

Patterns of membership

including the 2023 tabular statement

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Yearly Meeting of Quakers in Britain



Proceedings

A number of documents will help us meet with hearts and minds prepared. Collectively, these are the '*Proceedings of the Yearly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends (Quakers) in Britain 2024*'.

The full set comprises:

1. *Preparing for Yearly Meeting*, including community guidelines.
2. *Agenda and notes*, with introductory material for Yearly Meeting and annual reports of Meeting for Sufferings and other related bodies
3. *Testimonies*, including index of epistles
4. *Trustees' annual report*, including financial statements for the year ended December 2023
5. *Patterns of membership*, including the 2023 tabular statement
6. *Minutes*, which are distributed after the conclusion of Yearly Meeting.

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All *Quaker faith & practice* references are to the fifth edition, which can be found online at www.quaker.org.uk/qfp.

You can read about Yearly Meeting in chapter 6 of *Quaker faith & practice*. Alternatively, contact Yearly Meeting Arrangements Committee on 020 7663 1040 or at ym@quaker.org.uk or go to www.quaker.org.uk/ym.

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 2023 was 11,118 (11,491 in 2022), a decrease of 373. During the year 160 came into membership. The membership of 172 adults was terminated and area meetings recorded 299 deaths.

Attenders

The number of recorded attenders was 6,369 (6,049 in 2022) and there were 923 children not in membership (899 in 2022).

Marriages

There were 32 marriages in 2023 (39 in 2021). In six of these both partners were members of Britain Yearly Meeting; in 13 one partner was a member; and in 13 neither partner was a member. These figures include five same-sex (three both female and two both male) and 27 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 0.64% over the year. New memberships rose by three compared to 2022. Terminations rose by two.

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 39% 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 in this way.

Table 4 summarises trends in membership over the last ten years. Convincements over ten years represent 2,172 Friends or 19.5% of total membership. Terminations over the same period were 1,508 and deaths were 2,866. This resulted in a decline in membership of 2,617 with notified changes from 2013. The overall decline in members and attenders in the year is from 18,439 to 18,309.

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 443 local meetings (LMs) at the end of 2023 and 12 worshipping groups under the care of a local meeting. One meeting opened and six local meetings informed us of closure. A significant number of Quakers continue to gather online, in local and area meeting groups as well as participating in national and international worship. A large number of meetings meet 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 2023

Incomings	2022	2023	Outgoings	2022	2023
By application			By termination of membership		
Adults	155	159	initiative of member	125	100
Children	2	1	initiative of area meeting	45	72
Subtotal	157	160	termination of children's membership	0	0
			Subtotal	170	172
By certificate			By death	285	299
from Britain Yearly Meeting	122	124	to Britain Yearly Meeting	127	127
from another yearly meeting	4	5	to another yearly meeting	5	13
Subtotal	126	129	Subtotal	132	140
Total notified incomings to AMs	283	289	Total notified outgoings from area meetings	587	611
	2022	2023		2022	2023
Members living abroad	108	120	Total number of members at start of year	11,795	11,491
Sojourning members	29	25	Recorded +/- in membership	-304	-373
			Balance of notified discrepancies	-33	-24
Number of area meetings	70	70	Number of members at end of year	11,491	11,118
Number of local meetings	456	443	<i>As a % of membership loss/gain</i>	-2.67%	-3.25%

Figure 1a. Membership in/out changes (2000-2023)
Convincements, terminations, deaths

