



The Henley Society

Protecting our heritage and environment in Henley-on-Thames

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE BRIEFING- MARCH 2022

Thank you to all Members who attended our first talk of 2022 given by the Queen's Swan Marker, David Barber. It was an extremely interesting talk on the subject of swans in general, the annual 'upping' event on the Thames, the type of boats used and why, and the way the QSM educates children. The talk was backed up by some excellent swan photography.

We are delighted to say that 127 tickets were sold for the talk, a record by far for the Society, and David donated his fee for the evening to the Swan Support Charity based in Datchet.

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The **Henley HGV Campaign** has, sadly, hit a barrier with the change of Councillor in charge of affairs. Burford's ban on through HGVs has been reversed, and Henley's put on hold whilst Oxfordshire County Councillors debate a county-wide plan for HGV routing.

There is a consultation going on to which you are urged to contribute if you love Henley. Unfortunately the closing date is March 16th and so if you wish your opinion to be heard then you will need to respond quickly. You can send your views to LTCP5@oxfordshire.gov.uk, with a copy to henleyhgvwatch@gmail.com please, or write to Joe Kay at Strategic Transport Lead Infrastructure, OCC, County Hall, Oxford OX1 1ND

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Reminders have been sent to you, together with the method for booking tickets, for both our April talk (**Save Wild Tigers**) and our planned trip to RMA Sandhurst (**Commandant's Parade.**) We look forward to seeing you at these events. And don't forget to put April 22nd in your diary – the date of our 2022 AGM.

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In Henley Town Council news – the new **Town Centre Manager Craig Buckby** resigned after less than six months in post and, we understand, his proposed 'Henley Eye' and Christmas Ice Rink will not now go ahead. The Mayor has withdrawn her proposal to close Market Place to traffic on a trial basis 'until a more appropriate time'.

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This month we welcome **two new additions to our Planning Committee** – Mrs Joan Clark and Ms Monnik Vleugels -and we look forward to working with them over the coming months and years.

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Our close association with the **Town Council** continues and The Society has donated a lime tree to Henley Town Council to be planted in Freemans Meadow by the Parks Team.

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New Members continue to join us and this month we welcome Sue and Mike Lines, Janet Middleton-Stewart (re-joining), Diana Duggan and Derek Alway, John Willis, Sue Milton, Katy Snoodyk and Steve Benham, and Cleone Augur . Welcome all!

Until next month....