

## Faversham Creek Trust Members' survey: the results are here

A huge thank you to all of you who completed our survey. We have compiled the results and there is a summary below. What you told us has already helped us to decide which events to take part in this year and which we will be preparing for actively next year.

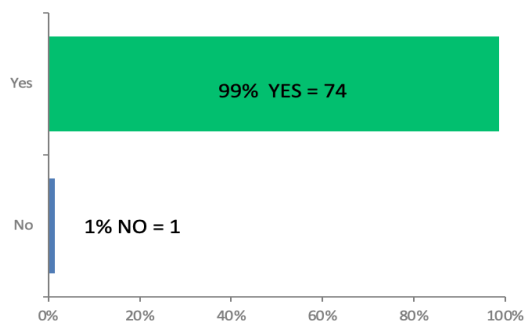
We received 75 responses out of a total of 225 of our members who have an email address. That's a response rate of 33%.

A significant number of you offered your help as volunteers and organisers. We will be in touch to follow-up as we get various events organised. Thank you!

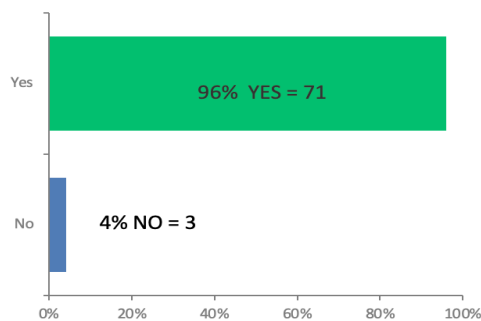
### What you told us:

The vast majority of you would like to receive a newsletter each year, preferably by email

**Q1: Would you like the Trust to continue to produce a twice-yearly newsletter?**

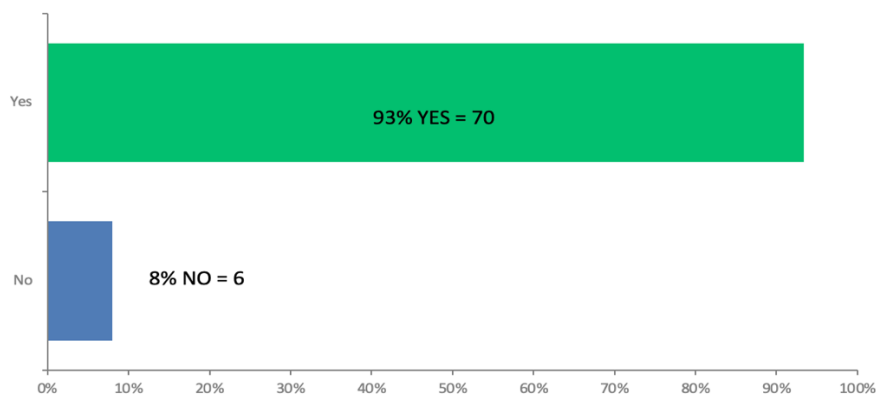


**Q2: Would you be willing to receive it by email rather than delivery?**



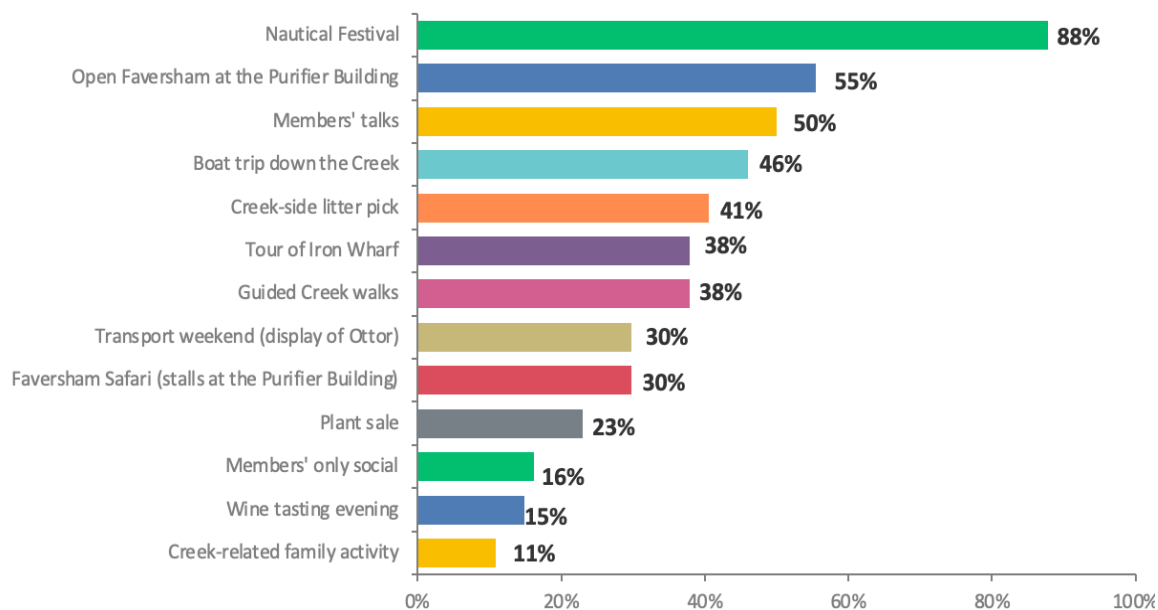
The majority of you would like to attend events put on by the Trust

**Q3: Are you interested to attend events organised by the Trust?**



### The events you would most like the Trust to offer or take part in are:

Nautical Festival – Open Faversham – Members’ talks – Boat trip down the Creek – Creek-side litter pick – Tour of Iron Wharf – guided Creek walks



### One-third of you offered to volunteer at different types of event, including

- Litter picking
- Educational talks/visits to schools
- Manning stalls, making tea/cakes
- Anything where less active help would be valuable (due to health reasons)

And four of you offered to help to organise events, including a litter-pick, talks about ecology & the Creek landscape, a music event and a wine evening.

We will be in touch.

### There was a general view that the Trust has a broad remit and needs to concentrate on:

- Getting the Creek working as an accessible, active waterway (importantly - dredging and continuing to work towards securing an opening bridge & restored basin)
- Enhancing the ecology of the Creek: local environment, wildlife, water quality, preserving local history
- Using the Neighbourhood Plan to safeguard the future of the Creek
- Investigating how to bring historical buildings and sites into active use: T S Hazard, Swan Quay
- Supporting the restoration of historic vessels, such as the bawley ‘*Thistle*’, obtaining grants, encouraging apprenticeships and using the restored vessel to teach people to sail
- Supporting the establishment of a boat-building apprenticeship scheme in Faversham and/or offering training bursaries
- Re-starting the talks in schools about Ottor

**You would like to see the Trust getting better at the following things:**

- Communicating with its Members more regularly about its progress
- Raising its profile, e.g., having a stall in the Market with fliers and recruitment info
- Reaching a much wider and younger audience, particularly making the work of the Trust understandable to younger people and those without prior knowledge
- Collaborating with other groups to widen the understanding and appeal of the Trust:
  - Work relating to the environment and ecology, e.g., wildlife, water quality
  - Understanding Faversham's maritime heritage and the benefits it can bring to the local economy and the environment
  - Teaming up with the Historical Society – e.g., a publication about the history of the Creek
  - Events for younger people/families