

Residential Gathering held at the Society of Mary and Martha, Sheldon, Dunsford.

4th -6th June, 2010

Minute 01.10

“Pioneering in the Spirit”

Over 50 friends of all ages attended this Residential Gathering, organised and co-ordinated on behalf of Devon and Cornwall Friends by Cornwall Area Meeting’s Residential Committee. We thank them for enabling us to share the joy of communion in this beautiful place. The weather has been kind to us and we have exercised our hearts and minds, and celebrated the sharing of talents. We have made new friendships and been encouraged particularly by the presence of so many children. The experimental all-age worship programme on Sunday was the culmination of our pioneering weekend. We leave tired but refreshed to continue our spiritual journeys and pursue our active Quaker lives.

We thank the Community at Sheldon for its welcome and hospitality, and all those who have contributed in any way to making this weekend such a success.

It is not the Quaker way to name or thank individuals, but this minute would be incomplete without particular thanks to Andrina Cossey who has convened the residential planning group for Cornwall Friends over a number of years and has now expressed a wish to lay down that responsibility. We thank her for her service.

We also thank Ruth Homer of Newton Abbot Meeting, our “provisioner” for the weekend, who has single-handedly provided us with the necessary energy input from the kitchen.

This weekend has, for Devon and Cornwall Gatherings, been a pilot exercise. We will reflect on the event, and hope that such weekends will become a regular feature of future Gatherings programmes.

In the meantime, we depart in the hope that we will meet again on October 16th in St Austell.

(Signed: Bob Lovett, Convenor)