



## LYD VALLEY RIDING CLUB MEMBERS SURVEY

Our thanks to everyone that took the time to let the committee know what it is that you would like to take part in, try for the first time and what makes you want to remain a member of the club. All your kind comments and feedback now help us to consider what we should be looking at to provide enjoyment and challenges to our members in the future.

### Summary of Survey results

The survey was conducted on-line and followed a similar format to the last survey undertaken in 2013. Thirty of our current and previous members took part in the survey.

The feedback regarding why you wanted to be members of the Lyd Valley riding club was overwhelmingly to have access to regular training, which is affordable but also to be part of a "horsey community".

Members also like the friendly / supportive nature of the club as well as the quality of the trainers and facilities.

The disciplines that members are most interested in focuses on flatwork and dressage with 100% very interested or might like to try but there was a keen interest in undertaking show jumping and cross country too. Also great interest in In-hand work.

The 100% of members are very interested and/or wishing to have a go at the training, but demonstrations, outings and social events were also very popular with 63% very interested in competitions.

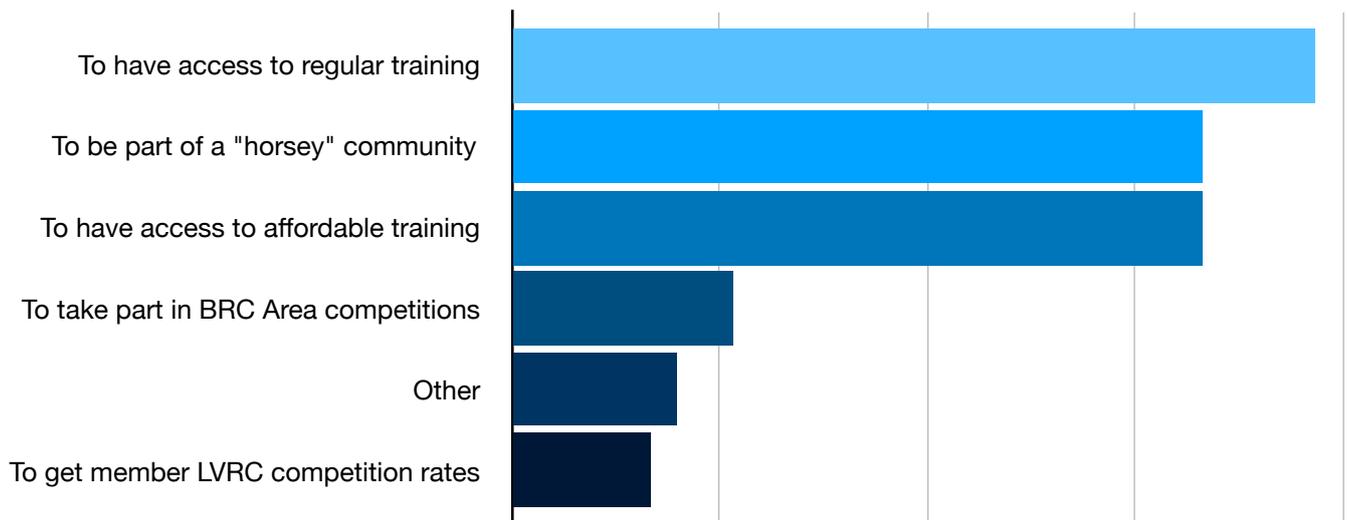
Slightly more people were interested in week day activities but over 50% were interested in weekend activities too.

In-hand sessions with Juddith Hubbard and X Country attracted the most interest however formation riding and beach outing saw the most numbers who might like to try these activities out.

Whilst there were many members that indicated they might like to try or were very interested in cross country and showjumping these activities also had the highest % of those who were not interested.

That said some members felt that the Club had become very focussed on dressage and requested inclusion of these other disciplines and activities.

## 1. Why people are members of LVRC



Other reasons why people are members of the Lyd Valley Riding Club:

Local, good facilities, weekly training.

To develop my partnership with my horse through a variety of training and broader educational experiences and to have fun and meet likeminded people

Good to have friendly ongoing support to achieve goals

Heard it was a friendly club to join

Quality of training from Angela, networking & Hosted Hacks with like minded riders in small, fun, supportive groups

Regular training and competition but in a productive friendly and encouraging way in a chilled and lovely venue

For fun and enjoyment, being with my horse in the company of other like minded people, and horses!

