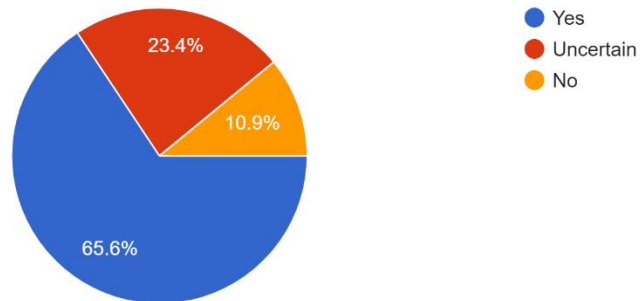


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Summary of Responses

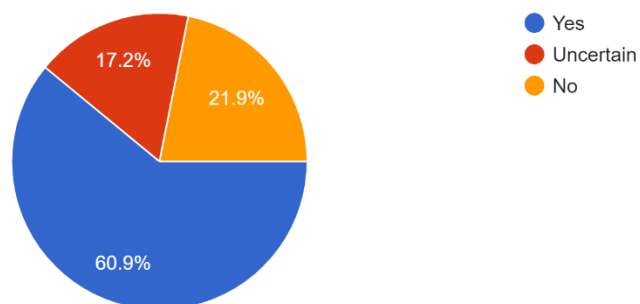
As of today, are you comfortable to attend meetings?

64 responses



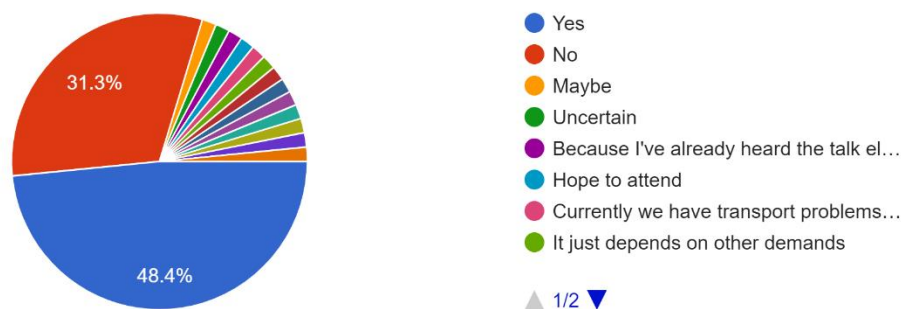
At the moment are you comfortable going on visits by coach?

64 responses



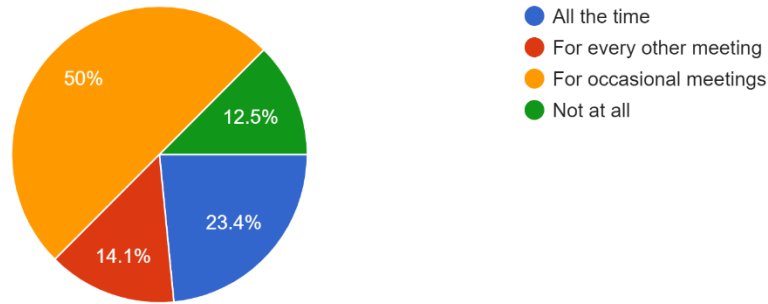
Do you intend to come to our Christmas lecture on 7 Dec? - about a 17th Century Christmas

64 responses



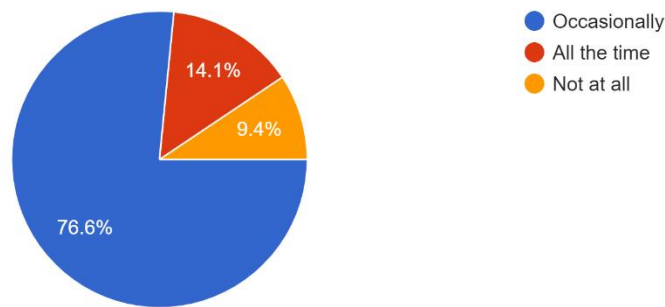
Would you support continuing with some zoom meetings?

64 responses



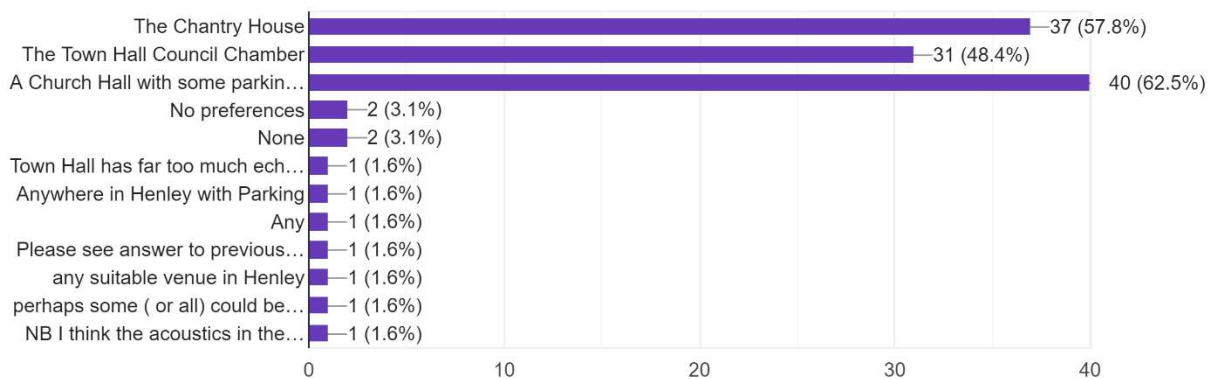
Would you welcome the Group using other venues?