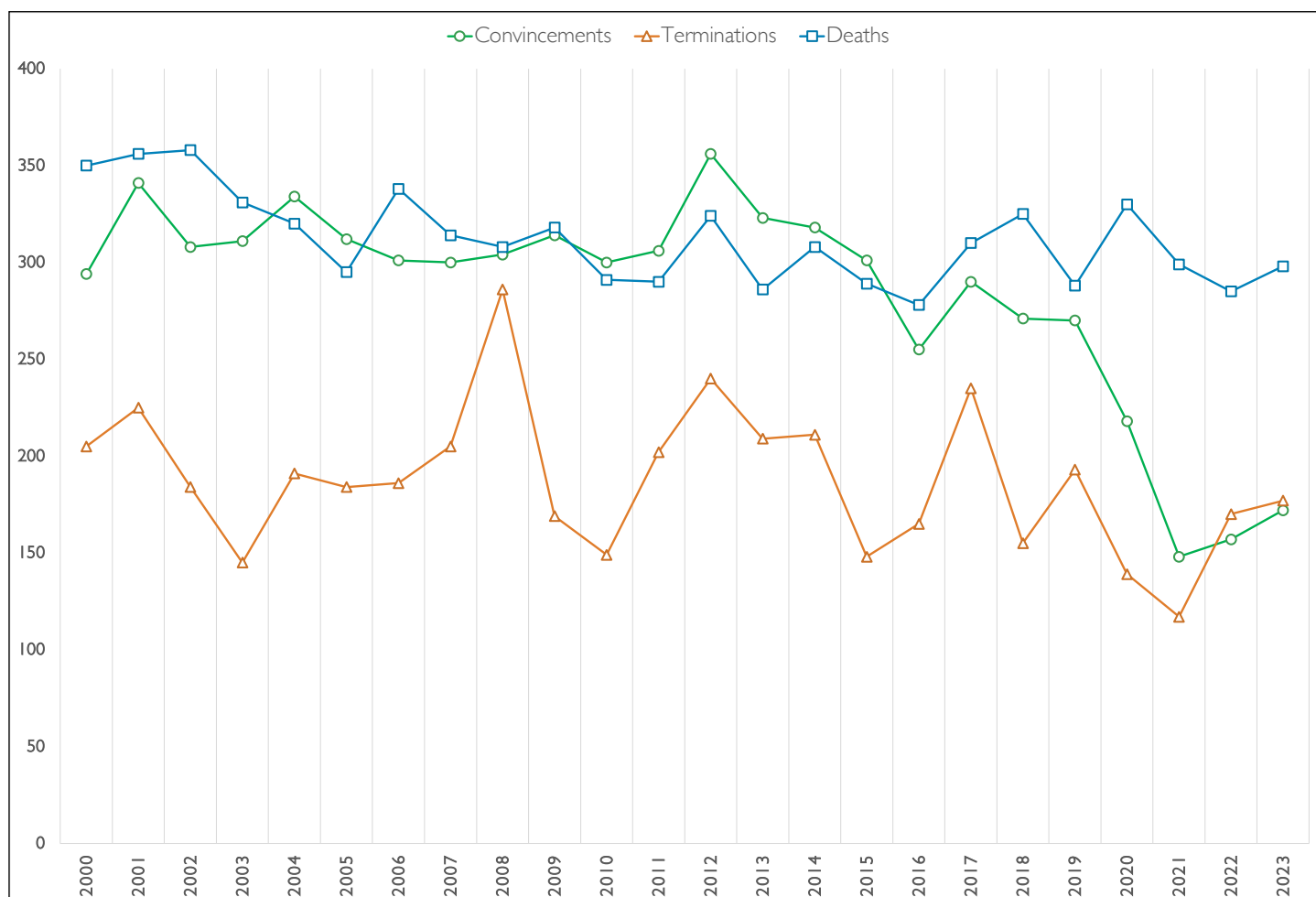
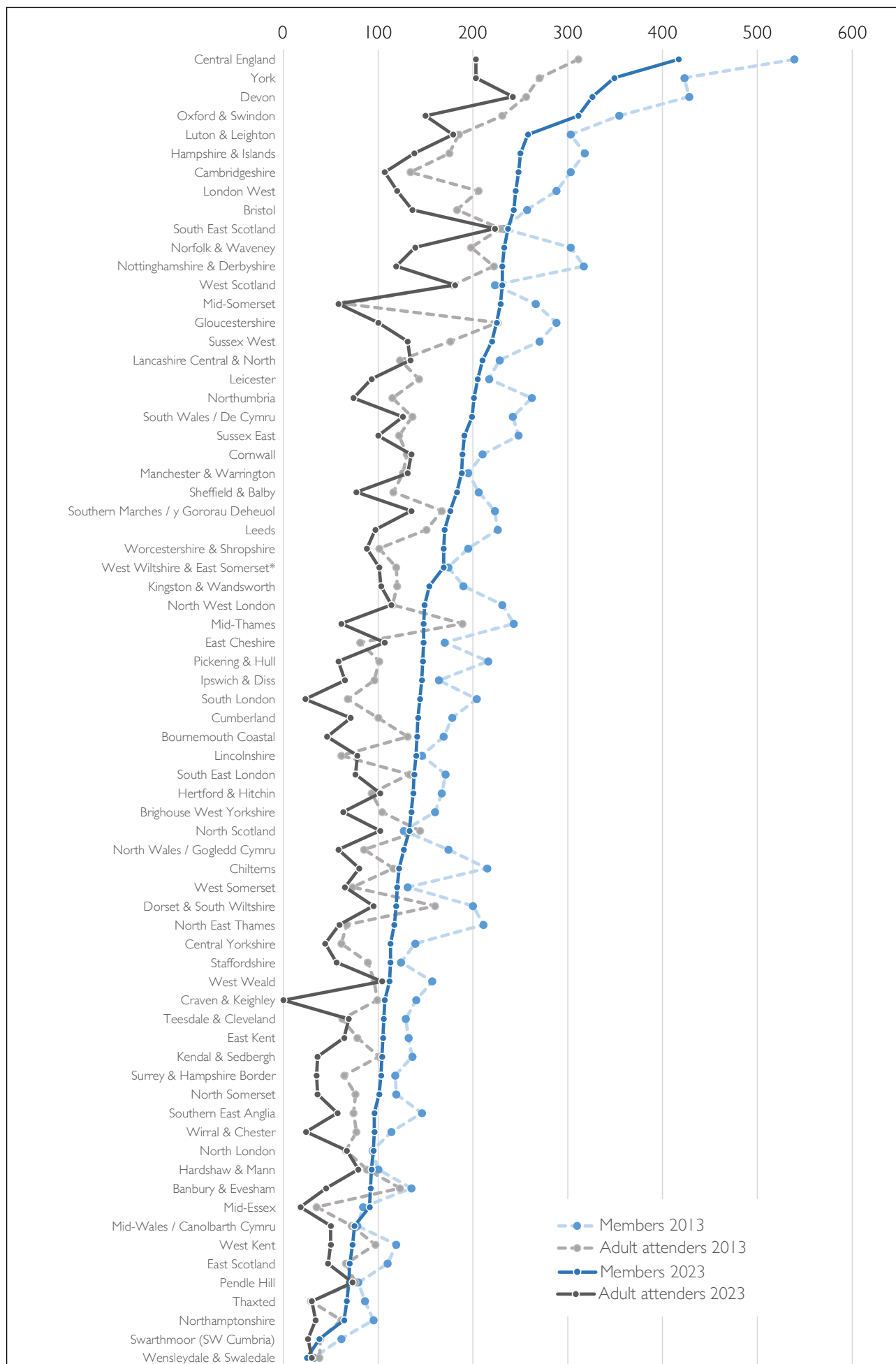


Figure 1b. Members and attenders by area meeting, 2013–2023



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 is collected from area meetings but at local meeting level. Historical data from the last 20 years is 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 (*Qf&p* 11.38). Refers to an adult attender; children not in membership are identified separately.

