



## 'WALKING THE WALK 100 YEARS OF PEACE WITNESS'

from Richmond Castle  
to Menwith Hill, North Yorkshire

Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> June – Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> July 2013

This Walk of Witness forms part of the centenary celebrations of The Northern Friends Peace Board, a group of Quakers in the north of Britain, which was founded in 1913.

A hundred years on, our concerns to challenge militarism and to build peace continue. The Walk of Witness links two significant sites of peace witness which span the Board's first hundred years.

It begins at Richmond Castle, where the 'Richmond Sixteen', conscientious objectors in WW1, were imprisoned. It ends at Menwith Hill, near Harrogate, the US Air Force electronic communications base which provides integrated intelligence for the US National Security Agency. Menwith Hill supports a range of military operations, including remote-control drone attacks.

## Who we are

Quakers from throughout the North of Britain, meeting and working together 'to advise and encourage Friends in the North ... and through them their fellow citizens, in the active promotion of peace in all its height and breadth'. This remit was agreed at a conference of Northern Quakers in January 1913 and we have been active for peace ever since. We have representatives from all parts of the North of England, from Scotland and from North Wales. We have an office with a full-time Co-ordinator and undertake a range of projects and activities, promoting peace, challenging militarism and looking at the roots of conflict.

Quakers believe that each person is uniquely valuable. International relations will always bring tensions, but our response to this should not be one of constantly upgrading weapons and training in readiness for war. Rather, we should put our energies and resources into developing and training for non-military ways of engaging with conflict and averting wars.

**We believe that we always have the choice to work for war or to work for peace; to add to the distrust and hostility in the world or try patiently to undo and lessen it. The choice lies with each one of us.**



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