

North Bucks DFAS
Member Survey 2015
Overview

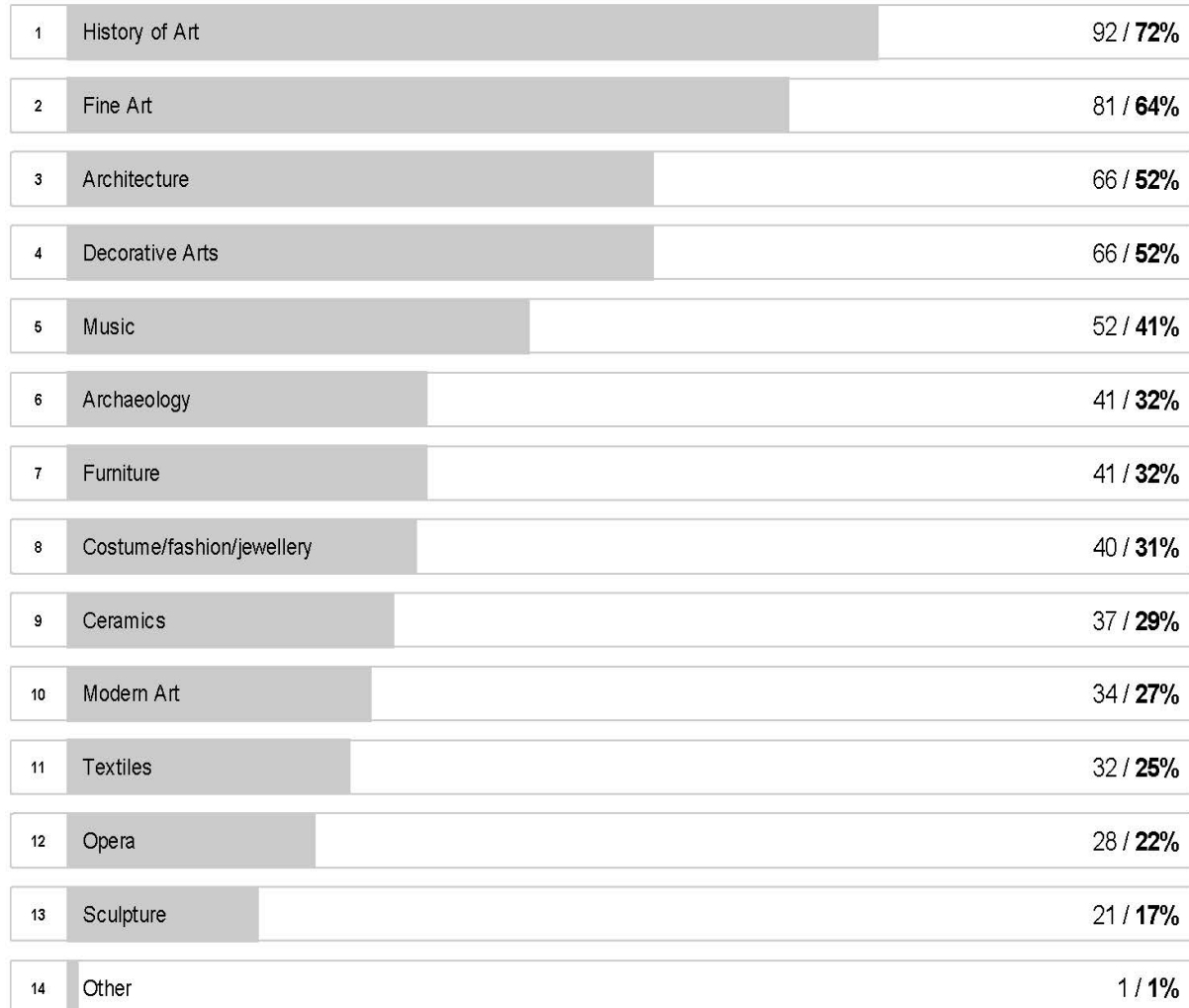
Thank you!

Thank you very much for your input to our
Member Survey.

Three Committee members have carefully read and
analysed all your comments and what follows is a
brief overview of the results.

Lectures

ranking of interest in different topic areas



Lectures

- We have a very high rate of lecture attendance and nearly 100% of you find the range of topics and the speakers very good or good.
- Most of you find Lovat Hall to be a good venue although we realise that parking can be problematic.
- To help address this, we intend to try to encourage members to car share.
- A small number of members indicated that their special requirements (e.g. access, hearing loop etc) were not always met but we don't know what the issues were. Please tell a Committee member so that we can do something to help.
- You may have noticed that we implemented one suggestion straight away. During questions after the lecture, we asked the speaker to repeat the question before answering it, so that everyone could hear what had been asked.

