contains information down to area meeting level. Additional data, including local meeting data, will be available online at www.quaker.org.uk/ym.

Membership

Membership of the yearly meeting at the end of 2021 was 11,828 (12,125 in 2020), a decrease of 297. During the year 148 came into membership. The membership of 117 adults was terminated and area meetings recorded 299 deaths.

Attenders

The number of recorded attenders was 6,479 (6,902 in 2020) and there were 1,006 children not in membership (1,164 in 2020).

Marriages

There were 24 marriages in 2021 (ten in 2020). In three of these, both partners were members of Britain Yearly Meeting; in 15, one partner was a member; and in six, neither partner was a member. These figures include six same-sex and 18 opposite-sex marriages.

The statistical tables

Quakers in regions and general meetings of Britain

Table 1 provides a summary of incomings and outgoings for Britain Yearly Meeting as a whole. Membership fell by 2.45% over the year. New memberships fell by 70 compared to 2020. Terminations fell by 22.

Table 2 provides membership statistics for the yearly meeting since 1935.

Table 3 provides a regional summary of the number of members and attenders as well as an indication of the proportion who are children, attenders and women. 58% of members and attenders are women and 38% of all adults are attenders. The gender

category of 'other' (introduced in 2015) has been used by a few area meetings. Meetings may wish to make members and attenders aware of the opportunity to be recorded this way.

Table 4 summarises trends in membership over the last ten years. Convincements over ten years represent 2,759 Friends or 23% of total membership. Terminations over the same period were 1,874 and deaths were 3,077. This resulted in a decline in membership of 2,269 with notified changes from 2011. The overall decline in members and attenders in the year is from 20,191 to 19,313.

Area meetings

Table 5 provides information on members, attenders and children for each area meeting, as well as information on those joining and leaving over the last ten years.

Table 6 looks at trends at area meeting level over ten years. Over this time the membership of one area meeting grew, and in two area meetings the total number of adults (members and attenders) remained the same.

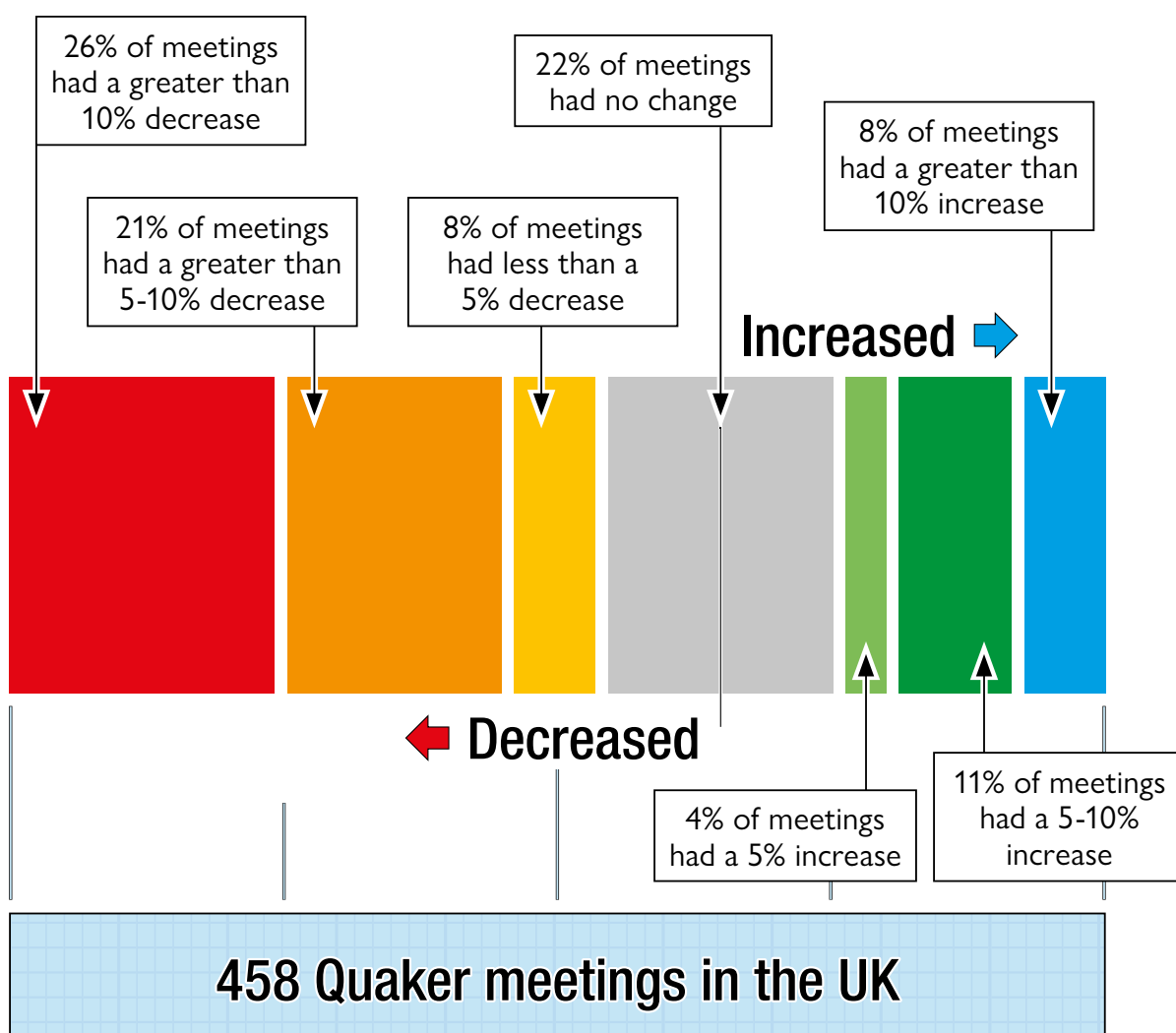
Local meetings

There were 458 local meetings (LMs) at the end of 2021 and three unofficial worshipping groups. One meeting opened and six local meetings informed us of their closure. Due to the Covid-19 pandemic, a significant number of Quakers continued to gather online, in local and area meeting groups as well as participating in national and international worship. A large number of meetings met in a blended way, combining online participation with in-person attendance.

