

HS2 Amersham (& Chesham) AGs



Who we are

HS2 Amersham AG

Established group, still very active despite now being over a tunnel

Chesham Society

Local amenity society..

What we do

- 🚫 Raise Cash
- 🚫 Raise local awareness
- 🚫 Oppose HS2

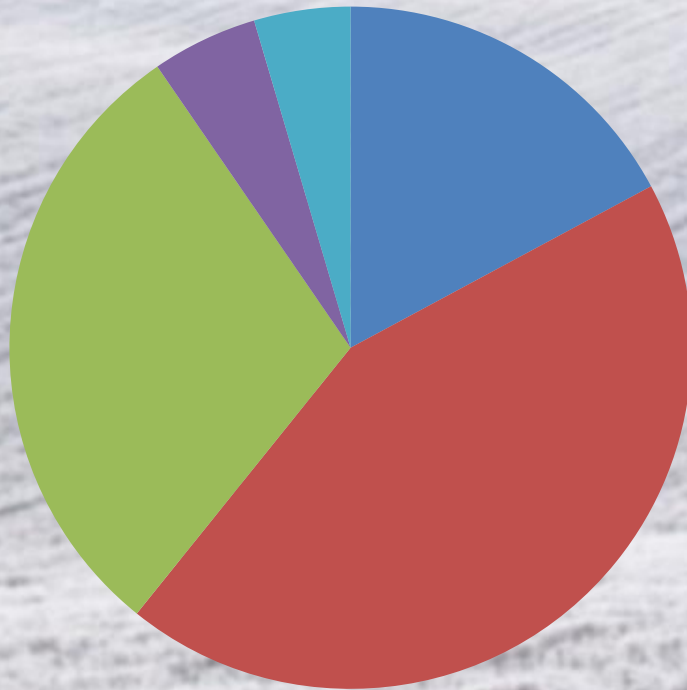
Limited by available effort –

- 🐑 Not enough time, &
- 🐑 Not enough people

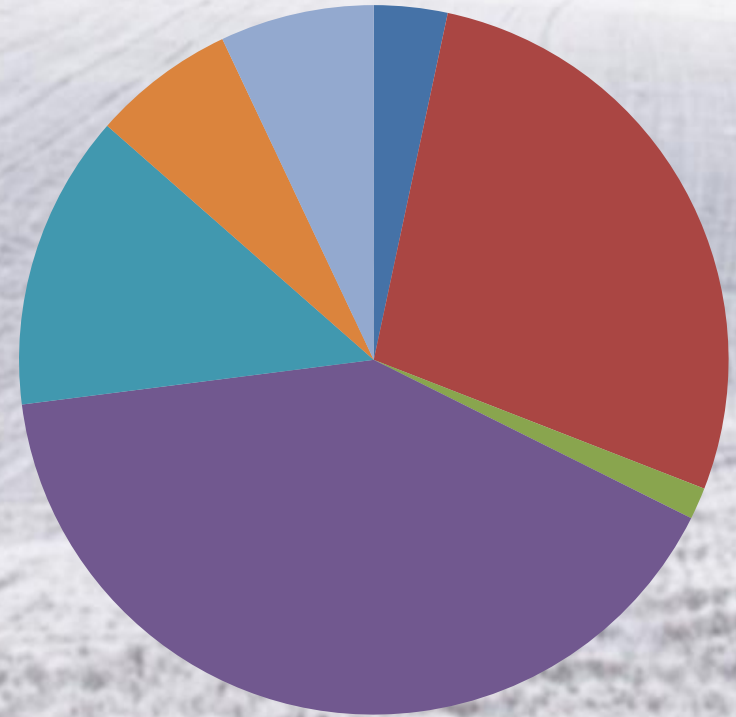


Raising Cash

⊘ Main focus of group / committee is raising and allocating funds



■ 200 Club ■ Donations
■ Events ■ Merchandise
■ Other



■ Aghast ■ Party Conferences
■ Ellie ■ Judicial Reviews
■ Legal ■ PR
■ Other



Raising Awareness

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HS2 Shops

We have twice had the use of empty shops in Amersham, for several weeks.