To take part in hosted hacks

To gain confidence & experiences out of my comfort zone

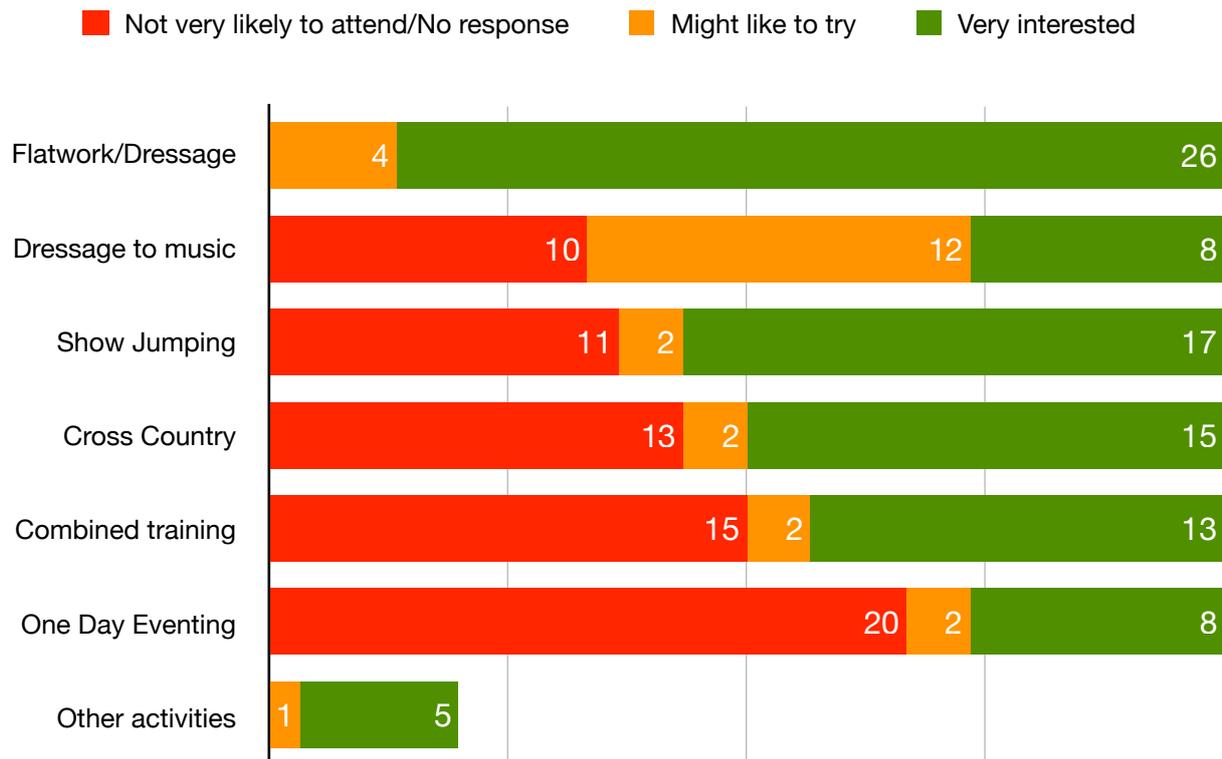
Was advised that it was a very friendly club that encouraged development

To still set goals even as an "oldy rider"

Enjoy the company

Lovely people and a non-judgey, helpful environment!

## 2. What disciplines members are interested in



Other disciplines that members of the Lyd Valley Riding Club would like to see included:

Riding club camps/ training weekends or a few days away. Lessons on showing.

For the club to host an annual summer show

IN-HAND WORK

Working Equitation

Judith Hubbard in-hand

Anything dressage/flat work/ground work related on weekends

Groundwork/liberty

Hosted hacks

Trec

In hand training, ground work

Endurance riding and would be interested in being part of a riding club team for EGB competitions at Novice level.

Anything unusual - past experiences with riding clubs have included great fun rides, adult gymkana, barrel racing, cattle herding, jousting etc. Just 'having a go' at new things is great for horse and rider in my view!