Special Interest Days

- 52% of members attend one or both Special Interest Days each year and 83% felt that the frequency of these events is about right.
- We will investigate varying the day of the week, however, to hopefully give more options for those with other regular commitments.
- We shall no longer be using The Bull in Olney but we have taken on board your comments about the steep stairs and intend to ensure that accessibility is a top priority for all our venues.
- You suggested linking Special Interest Days to lectures and visits to offer a more integrated programme. We think this is a good idea so, where possible, will aim to pursue this.

Day Visits

- 66% of you try to join one or more of the visits offered each year and most of you think that the number of visits offered is about right.
- Where appropriate, we will offer more than two per year if suitable opportunities arise.
- We have listened to your comments about preferring destinations that are not usually open to the public and possibly linked to our lecture programme, as with Special Interest Days.
- We may offer smaller group visits, inviting members to meet at the location and thus avoiding coach travel – e.g. a tour of Wren churches in London.

Holidays

- 56% of you expressed a possible or probable interest in holidays
- The UK was the top choice, closely followed by Europe (North and South) and a sizeable minority interested in going further afield.
- The preferred duration was 4-7 days.

Website

- We were pleased (and a little surprised!) to know that 59% of you visit our Society's website sometimes and 11% regularly!
- It is a valuable source of information about your Society's activities so we do encourage you to take a look now and then.
- You'll find it at www.northbucksdfas.co.uk.

Other Activities

Church Recorders, Heritage Volunteers and Young Arts

- 21 of you are already involved with **Church Recorders** or are interested in becoming involved. Please speak to **Judith Jeffcoate** to find out more.
- 18 of you are already involved with **Heritage Volunteers** or would like to get involved. Please speak to **John Perkins** to find out more.
- 4 of you are interested in helping with **Young Arts**, so please speak to **Margaret Hart**.
- 60% of you felt you didn't know enough about the above activities so we will address this by reporting back to you at lectures, sending a brief e-mail newsletter to members and ensuring news is posted on our notice board at lectures.
- 82% of you expressed a possible or probable interest in other activities organised by the Society, such as theatre visits etc, so we'll explore possibilities for such visits.

Your other comments

- “I really appreciate the work done by the organising committee and volunteers.”
- “I am very happy with this branch of NADFAS. Having been a member of other branches in the past, I am finding North Bucks the most interesting and friendly.”
- “I thoroughly enjoy the monthly lectures and enjoy meeting up with old friends in a very convivial atmosphere.”
- “I think this and previous Committees have done well in making North Bucks DFAS such a pleasure. Such a friendly, happy buzz over welcoming refreshments after being greeted on the way in.”
- “NADFAS is a wonderful association and needs little improvement.”
- “A very nice Society, well organised – most enjoyable.”
- “I really enjoy coming to lectures and think the Newport group have things just about right.”

Like to get involved?

It is very nice to know that your Committee's efforts are appreciated
– thank you!

We'd be glad of more volunteers, however, so do consider getting involved yourself – in whatever role you feel may suit you best.

Committee meetings are daytime, usually afternoons, currently in Olney but always likely to be local. As well as contributing to your Society, it's enjoyable and a great way of getting to know other members.

We are currently seeking: Church Recorders, helpers for the Audio Visual Team and two new Committee members.

Come and find out more...straight after today's Lecture
Or speak to Julia Campion



Did you know?

It takes 23 people to run your Society – it's a team effort and we'd like to thank everyone for their contribution.

So who does what?

(Names in **bold type** indicate Committee members)

President: Sheila Hunter						Chairman: Nick Griffin Vice-Chairman: Loie Perkins					
Secretary	Audio Visual Team	Membership Secretary	Programme Secretary	Treasurer	Special Interest Days	Visits	Member Survey & Communications	Holidays	Catering (at Lovat Hall)	Church Recorders	Heritage Volunteers
Peggy Butler	Nick Freeman Brian Hunter Lesley Gilbert Colin Kempson Peter Turner Jenny Turner	Bob Shirley	Peter Butler	Felicity Head	Sue Binnie (Sue will be standing down soon and we are seeking two members to help with SIDs)	Margaret Hart	Julia Campion	John Perkins	Anne Kempson Angela Bucknall Helen Kennedy Brenda Everett	Judith Jeffcoate	John Perkins

We hope you'll consider helping – it's enjoyable, a great way of getting to know other members and you can really make a difference to your Society.