Child: someone under 16 years old.

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 (*Qf&p* 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 is 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.

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.

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

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Table 2. BYM membership statistics, 1935 to 2023

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
2022	11,460	31	11,491	6,049	899	6,948	17,509	930	18,439	-337	-717	-168	-874
2023	11,088	30	11,118	6,220	923	7,143	17,308	953	18,261	-373	-201	23	-178

* 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, 2023: summary

Region	Number of members at end 2023						Number of attenders at end 2023						Members plus attenders at end 2023						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	Unspecified / not disclosed (adults)	Children	Total adults	Men	Women	Other	Unspecified / not disclosed (adults)	Children	Total adults			
Bedfordshire	196	263	-	122	-	581	119	184	12	80	47	442	315	447	12	202	47	976	5%	57%	60.5%
Berks & Oxon	193	356	-	-	2	551	117	139	-	-	34	290	310	495	-	-	36	805	4%	65%	61.7%
Bristol & Wessex	335	634	1	-	11	981	189	301	1	-	76	567	524	935	2	-	87	1,461	6%	63%	64.9%
Cumberland	51	90	-	-	1	142	27	44	-	-	4	75	78	134	-	-	5	212	2%	65%	64.3%
Derbys, Lincs & Notts	147	223	1	-	-	371	80	114	3	-	10	207	227	337	4	-	10	568	2%	64%	59.2%
Devon & Cornwall	175	338	-	-	2	515	137	232	8	-	13	390	312	570	8	-	15	890	2%	57%	64.9%
Essex & Suffolk	142	257	1	-	-	400	66	104	-	-	6	176	208	361	1	-	6	570	1%	69%	60.4%
Hants, SE Dorset & Islands	41	100	-	250	-	391	14	32	-	138	20	204	55	132	-	388	20	575	3%	66%	22.7%
Kent	59	119	-	-	-	178	42	72	-	-	7	121	101	191	-	-	7	292	2%	60%	64.5%
London	377	659	5	-	1	1,042	228	331	3	-	136	698	605	990	8	-	137	1,603	8%	60%	63.2%
N Wales & NW England	245	475	-	-	1	721	205	255	12	-	76	548	450	730	12	-	77	1,192	6%	57%	61.7%
NE England	125	202	2	-	3	332	66	104	3	-	12	185	191	306	5	-	15	502	3%	64%	60.2%
Norfolk, Cambs & Hunts	181	299	1	-	-	481	91	153	2	-	50	296	272	452	3	-	50	727	6%	62%	62.0%
Scotland	242	429	-	-	-	671	223	325	5	-	99	652	465	754	5	-	99	1,224	7%	51%	61.9%
Sussex & Surrey	228	394	-	-	4	626	138	231	1	-	49	419	366	625	1	-	53	992	5%	60%	61.5%
Warwick, Leics & Staffs	112	205	-	417	1	735	68	81	-	203	54	406	180	286	-	620	55	1,086	5%	64%	26.1%
Western	304	535	4	-	1	844	203	291	5	-	62	561	507	826	9	-	63	1,342	4%	60%	61.0%
Westmorland	123	222	6	-	1	352	64	123	9	-	32	228	187	345	15	-	33	547	6%	61%	61.8%
Yorkshire	433	766	3	-	2	1,204	203	338	1	-	136	678	636	1,104	4	-	138	1,744	7%	64%	60.2%
REGIONAL TOTALS	3,709	6,566	24	789	30	11,118	2,280	3,454	65	421	923	7,143	5,989	10,020	89	1,210	953	17,308	4%	61%	58%
WALES TOTALS	149	288	-	-	-	437	125	153	3	-	30	311	274	441	3	-	30	718	4%	58%	61%
SCOTLAND TOTALS	242	429	-	-	-	671	223	325	5	-	99	652	465	754	5	-	99	1,224	7%	51%	62%
ENGLAND TOTALS	3,318	5,849	24	789	30	10,010	1,932	2,976	57	421	794	6,180	5,250	8,825	81	1,210	824	15,366	5%	62%	57%

Table 4. Membership changes in regions and general meetings of Britain, 2023: recent trends