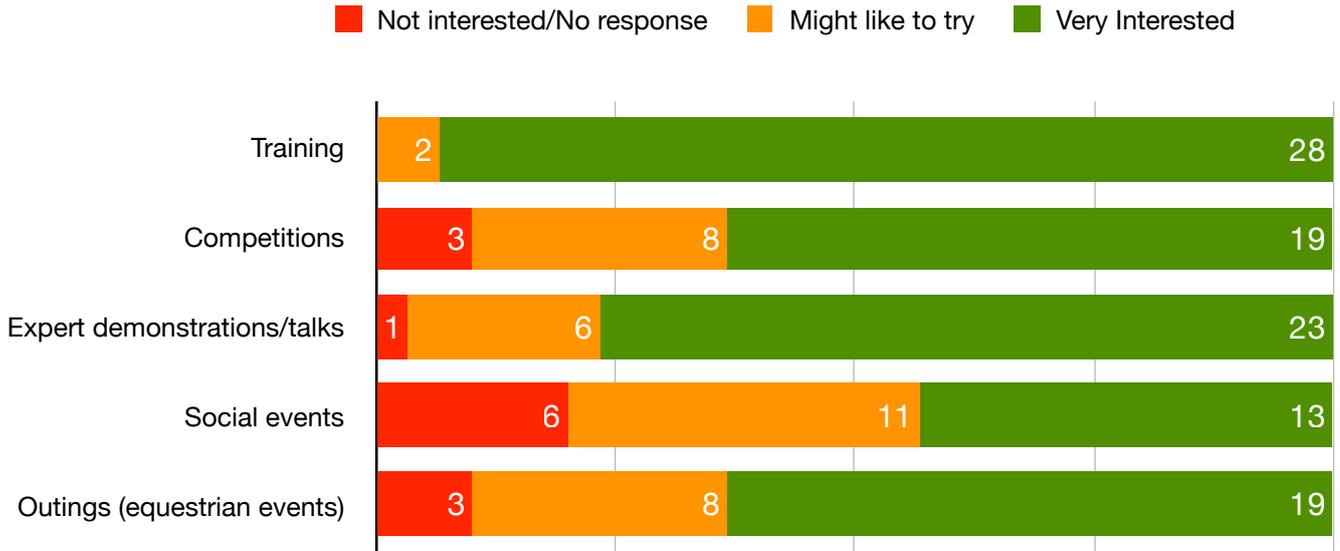
Natural horsemanship

Pole clinic without jumps

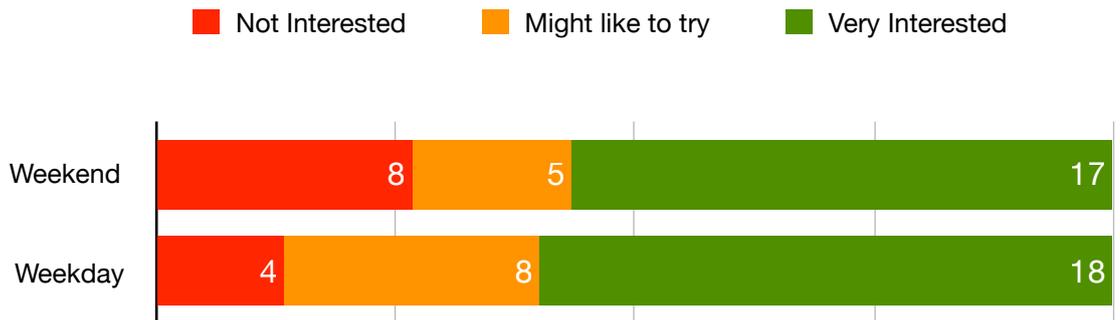
Any of the variations that are possible re Trec, the old prix caprilli!