Table 1. Quakers coming into membership and ceasing to be members of Britain Yearly Meeting in 2021

Incomings	2020	2021	Outgoings	2020	2021
By application			By termination of membership		
Adults	218	133	initiative of member	87	88
Children	0	15	initiative of area meeting	52	29
			termination of children's membership	0	0
Subtotal	218	148	Subtotal	139	117
			By death	330	299
By certificate			By certificate		
from Britain Yearly Meeting	103	118	to Britain Yearly Meeting	103	116
from another yearly meeting	0	1	to another yearly meeting	8	8
Subtotal	103	119	Subtotal	111	124
Total notified incomings to AMs	321	267	Total notified outgoings from area meetings	580	540
	2020	2021		2020	2021
Members living abroad	117	113	Total number of members at start of year	12,498	12,125
Sojourning members	18	28	Recorded +/- in membership	-259	-273
			Balance of notified discrepancies	-114	-24
Number of area meetings	70	70	Number of members at end of year	12,125	11,828
Number of local meetings	463	458	As a % of membership loss/gain	-2.98%	-2.45%

Figure 1. Local meeting membership changes, from 2019 to 2021



About the tabular statement

Since 2013, changes have been made to the tabular statement to help make the data more informative and to highlight important patterns and trends. All data are collected from area meetings, but at local meeting level. Historical data from the last 20 years are being used to provide more information on trends.

Following requests from individuals and area meetings, Meeting for Sufferings asked the Recording Clerk to consider how best to provide information on gender. As a result, an additional category of 'other' has been included (see Terminology below). Some meetings have chosen to use 'other' to remove gender reporting in their meetings.

Terminology

Attender: one who, not being a member, frequently attends a specific meeting for worship (*Quaker faith & practice* 11.38). This refers to an adult attender; children not in membership are identified separately.

Child: someone under 16 years of age.

Member: one who is in membership of the Society. Unless stated differently, figures include children in membership.

Other: adults who have indicated a gender identity other than man or woman. This might include people who have stated they are agender, neutrois or who have a(nother) non-binary gender identity.

Sojourning member: a member of another yearly meeting, recognised as sojourning their membership within an area meeting in Britain (*Quaker faith & practice* 11.27). Identified separately, they are not included in the membership figures.

Boundary changes

In 2015, North Cumbria AM and West Cumbria AM combined to form Cumberland AM. Where two area meetings combine to form a single one, figures provided for all years combine the data for the constituent meetings. Where area meetings have separated into more than one, membership information is based on the actual numbers for each of the constituent local meetings. Up to 2014, figures for flows (convincements, terminations, transfers and deaths) were only collected at area meeting level. Estimates are based on the proportion of the membership forming each new area meeting in the year they were formed. This applies to: North Somerset AM (formed 2011); West Wiltshire & East Somerset AM (formed 2011). Where a single local meeting moved from one area to another, it has not been possible to adjust the overall historic figures.

Data for that meeting are included with the area meeting of which it is part in any year. This affects: Chorley LM, which transferred from Lancashire Central & North AM to Pendle Hill AM in 2016; and in 2021, Leigh-on-Sea LM transferred from North East Thames AM into Mid Essex AM.

Year-end figures and corrections

Each area meeting is required to send tabular statement information for the year ending 31 December. Meetings are given an opportunity to correct previous year data with subsequent amendments to changes (including transfers and deaths), which were minuted within the last year but not returned before the year-end deadline. Figures for Devon AM, Swarthmoor AM and West Kent AM are taken from the 2020 returns.

In the past, revisions were included in the figures for the following year. As this distorts trends, the method adopted since 2014 is to modify membership figures each year to take into account corrections provided the following year. These corrections are indicated in the notified discrepancies row within [Table 1](#).

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Version 1.2 corrects an error to a header within [Table 3](#), indicating the percentage of adults in membership. In version 1, this was incorrectly titled 'percentage of adults who are attenders'.

This document and supplementary tables are also available for download from:

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Table 2. BYM membership statistics, 1935 to 2021