64 responses



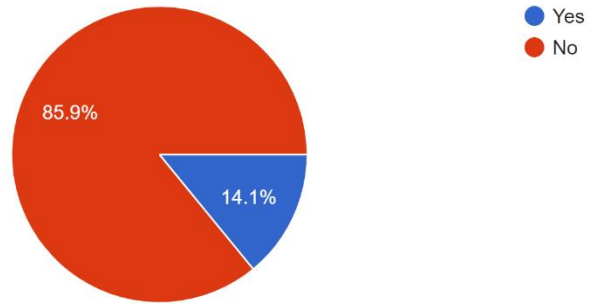
At what other venues would you like the Group to meet?

64 responses



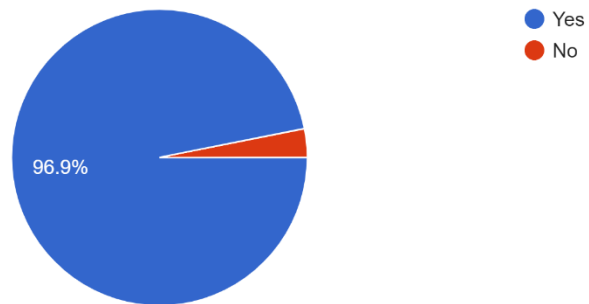
Do you require parking very close to the door?

64 responses



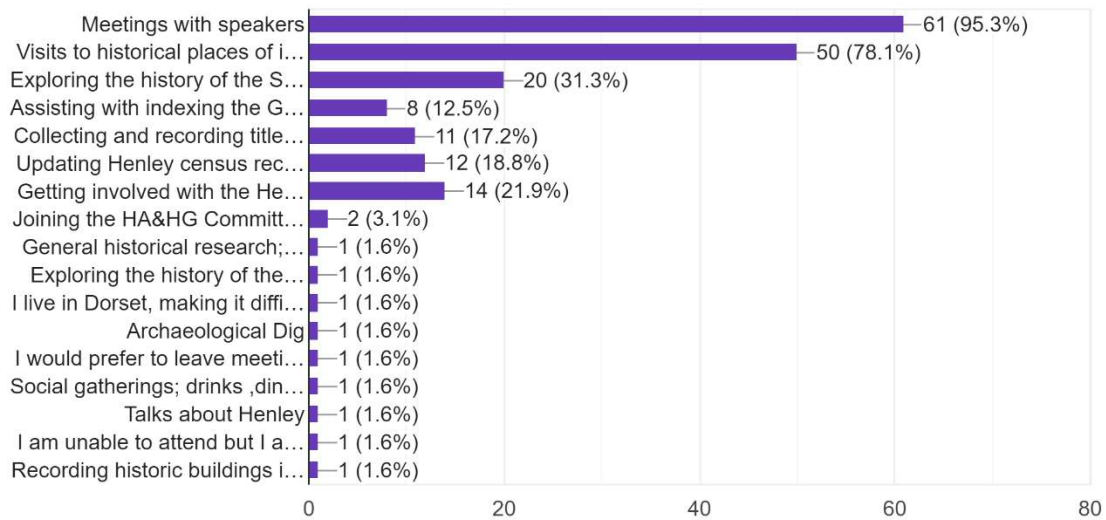
Are you prepared to walk from the car park to the venue ?

64 responses



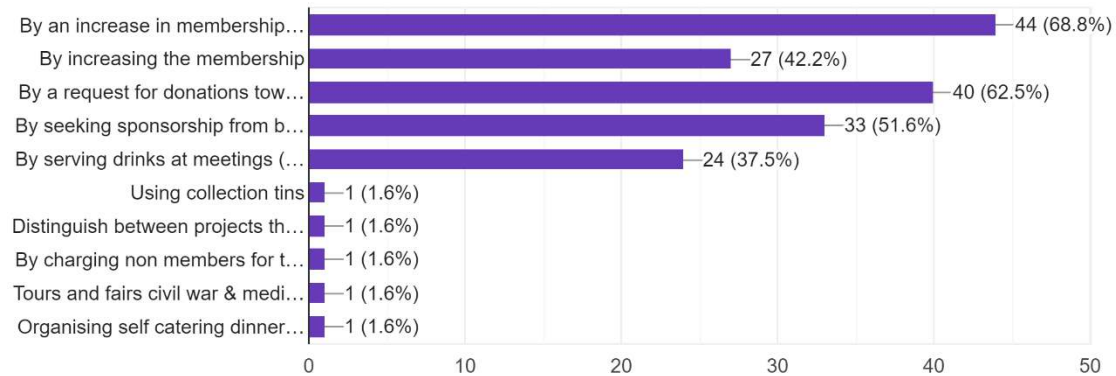
Which of the following activities are you interested in?