Region	Members			Members and attenders		% of adults who are members		Convincements		Deaths		Terminations		Net geographic moves		
	2023	2022	2013	2023	2022	2013	2023	2013	2023	2023	2013	2023	2013	2023	Ten year net 2023-2013	
Bedfordshire	581	620	780	1,023	1,081	1,235	56.8%	63.2%	3	29	16	22	16	20	-1	-35
Berks & Oxon	551	559	732	841	828	1,275	65.5%	57.4%	6	18	12	16	0	24	0	-4
Bristol & Wessex	981	1,024	1,147	1,548	1,635	1,823	63.4%	62.9%	9	18	26	32	12	10	3	0
Cumberland	142	143	178	217	216	278	65.4%	64.0%	1	2	3	2	1	8	0	1
Derbys, Lincs & Notts	371	385	463	578	584	746	64.2%	62.1%	5	14	10	6	1	6	-1	4
Devon & Cornwall	515	540	638	905	955	1,016	56.9%	62.8%	19	20	27	15	5	2	-2	5
Essex & Suffolk	400	421	480	576	619	714	69.4%	67.2%	5	13	19	9	9	5	1	7
Hants, SE Dorset & Islands	391	414	490	595	637	796	65.7%	61.6%	8	13	12	13	11	3	-8	7
Kent	178	187	251	299	301	426	59.5%	58.9%	3	9	3	3	2	2	-3	12
London	1,042	1,069	1,389	1,740	1,748	2,164	59.9%	64.2%	14	54	19	21	14	24	-9	13
N Wales & NW England	721	729	831	1,269	1,301	1,364	56.8%	60.9%	12	16	11	25	7	11	0	16
NE England	332	352	423	517	534	638	64.2%	66.3%	4	6	11	7	13	8	-3	24
Norfolk, Cambs & Hunts	481	518	606	777	845	938	61.9%	64.6%	9	27	17	13	21	45	1	30
Scotland	671	676	692	1,323	1,336	1,310	50.7%	52.8%	10	23	20	16	6	11	10	31
Sussex & Surrey	626	645	793	1,055	1,052	1,251	59.3%	63.4%	10	21	21	14	5	19	-4	35
Warwick, Leics & Staffs	735	750	881	1,141	906	1,424	64.4%	61.9%	15	16	18	13	8	7	-3	35
Western	844	844	1,026	1,395	1,449	1,728	60.5%	59.4%	12	25	19	26	9	17	16	61
Westmorland	352	356	425	580	561	688	60.7%	61.8%	12	6	4	3	1	4	0	79
Yorkshire	1,204	1,259	1,510	1,882	1,851	2,406	64.0%	62.8%	15	25	30	32	36	14	-2	134
REGIONAL TOTALS	11,118	11,491	13,735	18,261	18,439	22,220	61.5%	62.0%	172	355	298	288	177	240	-0.26	23.95