Dressage test riding clinics

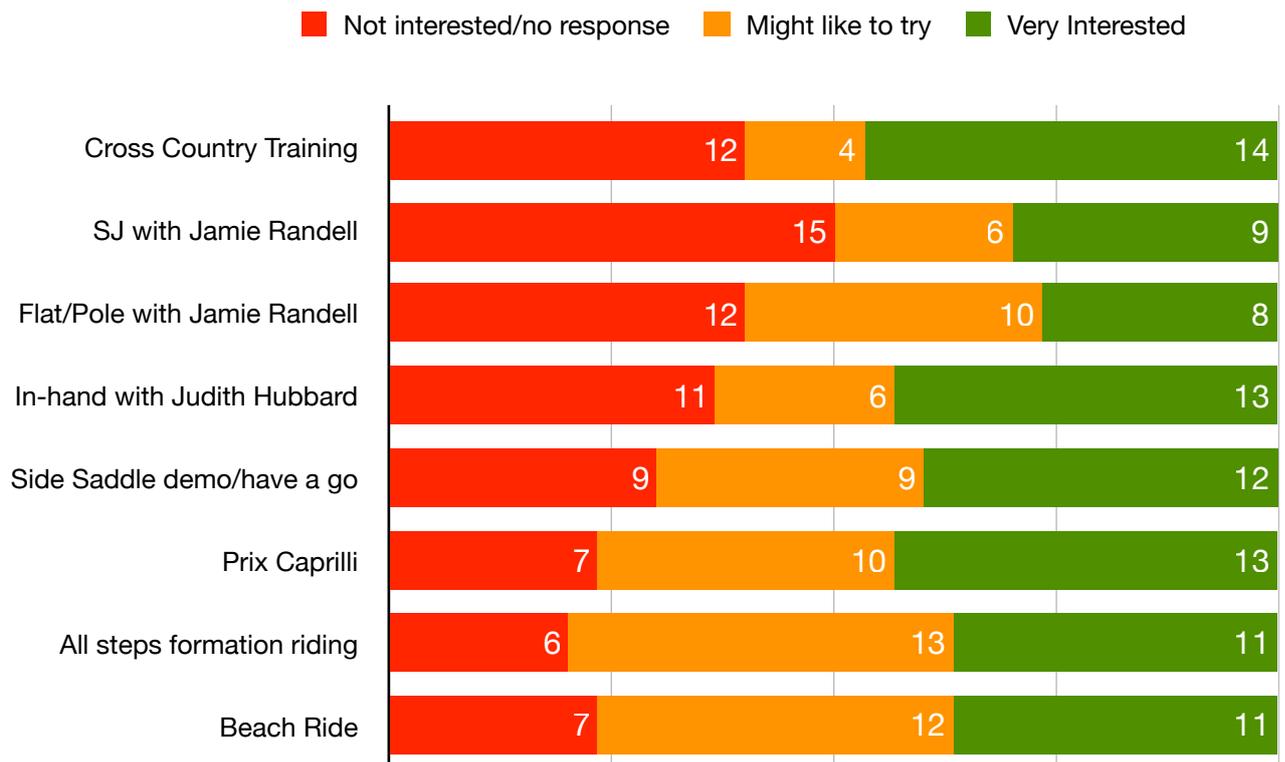
### 3. Types of events members are interested in



### 4. When members would like to attend activities



## 5. Members interest for specific activities



## 6. Other comments and suggestions

- Lyd Valley has become very much a Dressage Club. It would be great if it could make a much wider range of opportunities available to its members. This in turn would be likely to attract a larger membership and encourage riders and horses to grow in experience and confidence
- The club is very fortunate to have an excellent in house instructor with Angela Coward mid week. It would be refreshing to have a mix of visiting weekend instructors
- The Club is very well run in a friendly, confidence-giving, safe way.
- Thank you for all the hard work that goes into LVRC events
- More weekend training - SJ
- I hope there is support as I think it's really important to have a go and enjoy and do all these things. For me it's what riding club is all about the opportunity to have a go at different things and have fun just my horses at the moment aren't all rounders. I think the club does a great job in being welcoming and encouraging Ax
- I have found the club to be really friendly and accessible from the outset and am looking forward to joining in with more activities. We might even have a go at very basic dressage!
- As we missed so much last year, dressage comps in May, June and July?
- Regular groundwork - even if it was once every 6 weeks
- Both me and my horse are now rather too old to go back and join many of these events, but think they are all great ideas for the young and fit combinations. Happy to help/volunteer.
- Some sort of weekend camp maybe in 2022.
- Camps, go some bigger places like Bicton, Pontispool etc.
- If representing Lyd Valley at any team event, a training session where we are all in one group/2 so we know each other when supporting each other at an event a week or ten days before