Date	Members			Attendees			Members plus attendees			Annual changes			
	Adult members	Child members	Total members	Adult attendees	Children not in membership	Total attendees	Adults	Children	Total-all	Members*	Adult members and attendees	Annual changes: children	Overall total changes
1935	17,251	2,050	19,301										
1940	17,821	2,006	19,827							105			
1945	17,851	2,683	20,534							141			
1950	17,486	3,309	20,795							52			
1955	17,439	3,904	21,343							110			
1960	17,655	3,567	21,222							-24			
1965	18,208	2,854	21,062	5,248	3,899	9,147	23,456	6,753	30,209	-32			
1970	18,832	1,920	20,752	5,796	4,345	10,141	24,628	6,265	30,893	-62	1,172	-488	684
1975	18,865	1,133	19,998	5,830	4,685	10,515	24,695	5,818	30,513	-244	80	-61	19
1980	17,891	658	18,549	5,880	4,278	10,158	23,771	4,936	28,707	-235	-397	-310	-707
1981	17,790	601	18,391	6,243	4,611	10,854	24,033	5,212	29,245	-158	262	276	538
1982	17,741	562	18,303	6,557	4,836	11,393	24,298	5,398	29,696	-88	265	186	451
1983	17,631	500	18,131	6,788	4,655	11,443	24,419	5,155	29,574	-172	121	-243	-122
1984	17,574	471	18,045	7,358	4,956	12,314	24,932	5,427	30,359	-86	513	272	785
1985	17,605	471	18,076	7,732	5,006	12,738	25,337	5,477	30,814	31	405	50	455
1986	17,636	435	18,071	7,936	5,188	13,124	25,572	5,623	31,195	-5	235	146	381
1987	17,692	395	18,087	8,174	5,203	13,377	25,866	5,598	31,464	16	294	-25	269
1988	17,640	370	18,010	8,529	5,089	13,618	26,169	5,459	31,628	-77	303	-139	164
1989	17,709	361	18,070	8,691	5,183	13,874	26,400	5,544	31,944	60	231	85	316
1990	17,765	319	18,084	8,758	5,114	13,872	26,523	5,433	31,956	14	123	-111	12
1991	17,760	312	18,072	8,997	5,340	14,337	26,757	5,652	32,409	-12	234	219	453
1992	17,651	283	17,934	8,995	4,886	13,881	26,646	5,169	31,815	-138	-111	-483	-594
1993	17,549	253	17,802	9,207	4,857	14,064	26,756	5,110	31,866	-132	110	-59	51
1994	17,351	228	17,579	8,958	4,898	13,856	26,309	5,126	31,435	-223	-447	16	-431
1995	17,296	222	17,518	8,901	4,629	13,530	26,197	4,851	31,048	-61	-112	-275	-387
1996	17,119	211	17,330	9,054	4,458	13,512	26,173	4,669	30,842	-188	-24	-182	-206
1997	16,998	191	17,189	9,129	4,304	13,433	26,127	4,495	30,622	-141	-46	-174	-220
1998	16,786	192	16,978	9,201	4,108	13,309	25,987	4,300	30,287	-211	-140	-195	-335
1999	16,532	179	16,711	9,038	4,046	13,084	25,570	4,225	29,795	-267	-417	-75	-492
2000	16,312	174	16,486	9,058	3,770	12,828	25,370	3,944	29,314	-225	-200	-281	-481
2001	16,032	169	16,201	8,719	3,635	12,354	24,751	3,804	28,555	-285	-619	-140	-759
2002	15,796	149	15,945	8,412	3,453	11,865	24,208	3,602	27,810	-256	-543	-202	-745
2003	15,615	142	15,757	8,565	3,382	11,947	24,180	3,524	27,704	-188	-28	-78	-106
2004	15,415	133	15,548	8,468	3,017	11,485	23,883	3,050	26,933	-209	-297	-474	-771
2005	15,273	101	15,374	8,127	2,764	10,891	23,404	2,865	26,269	-170	-479	-185	-664
2006	15,065	82	15,147	8,164	2,475	10,639	23,212	2,557	25,769	-248	-192	-308	-500
2007	14,847	63	14,910	8,133	2,228	10,361	22,980	2,291	25,271	-220	-232	-266	-498
2008	14,552	55	14,607	8,017	2,190	10,207	22,569	2,245	24,814	-303	-411	-46	-457
2009	14,371	59	14,430	8,330	2,237	10,567	22,701	2,296	24,997	-177	132	51	183
2010	14,220	55	14,275	8,560	2,196	10,756	22,780	2,251	25,031	-155	79	-45	34
2011	14,048	49	14,097	8,711	2,107	10,818	22,759	2,156	24,915	-178	-21	-95	-116
2012	13,873	43	13,916	8,681	2,004	10,685	22,554	2,047	24,601	-181	-205	-109	-314
2013	13,656	47	13,703	8,495	1,984	10,479	22,151	2,031	24,182	-213	-403	-16	-419
2014	13,483	44	13,527	8,409	1,947	10,356	21,871	1,990	23,861	-176	-280	-41	-321
2015	13,335	41	13,376	7,983	1,683	9,666	21,318	1,724	23,042	-151	-553	-266	-819
2016	13,146	42	13,188	8,131	1,544	9,675	21,277	1,586	22,863	-188	-41	-138	-179
2017	12,884	48	12,892	7,955	1,506	9,461	20,799	1,554	22,353	-296	-478	-32	-510
2018	12,624	42	12,666	7,433	1,476	8,909	20,057	1,518	21,575	-226	-742	-36	-778
2019	12,386	112	12,498	6,965	1,283	8,248	19,351	1,395	20,746	-168	-706	-123	-829
2020	12,032	93	12,125	6,902	1,164	8,066	18,934	1,257	20,191	-373	-417	-138	-555
2021	11,737	91	11,828	6,479	1,006	7,485	18,226	1,098	19,313	-297	-708	-159	-878

* Membership change figures for 1940 to 1960 are annual averages for each five-year period.
 Membership figures from 2000 are adjusted to include subsequent corrections provided by area meetings.

Table 3. Quakers in regions and general meetings of Britain, 2021: summary

Region	Number of members at end 2021					Number of attenders at end 2021					Members plus attenders at end 2021					Percent of total who are children	Percent of adults who are members	Percent of adults who are women
	Men	Women	Other	Unspecified / not disclosed (adults)	Children	Total	Men	Women	Other	Children	Unspecified / not disclosed (adults)	Total adults	Men	Women	Other			
Bedfordshire	262	375	-	-	-	637	145	237	-	-	446	407	612	-	-	-	64	1,019
Berks & Oxon	218	394	-	-	1	613	173	230	-	-	476	391	624	-	-	-	73	1,015
Bristol & Wessex	367	684	1	-	13	1,065	115	211	1	-	412	482	895	2	-	-	85	1,379
Cumberland	52	93	-	-	1	146	23	41	-	-	67	75	134	-	-	-	3	209
Derbys, Lincs & Notts	154	232	1	-	-	387	90	117	2	-	215	244	349	3	-	-	6	596
Devon & Cornwall	179	300	-	-	-	479	155	242	-	-	415	334	542	-	-	-	18	876
Essex & Suffolk	150	280	1	-	-	431	60	101	-	-	166	210	381	1	-	-	5	592
Hants, SE Dorset & Islands	50	103	-	278	-	431	20	42	-	157	252	70	145	-	-	-	33	650
Kent	66	140	-	-	-	206	42	60	-	-	103	108	200	-	-	-	1	308
London	402	696	4	-	1	1,103	255	397	-	-	770	657	1,093	4	-	-	119	1,754
N Wales & NW England	265	481	-	-	-	746	190	269	2	-	557	455	750	2	-	-	96	1,207
NE England	143	220	-	-	3	366	82	133	-	-	244	225	353	-	-	-	29	578
Norfolk, Cambs & Hunts	205	315	-	-	1	521	104	178	-	-	322	309	493	-	-	-	40	802
Scotland	244	443	-	-	-	687	230	318	2	-	658	474	761	2	-	-	108	1,237
Sussex & Surrey	242	410	-	-	4	656	135	205	-	-	396	377	615	-	-	-	56	992
Warwick, Leics & Staffs	115	212	-	444	2	773	65	80	-	235	437	180	292	-	-	679	59	1,151
Western	326	540	3	-	-	869	201	340	1	-	614	527	880	4	-	-	72	1,411
Westmorland	138	231	-	-	2	371	67	104	-	-	197	205	335	-	-	-	26	540
Yorkshire	471	804	3	-	63	1,341	231	390	1	-	738	702	1,194	4	-	-	116	1,900
REGIONAL TOTALS	4,049	6,953	13	722	91	11,828	2,383	3,695	9	392	7,485	6,432	10,648	22	1,114	1,097	5	18,216
WALES TOTALS	160	294	-	-	-	454	120	193	-	43	356	280	487	-	-	-	5	767
SCOTLAND TOTALS	244	443	-	-	-	687	230	318	2	108	658	474	761	2	-	108	8	1,237
ENGLAND TOTALS	3,645	6,216	13	722	91	10,687	2,033	3,184	7	392	6,471	5,678	9,400	20	1,114	946	6	16,212

