



How other people see Quakers

This information is taken from research done by DVL Smith Limited for Quaker Quest. In 2009 1,000 adults in Britain were surveyed to discover how Quakers are seen by other people.

Activity

71% agree or strongly agree that Quakers are an active religious group.

Peace

60% acknowledge Quakers as peacemakers and agree that Quakers are a pacifist organisation.

Who are Quakers?

22% think Quakers are a non-religious group who try to do good in the world (53% disagree with this).

37% think Quakers are a radical evangelical group who exist to promote the word of God (29% disagree with this).

30% think that Quakers interpret the Bible in a very liberal way that relates to today's world (24% disagree with this).

23% think that Quakers are a closed group who do not allow people from outside into their own community (39% disagree with this).

52% think Quakers are very strict (only 17% disagree with this).

Descriptions

When people were asked to give a description of Quakers the following were given:

- Religion/Religious Group 30%
- Porridge Oats 13%
- Black/Grey Clothing/Hats 10%
- Pacifists 9%
- Old fashioned lifestyle/avoid modern technology 6%
- Quiet/Silent 5%
- Strict/Puritanical 4%
- Went to/Founded America 4%
- Christian/Christian Based 4%
- Closed community 4%
- Like Amish/Jehovah's Witnesses/Mormons 2%
- Chocolate/Cadbury/Rowntree 2%
- No Priest/Preacher 2%
- Cult/Sect 2%
- Weird/Strange 1%
- Liberal/free thinking 1%