Table 5. Changes in membership, 2013 to 2023

AM#	AM reference	LMs in 2013	Members 2013	Child attenders 2013	Adult attenders 2013	LMs in 2023	Members 2023	Child attenders 2023	Adult attenders 2023	Total members and attenders at end 2023	Members joining and leaving over ten year period				
											Convincements	Transfers in	Transfers out	Terminations	Deaths
1	Chilterns	7	215	32	116	7	122	0	80	202	19	16	31	44	64
2	Hertford & Hitchin	6	167	21	93	6	137	9	102	248	27	8	19	12	32
3	Luton & Leighton	10	303	44	185	9	258	29	179	466	46	20	20	46	51
4	Northamptonshire	4	95	8	61	3	64	9	34	107	25	1	11	16	28
	BEDFORDSHIRE	27	780	105	455	25	581	47	395	1023	114	41	76	102	175
5	Banbury & Evesham	6	135	13	123	6	92	0	45	137	14	16	20	9	44
6	Mid-Thames	7	243	46	189	8	148	12	61	221	51	31	26	53	43
7	Oxford & Swindon	9	254	38	231	8	311	22	150	483	49	39	35	6	64
	BERKS & OXON	22	632	97	543	22	551	34	256	841	108	82	75	68	151
8	Bristol	7	217	61	183	7	243	40	136	419	76	41	43	23	59
9	Dorset & South Wiltshire	6	200	32	160	6	119	5	95	219	26	33	13	44	68
10	Mid-Somerset	4	266	10	65	4	229	3	58	290	12	24	6	4	33
11	North Somerset	4	119	18	76	3	101	6	36	143	11	27	14	2	12
12	West Somerset	7	131	6	73	6	120	3	65	188	26	22	21	17	31
13	West Wiltshire & East Somerset*	6	174	12	119	6	169	19	101	289	53	36	22	16	50
	BRISTOL & WESSEX	34	1107	139	676	32	981	76	491	1548	195	171	110	95	253
14	Cumberland	7	178	23	100	6	142	4	71	217	12	20	16	29	49
	CUMBERLAND	7	178	23	100	6	142	4	71	217	11	19	15	28	49
15	Lincolnshire	7	146	6	61	8	140	0	78	218	45	10	19	9	27
16	Nottinghamshire & Derbyshire	9	317	29	222	8	231	10	119	360	48	26	18	13	48
	DERBYS, LINCS & NOTTS	16	463	35	283	16	371	10	197	578	88	35	35	21	75
17	Cornwall	9	210	35	130	8	189	6	135	330	58	39	16	24	71
18	Devon	13	428	48	256	13	326	7	242	575	77	39	29	59	55
	DEVON & CORNWALL	22	638	83	386	21	515	13	377	905	118	75	40	78	126
19	Ipswich & Diss	7	164	15	96	6	146	0	65	211	32	31	17	15	48
20	Mid-Essex	4	84	4	35	5	91	0	18	109	30	4	8	9	32
21	Southern East Anglia	3	146	16	74	5	96	0	57	153	33	10	18	66	39
22	Thaxted	4	86	15	29	4	67	6	30	103	10	5	1	8	23
	ESSEX & SUFFOLK	18	480	50	234	20	400	6	170	576	100	45	40	89	142
23	Bournemouth Coastal	7	172	11	131	6	141	0	46	187	47	11	19	18	52
24	Hampshire & Islands	11	318	31	175	11	250	20	138	408	56	54	38	16	62
	HANTS, SE DORSET & ISLANDS	18	490	42	306	17	391	20	184	595	95	62	46	23	114
25	East Kent	5	132	12	78	4	105	7	64	176	19	17	20	15	19
26	West Kent	5	119	10	97	5	73	0	50	123	14	14	9	2	21
	KENT	10	251	22	175	9	178	7	114	299	30	30	23	15	40
27	Kingston & Wandsworth	5	189	31	120	5	154	17	103	274	58	21	44	33	25
28	London West	7	188	29	206	7	245	23	120	388	64	34	65	20	47
29	North East Thames	7	211	36	67	6	117	19	59	195	46	21	69	31	41
30	North London	5	94	34	66	5	95	18	67	180	38	16	17	4	10
31	North West London	7	231	48	115	5	149	5	114	268	51	15	29	-5	54
32	South East London	5	171	59	133	4	138	42	76	256	31	14	38	9	26
33	South London	5	204	20	68	4	144	12	23	179	31	6	10	25	41
	LONDON	41	1288	257	775	36	1042	136	562	1740	305	119	253	103	244
34	East Cheshire	8	170	28	81	8	148	21	107	276	29	17	18	14	39
35	Hardshaw & Mann	5	99	15	88	5	93	14	79	186	19	18	9	9	18
36	Manchester & Warrington	5	195	63	126	5	188	38	131	357	23	21	15	21	32