Table 4. Membership changes in regions and general meetings of Britain, 2021: recent trends

Region	Members			Change in membership 2011-2021	Members and attenders			% of adults who are members		Convincements		Deaths		Terminations		Net geographic moves	
	2021	2020	2011		Change in recorded membership 2020-2021	2021	2020	2011	2021	2011	2021	2021	2011	2021	2011	2021	Ten year net 2020-2011
Bedfordshire	637	660	830	-23	1,083	1,120	1,440	58.8%	57.6%	6	18	22	16	5	15	2	-31
Berks & Oxon	613	616	754	-3	1,089	1,108	1,417	56.3%	53.2%	12	12	15	12	4	15	14	-13
Bristol & Wessex	1,065	1,086	1,174	-21	1,477	1,697	2,077	72.1%	56.5%	9	18	30	27	5	11	6	49
Cumberland	146	151	193	-5	213	225	311	68.5%	62.1%	1	2	5	4	2	0	2	2
Derbys, Lincs & Notts	387	396	456	-9	602	670	796	64.3%	57.3%	4	9	7	8	1	2	-1	-2
Devon & Cornwall	479	505	633	-26	894	925	1,093	53.6%	57.9%	2	13	6	11	0	4	5	30
Essex & Suffolk	431	427	510	+4	597	637	860	72.2%	59.3%	6	11	15	10	7	3	2	-10
Hants, SE Dorset & Islands	431	436	491	-5	683	721	828	63.1%	59.3%	6	20	10	16	3	7	8	11
Kent	206	207	249	-1	309	338	469	66.7%	53.1%	0	3	0	9	0	3	0	5
London	1,103	1,184	1,409	-81	1,873	2,006	2,481	58.9%	56.8%	16	34	30	26	20	37	-39	-115
N Wales & NW England	746	753	864	-7	1,303	1,347	1,568	57.3%	55.1%	9	24	15	14	8	16	14	-3
NE England	366	395	436	-29	610	630	699	60.0%	62.4%	9	12	16	3	12	8	9	3
Norfolk, Cambs & Hunts	521	545	632	-24	843	916	1,071	61.8%	59.0%	5	22	16	15	9	1	4	19
Scotland	687	678	706	+9	1,345	1,233	1,561	51.1%	45.2%	10	7	7	11	4	4	20	1
Sussex & Surrey	656	682	824	-26	1,052	1,188	1,412	62.4%	58.4%	8	31	25	15	9	17	9	4
Warwick, Leics & Staffs	773	775	906	-2	1,210	1,223	1,563	63.9%	58.0%	10	10	11	24	0	8	2	16
Western	869	885	1,047	-16	1,483	1,562	1,913	58.6%	54.7%	9	21	19	27	6	8	10	23
Westmorland	371	374	416	-3	568	608	736	65.3%	56.5%	3	10	4	13	3	1	4	9
Yorkshire	1,341	1,370	1,550	-29	2,079	2,037	2,624	64.5%	59.1%	23	29	46	29	19	42	32	46
REGIONAL TOTALS	11,828	12,125	14,080	-297	19,313	20,191	24,919	62.1%	56.9%	148	306	299	290	117	202	5.42	2.32