64 responses



How should we finance other activities?

64 responses



Do you have any suggestions for encouraging interest among younger people and children in the history of the town and its surrounding?

Choice of lecture subjects

Offering a 'road show' for schools and keeping an exhibition in the local public library

Some sort of "Treasure Hunt Quiz" Walk with a prize for children.

Field walking trips in the local area and some family based archaeological trips

Doing talks at schools/taking stalls at local events

First and foremost making it accessible, understandable and relevant, involving parents and bearing in mind that younger people span a much larger range of abilities and capabilities than adults.

1. Offer reduced membership subscription for 1st year?
2. Talks to any organisations with a good proportion of younger people (are there any?).
3. Invite local teachers to meetings in the hope that they might become interested and talk to students about it.
4. Ask for ideas from River and Rowing Museum staff who do run very successful events for young families.

Offer walking tours to groups of school children. Create a walking tour for families where features have to be noted.

Audio History - Children recording their grandparents about growing up in Henley. George Orwell, 20th Century pop idols - George Harrison, Dusty Springfield. Medieval Henley themed Fair. Pub and history of beer making.

Encouraging local schools to set up history groups

Interested in encouraging local schools to access the RRM

Guided walks around the town, show finds from the local excavations, presentations at school?

A town trail . Museum - more friendly display of town history, perhaps with concentration on people involved.. There seems to be a gap between very young and adult interest at present

Years ago you had a "treasure hunt" trail around the town which our children enjoyed.

Working with schools & RRM on history of schools and education in the town. History through drama & music.

Visits to historical places of interest - may need to be weekend because of work commitments

Competitions for differing age groups from colouring a picture of a favourite old building to a graveyard study

Very difficult!!! They have other interests.

Maybe by exhibitions of photos etc going to schools/the library?

Perhaps a suggestion to the Secondary schools or Colleges in Henley and outskirts.

Meeting with local schools' history teachers

Is there anything else that you would like to tell us? Please go ahead!

Up to date website essential

We need a larger membership with more younger people. The old emphasis on archaeology is less relevant, with the professionalisation of archaeology, and we need to focus more on history, though not excluding archaeological topics. A vibrant society with projects and activities people can join in will attract new younger members.

I feel we have to be able to attract people to meetings on cold, dark nights. They may be reluctant to turn out after the comfort of Zoom at home. However, the Society benefits so much from the social contact we have.

I'm sorry I haven't been very active in the group recently but my daily workload is demanding at present and I'm tired by the evening - I nearly fell asleep at a couple of lectures back in 2019!

I would suggest considering streaming all live meetings and possibly recording them and making them available afterwards. This could not only help solve space problems but also reach audiences such as those with limited mobility and those living much farther afield, thus making the history of the Henley area accessible to a much larger population. By way of example you could take a look at the website of James Wright (archaeologist- Triskele Heritage = <https://triskeleheritage.triskelepublishing.com/winter-lecture-series-mediaeval-mythbusting/>) whose lockdown lectures have proved a resounding success, are regularly oversubscribed and have attracted audiences from all continents. Now we have access to new technology it makes sense to make full use of it.

I joined because of Zoom meetings as I can't often walk far due to asthma.

Just a comment on the venue for talks. The Old Barn is a lovely space but it is unsuited to giving Powerpoint presentations because of its configuration. I would prefer to pay a higher sub for a more spacious and suitable venue. The sub is very low in any case compared to many similar organisations.

Keep up the good work!

I have decided to attend only zoom talks until, say, next Spring when the Covid situation should be a bit clearer. I am more than happy to donate funds to help the society's finances and would be happy for an increase in the membership fees. Thank you for all your efforts over the past few months.

Other groups such as Marlow and Maidenhead have had good speakers. See the proposed talk on the crucial discovery of Cookham Abbey arranged by Maidenhead.

I'd be happy to work with team to arrange profitable social events

As I live in Oxford and cannot visit Henley on Thurs. evenings, my answers are of little relevance. But I am grateful for being allowed to be a member and thus maintain a link with Henley's history.

I joined with the hope of finding out more about Henley and have already amassed a library of books which I need to read. I am not as interested in visits to Bath and other venues.

Thanks to the committee for arranging an interesting range of speakers and visits

Well done for operating the zoom sessions during COVID so that meetings could continue!

If you are proposing the Chantry House as an alternative to the King's Arms Barn I fear you may find that there is probably very little more space than in the barn. See you on the 7th

I am a very new member and have recently moved to Henley . I enjoyed the walk around Henley organised by the Henley society looking at the work and impact of Charles Clements. Is there any possibility of more of these and/or could you work in harmony with the Henley Society to promote knowledge about the town?

I really enjoy what I've experienced with the group so far.

Sorry for one reason or another I haven't been able to attend/join in very much for a while

I am hoping to attend eventually, but in the meantime I am interested and I congratulate you for such a successful improvement in the impress amount of the membership. Pam Syrett