37	North Wales/Gogledd Cymru	10	174	23	85	9	127	3	58	188	32	11	7	28	40
38	Pendle Hill	6	79	15	76	6	69	0	73	142	12	5	13	11	20
39	Wirral & Chester	3	114	13	77	3	96	0	24	120	13	12	9	21	26
	N WALES & NW ENGLAND	37	831	157	533	36	721	76	472	1269	117	78	65	97	175
40	Northumbria	8	262	33	115	8	201	4	74	279	44	28	18	64	68
41	Teesdale & Cleveland	7	129	11	62	6	106	8	69	183	34	27	12	13	28
42	Wensleydale & Swaledale	2	32	2	38	2	25	0	30	55	3	2	-1	2	6
	NE ENGLAND	17	423	46	215	16	332	12	173	517	77	55	24	72	102
43	Cambridgeshire	7	303	49	134	6	248	28	107	383	60	47	23	71	68
44	Norfolk & Waveney	11	303	31	198	9	233	22	139	394	58	26	16	81	76
	NORFOLK, CAMBS & HUNTS	18	606	80	332	15	481	50	246	777	109	69	34	132	144
45	East Scotland	4	110	13	66	3	70	11	47	128	15	14	17	10	25
46	North Scotland	13	127	44	144	6	133	6	102	241	35	29	16	12	24
47	South East Scotland	9	232	77	229	10	237	58	223	518	65	45	35	62	53
48	West Scotland	11	223	53	179	12	231	24	181	436	57	33	13	29	38

Table 5, continued

AM#	AM reference	LMs in 2013	Members 2013	Child attenders 2013	Adult attenders 2013	LMs in 2023	Members 2023	Child attenders 2023	Adult attenders 2023	Total members and attenders at end 2023	Members joining and leaving over ten year period				
											Convincements	Transfers in	Transfers out	Terminations	Deaths
	SCOTLAND	37	692	187	618	31	671	99	553	1323	162	103	73	107	140
49	Surrey & Hampshire Border	5	118	20	64	5	103	10	35	148	53	11	18	20	31
50	Sussex East	9	248	29	122	9	191	0	100	291	42	31	14	42	69
51	Sussex West	8	270	23	176	6	220	38	131	389	36	36	31	47	72
52	West Weald	7	147	20	96	7	112	11	104	227	16	3	19	20	48
	SUSSEX & SURREY	29	783	92	458	27	626	59	370	1055	137	73	72	124	220
53	Central England	17	539	95	311	14	417	42	203	662	60	46	45	59	102
54	Leicester	4	217	52	143	4	205	9	93	307	52	25	19	2	53
55	Staffordshire	7	114	7	89	7	113	3	56	172	38	16	15	32	25
	WARWICK, LEICS & STAFFS	28	870	154	543	25	735	54	352	1141	135	81	69	85	180
56	Gloucestershire	8	188	36	226	7	225	10	100	335	36	39	28	41	81
57	Mid-Wales/ Canolbarth Cymru	6	78	14	72	5	75	7	50	132	10	1	7	4	12
58	South Wales/ De Cymru	13	242	29	136	13	199	24	126	349	44	43	27	54	49
59	Southern Marches/ y Gororau Deheuol**	9	223	45	167	8	176	3	135	314	51	43	24	34	92
60	Worcestershire & Shropshire	7	195	18	101	6	169	8	88	265	37	24	24	33	40
	WESTERN	43	926	142	702	39	844	52	499	1395	166	126	102	157	274
61	Kendal & Sedbergh	4	136	28	101	4	104	8	36	148	14	7	9	1	30
62	Lancashire Central & North	7	228	27	123	5	210	23	134	367	15	25	30	17	27
63	Swarthmoor (SW Cumbria)	4	61	4	39	3	38	1	26	65	4	5	2	2	28
	WESTMORLAND	15	425	59	263	12	352	32	196	580	31	32	36	19	85
64	Brighouse West Yorkshire	5	160	34	104	5	135	18	63	216	10	24	23	12	33
65	Central Yorkshire	6	139	19	61	6	113	6	44	163	29	12	15	16	27
66	Craven & Keighley	5	140	6	99	5	107	0	0	107	20	18	18	26	26
67	Leeds	7	226	29	151	6	170	28	97	295	31	23	19	70	57
68	Pickering & Hull	7	216	12	101	7	147	1	58	206	13	10	9	-12	78
69	Sheffield & Balby	4	206	40	116	4	183	26	77	286	36	33	19	43	23
70	York	5	423	74	270	5	349	57	203	609	75	65	18	54	101
	YORKSHIRE	39	1510	214	902	38	1204	136	542	1882	199	185	106	174	345
	BYM Total	478	13373	1984	8499	443	11118	923	6220	18261	2172	1554	1414	1508	2866