Table 5. Changes in membership, 2011 to 2021

AM#	AM reference	LMs in 2011	Members 2011	Child attenders 2011	Adult attenders 2011	LMs in 2021	Members 2021	Child attenders 2021	Adult attenders 2021	Total members and attenders at end 2021	Members joining and leaving over ten year period				
											Convincements	Transfers in	Transfers out	Terminations	Deaths
1	Chilterns	7	223	27	125	7	144	19	89	252	34	19	32	37	69
2	Hertford & Hitchin	7	190	22	92	6	142	16	92	250	30	10	22	30	37
3	Luton & Leighton	10	325	64	197	9	277	20	158	455	52	20	32	42	48
4	Northamptonshire	4	92	12	71	4	74	9	43	126	23	11	13	21	25
	BEDFORDSHIRE	28	830	125	485	26	637	64	382	1,083	140	60	99	130	179
5	Banbury & Evesham	6	139	19	121	6	94	3	49	146	16	19	20	10	48
6	Mid-Thames	7	264	49	215	7	202	33	171	406	59	32	36	79	52
7	Oxford & Swindon	9	351	36	222	8	317	37	183	537	53	47	41	8	61
	BERKS & OXON	22	754	104	558	21	613	73	403	1,089	128	98	97	97	161
8	Bristol	7	260	69	200	7	256	61	141	458	79	41	39	28	50
9	Dorset & South Wiltshire	6	206	36	178	6	172	0	0	172	33	35	13	23	68
10	Mid-Somerset	6	275	7	63	4	232	0	0	232	17	19	14	6	42
11	North Somerset	4	122	20	83	4	99	1	23	123	14	21	16	3	16
12	West Somerset	7	137	18	96	7	127	8	54	189	26	23	16	17	30
13	West Wiltshire & East Somerset*	6	174	9	124	6	179	15	109	303	53	33	24	21	51
	BRISTOL & WESSEX	36	1,174	159	744	34	1,065	85	327	1,477	222	172	122	98	257
14	Cumberland	7	193	18	100	6	146	3	64	213	14	22	16	28	60
	CUMBERLAND	7	193	18	100	6	146	3	64	213	14	22	16	28	60
15	Lincolnshire	7	148	7	61	8	142	2	71	215	46	15	22	10	24
16	Nottinghamshire & Derbyshire	9	308	44	228	9	245	4	138	387	53	30	26	13	45
	DERBYS, LINCS & NOTTS	16	456	51	289	17	387	6	209	602	99	45	48	23	69
17	Cornwall	9	204	38	123	8	208	18	119	345	69	46	16	22	55
18	Devon	13	429	56	243	13	271	0	278	549	68	44	24	62	57
	DEVON & CORNWALL	22	633	94	366	21	479	18	397	894	137	90	40	84	112
19	Ipswich & Diss	7	166	16	99	6	162	2	70	234	40	28	19	15	41
20	Mid-Essex	4	86	10	63	5	96	0	0	96	27	2	7	9	26
21	Southern East Anglia	3	167	19	64	5	101	3	41	145	36	7	20	58	41
22	Thaxted	4	91	23	56	4	72	0	50	122	10	6	4	9	21
	ESSEX & SUFFOLK	18	510	68	282	20	431	5	161	597	113	43	50	91	129
23	Bournemouth Coastal	5	167	14	97	6	153	0	62	215	57	20	14	20	54
24	Hampshire & Islands	11	324	45	181	11	278	33	157	468	74	53	38	13	66
	HANTS, SE DORSET & ISLANDS	16	491	59	278	17	431	33	219	683	131	73	52	33	120
25	East Kent	5	132	13	80	5	109	1	43	153	21	18	14	18	21
26	West Kent	4	117	19	108	5	97	0	59	156	15	16	14	2	22
	KENT	9	249	32	188	10	206	1	102	309	36	34	28	20	43
27	Kingston & Wandsworth	5	183	27	147	5	161	11	115	287	67	20	44	26	27
28	London West	7	310	41	217	7	256	18	154	428	73	32	58	47	53
29	North East Thames	7	213	37	81	6	134	18	47	199	50	25	72	22	45
30	North London	5	89	27	66	5	97	22	67	186	40	22	18	4	15
31	North West London	6	233	25	135	6	158	0	143	301	43	16	43	28	52
32	South East London	5	174	47	126	4	144	35	81	260	41	18	34	9	30
33	South London	5	207	16	76	5	153	14	45	212	41	7	10	25	43
	LONDON	40	1,409	220	848	38	1,103	118	652	1,873	347	138	274	157	259
34	East Cheshire	7	171	32	82	8	156	26	98	280	36	17	14	11	41
35	Hardshaw & Mann	5	106	19	78	5	88	42	116	246	23	20	13	23	29
36	Manchester & Warrington	5	197	55	126	5	187	24	69	280	29	17	13	9	19
37	North Wales/Gogledd Cymru	10	100	16	78	10	77	0	81	158	41	19	14	34	39
38	Pendle Hill	6	172	25	97	6	138	0	52	190	15	9	14	20	26
39	Wirral & Chester	3	118	13	83	3	100	4	45	149	16	12	14	20	27
	N WALES & NW ENGLAND	36	864	160	544	37	746	96	461	1,303	160	94	82	117	181
40	Northumbria	8	255	35	121	8	221	18	115	354	53	22	26	61	61
41	Teesdale & Cleveland	8	149	17	53	6	118	11	70	199	39	26	9	20	25
42	Wensleydale & Swaledale	2	32	2	34	2	27	0	30	57	3	1	0	1	5
	NE ENGLAND	18	436	54	208	16	366	29	215	610	95	49	35	82	91
43	Cambridgeshire	7	299	38	159	6	254	40	100	394	74	41	29	69	60
44	Norfolk & Waveney	11	333	39	203	10	267	0	182	449	66	31	18	63	76
	NORFOLK, CAMBS & HUNTS	18	632	77	362	16	521	40	282	843	140	72	47	132	136
45	East Scotland	4	106	11	66	3	81	8	55	144	14	16	15	6	25
46	North Scotland	12	118	33	157	8	139	17	102	258	35	28	22	13	16
47	South East Scotland	8	254	91	263	10	239	61	200	500	50	38	44	62	40
48	West Scotland	10	228	54	180	12	228	22	193	443	62	37	16	29	43

