



The Henley Society

Protecting our heritage and environment in Henley-on-Thames

Annual General Meeting

April 9th 2026

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT



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- 2025 -Another year of progress and growth
- Membership at 650
- Healthy cash reserves ready for investment in the town
- New relationship forged with Henley Town Council
- New relationship forged with The Henley College



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Steve O'Connor of the River & Rowing Museum who gave our February talk together with Nick & Geoff.

Members might recall that the talk was given simultaneously with the announcement that the museum would close.



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Our trip to Bletchley Park in April was enjoyed by all who travelled, the day was enhanced by an informative Guide and Nick's generous lunch time offering on the occasion of a significant birthday.



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March – Henley Town Council's Great Sack Race Sponsored by The Henley Society



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August got off to a fast start with our sponsorship, for the first time ever, of a race at the Henley Town & Visitors Regatta.

Stanley Sharp of Wallingford won our race, the Junior 16 Sculls, from Charlie Green of Henley Rowing Club.





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The Henley Society Annual Music on the Lawn - August



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Members of the Committee
with our Member of
Parliament –
Freddie Van Mierlo on the
occasion of the talk he gave
to the group.





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Before and after examples of one of the 200 road signs we cleaned in conjunction with Henley Town Council, a project completed in time for the 2025 Royal Regatta





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- Street Sign Cleaning Project – over 200 signs washed down in time for Royal Regatta.

Cartoon - Henley Society Fund Road Signs Cleaning Project

29th May 2025 / in News / by Editor





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Ooops – another job for
The Henley Society
to chase up.

Accident – May 10

On Fix My Street- May 11

Repaired – Jan 2026 !!



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The was the sight that greeted residents and visitors on most Sunday evenings outside Café Nero. Following our approach to Management the café now disposes of its commercial waste in a more environmentally friendly way





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The Society planted a replacement “Rupert’s Elm” following the demise of the original tree at the turn of the century.



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The Speaker of the House of Commons, Sir Lindsay Hoyle unveiling a blue plaque on the side of Speakers House in Hart Street commemorating the birth place of William Lenthall Speaker of the House in the Long Parliament. (June 26th).



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Following the unveiling of the Blue Plaque – we entertained the Speaker to tea on the terrace at Phyllis Court Club with the Mayor of Henley and the Baroness Buscombe, our President, plus members of the Executive Committee and descendants of William Lenthall.





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A typical daily scene outside Gail's Bakery until we approached management who now dispose of their commercial waste by delivery directly to the collection truck.



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Matthew Barber, Police and Crime Commissioner for Thames Valley was the Speaker at our October talk when we learned much about the day-to-day activities of the Thames Valley force.



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Vice Chairman's table at the Christmas lunch-December 18





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With sincere thanks to our
President for all her constant
guidance and support
throughout the Year.

Peta, The Baroness Buscombe
of Goring