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, 2013 to 2022

AM#	AMs by number of members	Members			Attendees				Combined			Changes: ten year changes as percentage (%) of current AM				
		Members 2013	Members 2023	Average annual change Dec 2013–Dec 2023	Adult attendees 2013	Adult attendees 2023	Average annual change over 10 years	% Adults who are attendees in 2023	Total members and attendees at end 2023*	Change in total members & attendees 2013–2023	Increase or decrease as % of 2013 total	Convincements	Transfers in	Transfers out	Terminations	Deaths
53	Central England AM	539	417	-12.2	311	203	-10.8	33%	662	-230	-26%	14%	12%	11%	14%	26%
70	York AM	423	349	-7.4	270	203	-6.7	37%	609	-141	-19%	22%	21%	6%	16%	30%
18	Devon AM	428	326	-10.2	248	242	-0.6	43%	575	-108	-16%	20%	13%	8%	18%	17%
7	Oxford & Swindon AM	354	311	-4.3	231	150	-8.1	33%	483	-124	-20%	16%	14%	12%	2%	20%
3	Luton & Leighton AM	303	258	-4.5	185	179	-0.6	41%	466	-51	-10%	20%	7%	10%	16%	19%
24	Hampshire & Islands AM	318	250	-6.8	175	138	-3.7	36%	408	-105	-20%	25%	21%	16%	4%	25%
43	Cambridgeshire AM	303	248	-5.5	134	107	-2.7	30%	383	-82	-18%	27%	18%	10%	29%	26%
28	London West AM	288	245	-4.3	206	120	-8.6	33%	388	-129	-25%	29%	13%	24%	13%	20%
8	Bristol AM	257	243	-1.4	183	136	-4.7	36%	419	-61	-13%	31%	16%	17%	11%	22%
47	South East Scotland AM	232	237	0.5	229	223	-0.6	48%	518	-1	0%	25%	17%	16%	26%	19%
44	Norfolk & Waveney AM	303	233	-7	198	139	-5.9	37%	394	-129	-25%	27%	12%	7%	27%	32%
16	Nottinghamshire & Derbyshire AM	317	231	-8.6	222	119	-10.3	34%	360	-189	-34%	21%	13%	10%	6%	21%
48	West Scotland AM	223	231	0.8	179	181	0.2	44%	436	10	2%	26%	15%	6%	13%	18%
10	Mid-Somerset AM	266	229	-3.7	65	58	-0.7	20%	290	-44	-13%	7%	10%	4%	2%	17%
56	Gloucestershire AM	288	225	-6.3	226	100	-12.6	31%	335	-189	-36%	16%	17%	15%	20%	36%
51	Sussex West AM	270	220	-5	176	131	-4.5	37%	389	-95	-20%	20%	19%	13%	23%	32%
62	Lancashire Central & North AM	228	210	-1.8	123	134	1.1	39%	367	-7	-2%	10%	12%	13%	9%	15%
54	Leicester AM	217	205	-1.2	143	93	-5	31%	307	-62	-17%	24%	12%	10%	1%	25%
40	Northumbria AM	262	201	-6.1	115	74	-4.1	27%	279	-102	-27%	24%	13%	11%	31%	32%
58	South Wales AM	242	199	-4.3	136	126	-1	39%	349	-53	-13%	23%	18%	14%	27%	24%
50	Sussex East AM	248	191	-5.7	122	100	-2.2	34%	291	-79	-21%	25%	18%	6%	25%	38%
17	Cornwall AM	210	189	-2.1	130	135	0.5	42%	330	-16	-5%	34%	23%	8%	12%	31%
36	Manchester & Warrington	195	188	-0.7	126	131	0.5	41%	357	-2	-1%	12%	12%	8%	12%	16%
69	Sheffield & Balby AM	206	183	-2.3	120	77	-4.3	30%	286	-66	-19%	22%	17%	9%	8%	14%
59	Southern Marches AM	223	176	-4.7	167	135	-3.2	43%	314	-79	-20%	30%	27%	15%	16%	55%
67	Leeds AM	226	170	-5.6	151	97	-5.4	36%	295	-110	-27%	21%	14%	14%	42%	34%
13	West Wiltshire & East Somerset AM	174	169	-0.5	119	101	-1.8	37%	289	-23	-7%	31%	20%	15%	11%	30%
60	Worcestershire & Shropshire AM	195	169	-2.6	101	88	-1.3	34%	265	-39	-13%	25%	12%	12%	20%	30%
27	Kingston & Wandsworth AM	190	154	-3.6	120	103	-1.7	40%	274	-53	-16%	40%	14%	29%	21%	18%
31	North West London AM	231	149	-8.2	115	114	-0.1	43%	268	-83	-24%	32%	11%	25%	8%	36%
34	East Cheshire AM	170	148	-2.2	81	107	2.6	42%	276	4	1%	22%	11%	11%	9%	27%
6	Mid-Thames AM	243	148	-9.5	189	61	-12.8	29%	221	-223	-50%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
68	Pickering & Hull AM	216	147	-6.9	101	58	-4.3	28%	206	-112	-35%	9%	9%	7%	12%	56%
19	Ipswich & Diss AM	164	146	-1.8	96	65	-3.1	31%	211	-49	-19%	25%	20%	12%	9%	31%
33	South London AM	204	144	-6	68	23	-4.5	14%	179	-105	-37%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
14	Cumberland AM	178	142	-3.6	100	71	-2.9	33%	217	-65	-23%	9%	15%	11%	20%	41%
23	Bournemouth Coastal AM	169	141	-2.8	131	46	-8.5	25%	187	-113	-38%	37%	11%	10%	13%	37%
15	Lincolnshire AM	146	140	-0.6	61	78	1.7	36%	218	11	5%	34%	9%	14%	7%	16%
32	South East London AM	171	138	-3.3	117	76	-4.1	36%	256	-74	-22%	26%	12%	27%	7%	22%
2	Hertford & Hitchin AM	167	137	-3	88	102	1.4	43%	248	-16	-6%	21%	7%	15%	15%	26%
64	Brighouse West Yorkshire AM	160	135	-2.5	104	63	-4.1	32%	216	-66	-23%	7%	19%	17%	11%	24%
46	North Scotland AM	127	133	0.6	144	102	-4.2	43%	241	-36	-13%	27%	20%	15%	10%	16%
37	North Wales AM	174	127	-4.7	85	58	-2.7	31%	188	-74	-28%	28%	12%	9%	24%	31%
1	Chilterns AM	215	122	-9.3	116	80	-3.6	40%	202	-129	-39%	23%	14%	28%	30%	54%
12	West Somerset AM	131	120	-0.9	73	65	-0.8	35%	188	-19	-9%	22%	20%	17%	14%	25%
9	Dorset & South Wiltshire AM	200	119	-8.1	160	95	-6.5	44%	219	-146	-40%	25%	29%	13%	31%	57%
29	North East Thames AM	211	117	-9.4	75	59	-1.6	34%	195	-110	-36%	41%	20%	60%	21%	37%
65	Central Yorkshire AM	139	113	-2.6	61	44	-1.7	28%	163	-43	-21%	27%	12%	12%	17%	23%
55	Staffordshire AM	124	113	-1.1	89	56	-3.3	33%	172	-44	-20%	33%	14%	11%	27%	20%
52	West Weald AM	157	112	-4.5	96	104	0.8	48%	227	-37	-14%	19%	2%	17%	20%	42%
66	Craven & Keighley AM	140	107	-3.3	99	0	-9.9	0%	107	-132	-55%	21%	15%	15%	22%	22%
41	Teesdale & Cleveland AM	129	106	-2.4	62	69	0.7	39%	183	-16	-8%	35%	25%	10%	14%	26%
25	East Kent AM	132	105	-2.7	78	64	-1.4	38%	176	-41	-19%	18%	18%	14%	16%	20%
61	Kendal & Sedbergh AM	136	104	-3.2	101	36	-6.5	26%	148	-97	-40%	13%	11%	9%	1%	30%
49	Surrey & Hampshire Border AM	118	103	-1.5	64	35	-2.9	25%	148	-44	-23%	53%	9%	18%	20%	29%
11	North Somerset AM	119	101	-1.8	76	36	-4	26%	143	-58	-29%	13%	25%	15%	2%	11%
21	Southern East Anglia AM	146	96	-5	74	57	-1.7	37%	153	-67	-30%	39%	9%	20%	64%	42%
39	Wirral & Chester AM	114	96	-1.8	77	24	-5.3	20%	120	-71	-37%	15%	13%	10%	22%	27%