Table 5, continued

AM#	AM reference	LMs in 2011	Members 2011	Child attenders 2011	Adult attenders 2011	LMs in 2021	Members 2021	Child attenders 2021	Adult attenders 2021	Total members and attenders at end 2021	Members joining and leaving over ten year period				
											Convincements	Transfers in	Transfers out	Terminations	Deaths
	SCOTLAND	34	706	189	666	33	687	108	550	1,345	161	119	97	110	124
49	Surrey & Hampshire Border	5	128	26	74	5	103	0	42	145	53	8	21	23	30
50	Sussex East	9	243	29	115	9	195	6	108	309	57	39	13	52	73
51	Sussex West	8	286	25	191	7	238	34	92	364	54	49	29	51	71
52	West Weald	8	167	35	91	7	120	16	98	234	24	2	18	23	44
	SUSSEX & SURREY	30	824	115	471	28	656	56	340	1,052	188	98	81	149	218
53	Central England	17	559	98	284	17	444	39	235	718	64	60	47	65	110
54	Leicester	4	214	46	118	4	204	12	85	301	46	23	18	-2	62
55	Staffordshire	7	133	9	97	7	125	6	60	191	36	16	12	26	21
	WARWICK, LEICS & STAFFS	28	906	153	499	28	773	57	380	1,210	146	99	77	89	193
56	Gloucestershire	8	297	23	212	8	230	16	102	348	39	39	37	48	81
57	Mid-Wales/ Canolbarth Cymru	6	74	17	79	6	76	5	80	161	12	1	7	3	12
58	South Wales/ De Cymru	14	247	44	167	12	199	38	157	394	51	33	29	51	51
59	Southern Marches/ y Gororau Deheuol**	9	216	42	158	8	188	0	107	295	57	49	32	28	94
60	Worcestershire & Shropshire	7	213	26	98	6	176	13	96	285	46	23	20	34	54
	WESTERN	44	1047	152	714	40	869	72	542	1,483	205	145	117	160	292
61	Kendal & Sedbergh	4	126	34	99	4	113	9	37	159	14	14	11	1	29
62	Lancashire Central & North	8	228	21	121	5	208	17	102	327	27	30	28	19	32
63	Swarthmoor (SW Cumbria)	4	62	1	36	4	50	0	32	82	5	5	1	1	29
	WESTMORLAND	16	416	56	256	13	371	26	171	568	46	49	40	21	90
64	Brighouse West Yorkshire	5	161	37	112	6	143	21	69	233	9	26	25	17	25
65	Central Yorkshire	7	146	8	68	6	116	11	51	178	32	14	12	22	25
66	Craven & Keighley	5	144	14	84	5	117	11	87	215	24	17	15	25	25
67	Leeds	7	236	40	147	7	176	35	97	308	40	27	25	69	61
68	Pickering & Hull	7	239	15	98	7	157	4	73	234	13	15	13	47	89
69	Sheffield & Balby	4	204	35	117	4	214	34	63	311	46	29	15	13	27
70	York	5	420	72	227	5	418	0	182	600	80	75	26	52	105
	YORKSHIRE	40	1,550	221	853	40	1,341	116	622	2,079	244	203	131	245	357
	Subtotal	478	14,080	2,107	8,711	461	11,828	1,006	6,479	19,313	2,752	1,703	1,533	1,866	3,071
	BYM Total	138	3,939	583	2,573	128	3,273	194	1,870	5,337	2,752	1,703	1,533	1,866	3,071

Boundary changes: Cumulative figures for convincements, transfers, terminations and deaths for the following meetings are estimated to reflect the proportion of the membership forming each new area meeting in the year they were formed.

* West Wiltshire & East Somerset AM: Owing to boundary changes, meeting figures are included in the appropriate AM figures within the Bristol & Wessex region.

** Southern Marches AM: Owing to boundary changes, meeting figures are included in the appropriate AM figures within the N Wales and NW England region.

AM reference # match numbers used in the map on the back cover.