- 🐷 Displays etc are seen by more people
- 🐷 Good venue for events (JR press conference)
- 🐷 Can sell stuff – 200 club tickets, event tickets ...
- 🐷 Overheads – setting up & staffing



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- 🚫 **Local amenity societies – join , get elected. They have resources –**
 - 🐼 Communications network
 - 🐼 Charitable status
 - 🐼 Stuff – Gazebos, Display boards, Money ?
 - 🐼 ... but, more meetings 😞



Opposing HS2

Doesn't take much committee time – organised by Email

- 🗨️ Community Forums – Bucks CC arranges a pre-meeting (of all groups) to plan for the next meeting & draw up the Agenda
- 🗨️ (Many) other meetings – attended by the usual suspects, depends who is available.
- 🗨️ HS2 Consultations –
 - 🗨️ providing & circulating suggested responses
 - 🗨️ Setting up alternative displays at Roadshows



Website


A useful resource –

Google Images x HS2 - Amersham Action G x BBC Weather - Abingdon x STOP HS2 http://stophs2.org/news/ x Buy Tickets for STOP HS2 x www.stophs2-officialmerc x

www.hs2amersham.org.uk/index.html

Contact Us

HS2 – Amersham Action Group



[Draft Environmental Statement – Chilterns Information](#)

[Stop HS2 convention – Sat 29th June, Stafford](#)

Welcome to HS2 Amersham Action Group

HS2 Amersham Action Group is a community group formed by local people strongly opposed to the Government's proposal to build a new 250mph high speed railway (High Speed Two) from London to Birmingham, then onwards to Manchester and Leeds, at a minimum cost of [£34,000,000,000](#).

We campaign locally, and nationally with our partners, to Stop HS2. The case against HS2 is overwhelming. Expert opinion, and experience of high speed rail in other countries, has exposed the claims made for HS2 as 'myths'. There is clear evidence that the business case and environmental case for HS2 simply do not add up.

The local impact of HS2 will be immense. Phase One cuts right through the heart of Buckinghamshire and the Chilterns. For all of us in this area, the construction will bring years of major disruption to our countryside, communities and roads. By the time HS2 is finished, some of the loveliest stretches of the Chiltern countryside will be lost for ever. Some of our communities will literally be torn apart.

Following the government's announcement that HS2 "will go ahead", the fight to Stop HS2 is moving to the courts. We need your help for this crucial, but costly, stage of the campaign.

**IT'S TIME TO TURN LOCAL OUTRAGE INTO FIRM SUPPORT
READ ON FIND OUT WHAT YOU CAN DO TO HELP**

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Website

A useful resource –

- 🔒 To promote our events
- 🔒 Source of local (& some national) news
- 🔒 A permanent (& searchable) record of
 - 🗨 CF documents, presentations, minutes etc
 - 🗨 Local Maps (in manageable chunks)
 - 🗨 Newsletters – ours & other local groups

The screenshot shows the website for the HS2 - Amersham Action Group. The main heading is "HS2 - Amersham Action Group". Below this, there is a section titled "Analysis" which discusses the division of 49 electoral divisions into four categories: On Route, Over Tunnel, Near Route, and Other. The text explains that there are significant differences in the electoral composition of these categories and provides a link to a figure showing the total votes cast for each party in the 4 categories.

Analysis

The 49 electoral divisions were divided into 4 categories -

- 8 Divisions through which the line passes (on the surface)
- 6 Divisions adjacent to these
- 5 Divisions over the (half) Chilterns tunnel
- All 30 other divisions

There are significant differences in the electoral composition of these categories - for example, Gerrards Cross & the Chalfonts are above the tunnel, while several of the Aylesbury divisions are adjacent to the line.

The votes cast for each party (as a percentage of the total electorate) are shown in [this figure](#). The total votes cast for each party in the 4 categories divide up as shown here -

Category	Cons	UKIP	LibDem	Lab	Green	TUGats	Indep
On Route	~45%	~15%	~10%	~15%	~10%	~5%	~1%
Over Tunnel	~45%	~15%	~10%	~15%	~10%	~5%	~1%
Near Route	~45%	~15%	~10%	~15%	~10%	~5%	~1%
Other	~45%	~15%	~10%	~15%	~10%	~5%	~1%

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- 🐼 “Friends” – a dozen or so – help out with events
- 🐼 Mailing list – a few hundred – of limited use

The committee

- 🐼 Decides what events to stage (owner, budget)
- 🐼 Decides how to distribute funds
- 🐼 Avoids (national) politics

Annual(ish) meeting

- 🐼 Everyone invited
- 🐼 Mostly informative, no decisions, elections etc

Legal structure

- 🐼 Bank Account (2 sigs)
 - 🐼 Public Liability Insurance
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