Table 6, continued

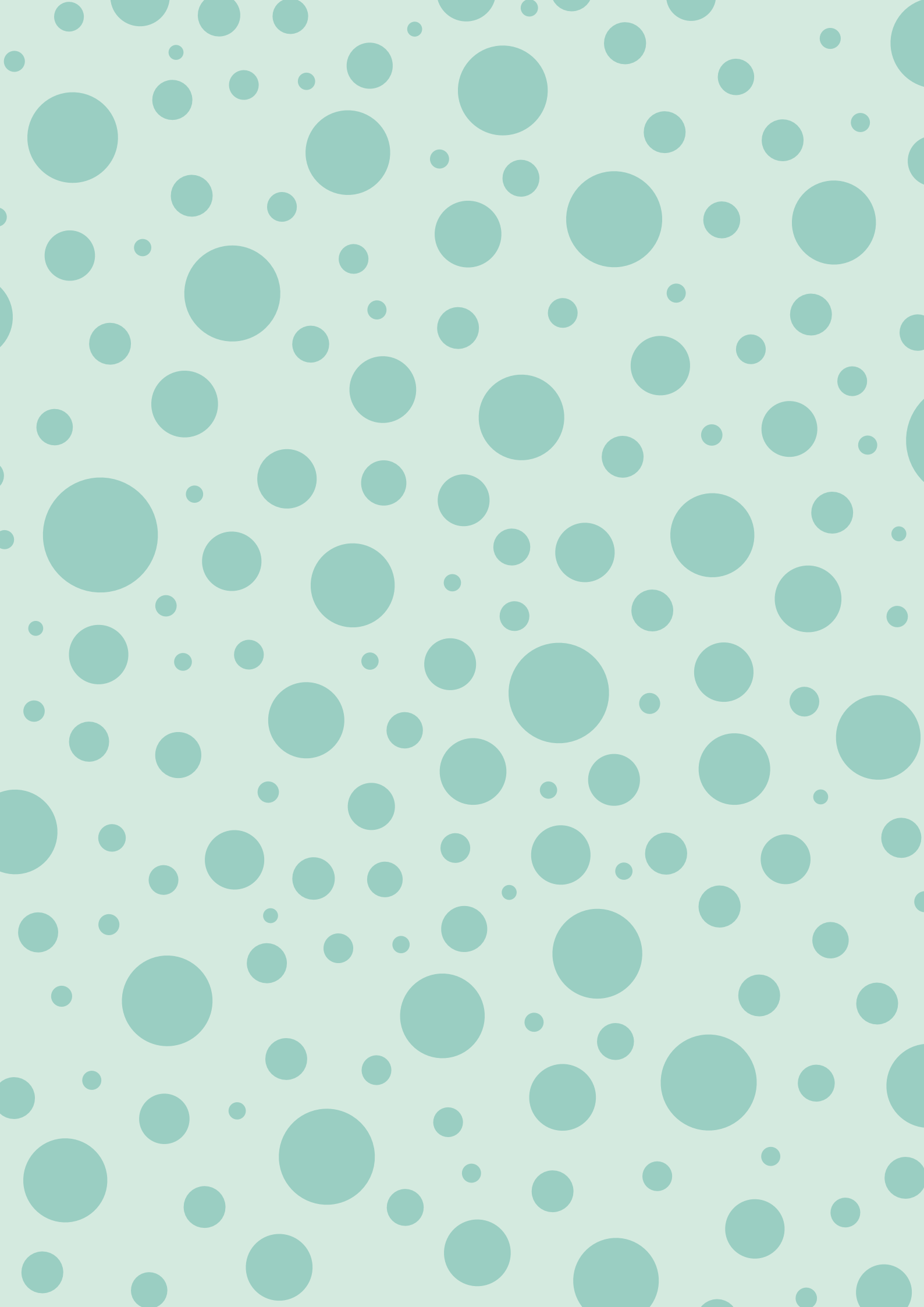
AM#	AMs by number of members	Members			Attenders				Combined			Changes: ten year changes as percentage (%) of current AM				
		Members 2011	Members 2021	Average annual change 2011–2021	Adult attenders 2011	Adult attenders 2021	Average annual change 2011–2021	% Adults who are attenders in 2021	Total members and attenders at end 2021*	Change in total members & attenders 2011–2021	Increase or decrease as % of 2011 total	Convincements	Transfers in	Transfers out	Terminations	Deaths
30	North London AM	94	95	0.1	66	67	0.1	41%	180	2	1%	41%	20%	19%	4%	13%
35	Hardshaw & Mann AM	100	93	-0.7	88	79	-0.9	46%	186	-16	-8%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
5	Banbury & Evesham AM	135	92	-4.3	123	45	-7.8	33%	137	-121	-47%	16%	21%	21%	11%	51%
20	Mid Essex AM	84	91	0.7	35	18	-1.7	17%	109	-10	-8%	33%	3%	8%	10%	32%
57	Mid-Wales AM	78	75	-0.3	72	50	-2.2	40%	132	-25	-16%	13%	0%	9%	7%	17%
26	West Kent AM	119	73	-4.6	97	50	-4.7	41%	123	-93	-43%	19%	22%	15%	1%	32%
45	East Scotland AM	110	70	-4	66	47	-1.9	40%	128	-59	-32%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
38	Pendle Hill AM	79	69	-1	76	73	-0.3	51%	142	-13	-8%	20%	10%	19%	25%	35%
22	Thaxted AM	86	67	-1.9	29	30	0.1	31%	103	-18	-15%	12%	9%	4%	13%	33%
4	Northamptonshire AM	95	64	-3.1	61	34	-2.7	35%	107	-58	-35%	41%	9%	20%	30%	45%
63	Swarthmoor (South West Cumbria) AM	61	38	-2.3	39	26	-1.3	41%	65	-36	-36%	13%	13%	5%	3%	74%
42	Wensleydale & Swaledale AM	32	25	-0.7	38	30	-0.8	55%	55	-15	-21%	12%	8%	0%	8%	24%
Totals		13,732	11,118	-3.73	8,482	6,220	-3.23	35%	18,261	-4,876	-21%	22%	14%	13%	15%	27%
				Average			Average	Average			Average	Average				

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* Includes children.

Figure 2. Area Meetings of Britain Yearly Meeting





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