Table 6. Area meetings by size, 2011 to 2021

AM#	AMs by number of members	Members			Attendees				Combined			Changes: ten year changes as percentage (%) of current AM				
		Members 2011	Members 2021	Average annual change 2011-2021	Adult attendees 2011	Adult attendees 2021	Average annual change 2011-2021	% Adults who are attendees in 2021	Total members and attendees at end 2021*	Change in total members & attendees 2011-2021	Increase or decrease as % of 2011 total	Convincements	Transfers in	Transfers out	Terminations	Deaths
53	Central England AM	559	444	-11.5	284	235	-4.9	35%	718	-223	-24%	14%	14%	11%	15%	25%
70	York AM	420	418	-0.2	227	182	-4.5	30%	600	-119	-17%	19%	18%	6%	12%	25%
7	Oxford & Swindon AM	351	317	-3.4	222	183	-3.9	37%	537	-72	-12%	17%	15%	13%	3%	19%
24	Hampshire & Islands AM	324	278	-4.6	181	157	-2.4	36%	468	-82	-15%	27%	19%	14%	5%	24%
3	Luton & Leighton AM	325	277	-4.8	197	158	-3.9	36%	455	-131	-22%	19%	7%	12%	15%	17%
18	Devon AM	429	271	-15.8	243	278	3.5	51%	549	-179	-25%	25%	16%	9%	23%	21%
44	Norfolk & Waveney AM	333	267	-6.6	203	182	-2.1	41%	449	-126	-22%	25%	12%	7%	24%	28%
8	Bristol AM	260	256	-0.4	200	141	-5.9	36%	458	-71	-13%	31%	16%	15%	11%	20%
28	London West AM	310	256	-5.4	217	154	-6.3	38%	428	-140	-25%	29%	13%	23%	18%	21%
43	Cambridgeshire AM	299	254	-4.5	159	100	-5.9	28%	394	-102	-21%	29%	16%	11%	27%	24%
16	Nottinghamshire & Derbyshire AM	308	245	-6.3	228	138	-9	36%	387	-193	-33%	22%	12%	11%	5%	18%
47	South East Scotland AM	254	239	-1.5	263	200	-6.3	46%	500	-108	-18%	21%	16%	18%	26%	17%
51	Sussex West AM	286	238	-4.8	191	92	-9.9	28%	364	-138	-27%	23%	21%	12%	21%	30%
10	Mid-Somerset AM	275	232	-4.3	63	0	-6.3	0%	232	-113	-33%	7%	8%	6%	3%	18%
56	Gloucestershire AM	297	230	-6.7	212	102	-11	31%	348	-184	-35%	17%	17%	16%	21%	35%
48	West Scotland AM	228	228	0	180	193	1.3	46%	443	-19	-4%	27%	16%	7%	13%	19%
40	Northumbria AM	255	221	-3.4	121	115	-0.6	34%	354	-57	-14%	24%	10%	12%	28%	28%
69	Sheffield & Balby AM	204	214	1	117	63	-5.4	23%	311	-45	-13%	21%	14%	7%	6%	13%
17	Cornwall AM	204	208	0.4	123	119	-0.4	36%	345	-20	-5%	33%	22%	8%	11%	26%
62	Lancashire Central & North AM	228	208	-2	121	102	-1.9	33%	327	-43	-12%	13%	14%	13%	9%	15%
54	Leicester AM	214	204	-1	118	85	-3.3	29%	301	-77	-20%	23%	11%	9%	1%	30%
6	Mid-Thames AM	264	202	-6.2	215	171	-4.4	46%	406	-122	-23%	29%	16%	18%	39%	26%
58	South Wales AM	247	199	-4.8	167	157	-1	44%	394	-64	-14%	26%	17%	15%	26%	26%
50	Sussex East AM	243	195	-4.8	115	108	-0.7	36%	309	-78	-20%	29%	20%	7%	27%	37%
59	Southern Marches AM	216	188	-2.8	158	107	-5.1	36%	295	-121	-29%	30%	26%	17%	15%	50%
36	Manchester & Warrington	197	187	-1	126	116	-1	38%	345	-33	-9%	12%	11%	7%	12%	16%
13	West Wiltshire & East Somerset AM	174	179	0.5	124	109	-1.5	38%	303	-4	-1%	30%	18%	13%	12%	28%
60	Worcestershire & Shropshire AM	213	176	-3.7	98	96	-0.2	35%	285	-52	-15%	26%	13%	11%	19%	31%
67	Leeds AM	236	176	-6	147	97	-5	36%	308	-115	-27%	23%	15%	14%	39%	35%
9	Dorset & South Wiltshire AM	206	172	-3.4	178	0	-17.8	0%	172	-248	-59%	19%	20%	8%	13%	40%
19	Ipswich & Diss AM	166	162	-0.4	99	70	-2.9	30%	234	-47	-17%	25%	17%	12%	9%	25%
27	Kingston & Wandsworth AM	183	161	-2.2	147	115	-3.2	42%	287	-70	-20%	42%	12%	27%	16%	17%
31	North West London AM	233	158	-7.5	135	143	0.8	48%	301	-92	-23%	27%	10%	27%	18%	33%
68	Pickering & Hull AM	239	157	-8.2	98	73	-2.5	32%	234	-118	-34%	8%	10%	8%	30%	57%
34	East Cheshire AM	171	156	-1.5	82	98	1.6	39%	280	-5	-2%	23%	11%	9%	7%	26%
23	Bournemouth Coastal AM	167	153	-1.4	97	62	-3.5	29%	215	-63	-23%	37%	13%	9%	13%	35%
33	South London AM	207	153	-5.4	76	45	-3.1	23%	212	-87	-29%	27%	5%	7%	16%	28%
14	Cumberland AM	193	146	-4.7	100	64	-3.6	30%	213	-98	-32%	10%	15%	11%	19%	41%
1	Chilterns AM	223	144	-7.9	125	89	-3.6	38%	252	-123	-33%	24%	13%	22%	26%	48%
32	South East London AM	174	144	-3	126	81	-4.5	36%	260	-87	-25%	28%	13%	24%	6%	21%
64	Brighouse West Yorkshire AM	161	143	-1.8	112	69	-4.3	33%	233	-77	-25%	6%	18%	17%	12%	17%
2	Hertford & Hitchin AM	190	142	-4.8	92	92	0	39%	250	-54	-18%	21%	7%	15%	21%	26%
15	Lincolnshire AM	148	142	-0.6	61	71	1	33%	215	-1	0%	32%	11%	15%	7%	17%
46	North Scotland AM	118	139	2.1	157	102	-5.5	42%	258	-50	-16%	25%	20%	16%	9%	12%
38	North Wales AM	172	138	-3.4	97	52	-4.5	27%	190	-104	-35%	11%	7%	10%	14%	19%
29	North East Thames AM	213	134	-7.9	81	47	-3.4	26%	199	-132	-40%	37%	19%	54%	16%	34%
12	West Somerset AM	137	127	-1	96	54	-4.2	30%	189	-62	-25%	20%	18%	13%	13%	24%
55	Staffordshire AM	133	125	-0.8	97	60	-3.7	32%	191	-48	-20%	29%	13%	10%	21%	17%
52	West Weald AM	167	120	-4.7	91	98	0.7	45%	234	-59	-20%	20%	2%	15%	19%	37%
41	Teesdale & Cleveland AM	149	118	-3.1	53	70	1.7	37%	199	-20	-9%	33%	22%	8%	17%	21%
66	Craven & Keighley AM	144	117	-2.7	84	87	0.3	43%	215	-27	-11%	21%	15%	13%	21%	21%
65	Central Yorkshire AM	146	116	-3	68	51	-1.7	31%	178	-44	-20%	28%	12%	10%	19%	22%
61	Kendal & Sedbergh AM	126	113	-1.3	99	37	-6.2	25%	159	-100	-39%	12%	12%	10%	1%	26%
25	East Kent AM	132	109	-2.3	80	43	-3.7	28%	153	-72	-32%	19%	17%	13%	17%	19%
49	Surrey & Hampshire Border AM	128	103	-2.5	74	42	-3.2	29%	145	-83	-36%	51%	8%	20%	22%	29%
21	Southern East Anglia AM	167	101	-6.6	64	41	-2.3	29%	145	-105	-42%	36%	7%	20%	57%	41%
39	Wirral & Chester AM	118	100	-1.8	83	45	-3.8	31%	149	-65	-30%	16%	12%	14%	20%	27%
11	North Somerset AM	122	99	-2.3	83	23	-6	19%	123	-102	-45%	14%	21%	16%	3%	16%

Table 6, continued

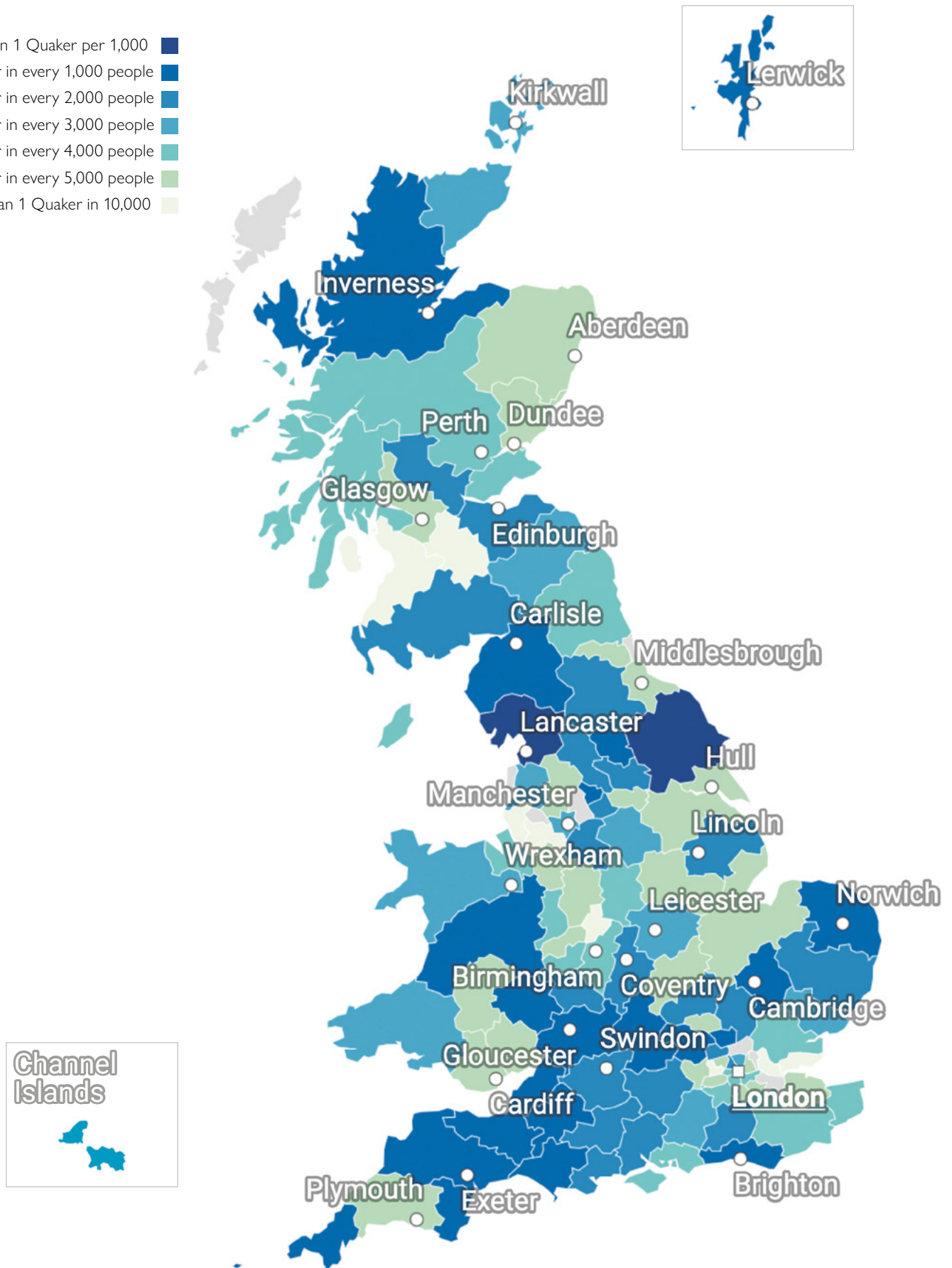
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26	West Kent AM	117	97	-2	108	59	-4.9	38%	156	-88	-36%	23%	22%	19%	6%	28%
30	North London AM	89	97	0.8	66	67	0.1	41%	186	4	2%	15%	19%	21%	9%	51%
20	Mid Essex AM	86	96	1	63	0	-6.3	0%	96	-63	-40%	19%	16%	15%	2%	23%
5	Banbury & Evesham AM	139	94	-4.5	121	49	-7.2	34%	146	-133	-48%	36%	16%	13%	9%	22%
35	Hardshaw & Mann AM	106	88	-1.8	78	69	-0.9	44%	181	-22	-11%	28%	32%	14%	26%	30%
45	East Scotland AM	106	81	-2.5	66	55	-1.1	40%	144	-39	-21%	19%	19%	21%	14%	31%
37	Pendle Hill AM	100	77	-2.3	78	81	0.3	51%	158	-36	-19%	14%	4%	10%	4%	13%
57	Mid-Wales AM	74	76	0.2	79	80	0.1	51%	161	-9	-5%	53%	22%	21%	49%	53%
4	Northamptonshire AM	92	74	-1.8	71	43	-2.8	37%	126	-49	-28%	34%	3%	9%	12%	30%
22	Thaxted AM	91	72	-1.9	56	50	-0.6	41%	122	-48	-28%	18%	8%	7%	24%	38%
63	Swarthmoor (S/West Cumbria) AM	62	50	-1.2	36	32	-0.4	39%	82	-17	-17%	10%	18%	2%	6%	62%
42	Wensleydale & Swaledale AM	32	27	-0.5	34	30	-0.4	53%	57	-11	-16%	11%	4%	4%	4%	21%
Totals		14,080	11,828	-3.22	8,711	6,479	-3.19	34%	19,313	-5,585	-22%	24%	14%	13%	16%	27%
				Average			Average	Average			Average	Average				

AM reference # match numbers used in the map on the back cover.

* Includes children.

Figure 2. How many Quakers are there per thousand people, in your area?

- More than 1 Quaker per 1,000 ■
- 1 Quaker in every 1,000 people ■
- 1 Quaker in every 2,000 people ■
- 1 Quaker in every 3,000 people ■
- 1 Quaker in every 4,000 people ■
- 1 Quaker in every 5,000 people ■
- Fewer than 1 Quaker in 10,000 ■



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Figure 3. Area Meetings of Britain Yearly Meeting



Quakers share a way of life, not a set of beliefs. Quaker unity is based on shared understanding and a shared practice of silent worship – a communal stillness.

Quakers seek to experience God directly – internally, in relationships with others, and with the world. Local meetings for worship are open to all who wish to attend.

Quakers try to live with honesty and integrity. This means speaking truth to all, including people in positions of power. The Quaker commitment to peace arises from the conviction that love is at the heart of existence and that all human beings are unique and equal.

This leads Quakers to put faith into action by working locally and globally to change the systems that cause injustice and violent conflict.

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