

Triratna Housing and Care Survey

A survey of 330 Order members, aged 60 and over and living in the UK, was carried out in early 2015.

There was a response rate of 54% and the pie charts below show the results of the 10 questions asked in the survey.

The survey arose from a desire by the Abhayaratna Trustees to galvanise a co-housing and/or care project within the Triratna Community.

Each question had a comment box for the participants, and from these it was possible to ascertain certain themes.

In summary, the results and comments indicated a clear interest in having some type of Triratna housing facility for Order Members, but not necessarily exclusively for older Order members, and with a care component if required – preferably provided by a Team Based Right Livelihood.

A number of Order members who own their own property expressed interest in selling up and moving into a Triratna housing facility. Some expressed interest in participating by not living there but possibly investing in such housing.

It is not the intention of The Abhayaratna Trust to run such a project, but to stimulate and support Triratna Housing and Care projects to come to fruition.

Here are the survey links on three types of housing:

a) Alms housing associations

www.almshouses.org/history/ and www.Almshouses.co.uk

b) Co-housing research funded by the Rowntree Trust

www.jrf.org.uk/sites/files/jrf/senior-cohousing-communities-full.pdf

c) Housing associations listed by Shelter

england.shelter.org.uk/get_advice/social_housing/housing_association

scotland.shelter.org.uk/get_advice/advice_topics/finding_a_place_to_live/

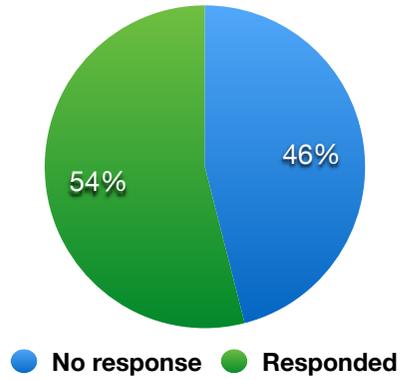
The survey questions

1. Do you consider there is a need for Triratna charities/organisations to provide housing for Order members?
2. Would you be interested in one of these housing types – alms housing, co-housing, housing association – being provided by the Triratna Community?
3. If yes, what would be your ranking of importance of the following factors: geographic location, Triratna housing located near the Order or other friends, an established Triratna Centre nearby, single sex accommodation, separate living units for single people and couples, security of tenure, cost.
4. Please indicate your age and when you might want to move into a Triratna housing development?
5. Do you rent or own where you currently live?
6. If you own your own home, could you envisage selling it, investing in a Triratna Community housing project and moving in?
7. If you were not interested in moving into Triratna housing, would you be interested in investing financially in such a project (with proper legal safeguards)?
8. If you were interested in moving into a Triratna housing facility, would the need for help with care be a big factor in your decision?
9. Anything further to add?
10. Would you consider supporting the work of the Trust with a donation?

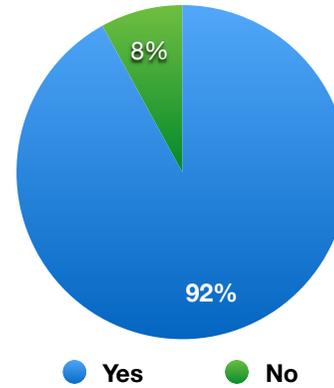
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Order housing survey questionnaire responses

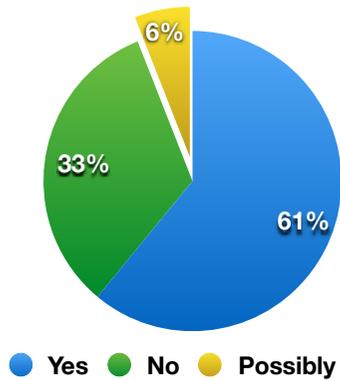
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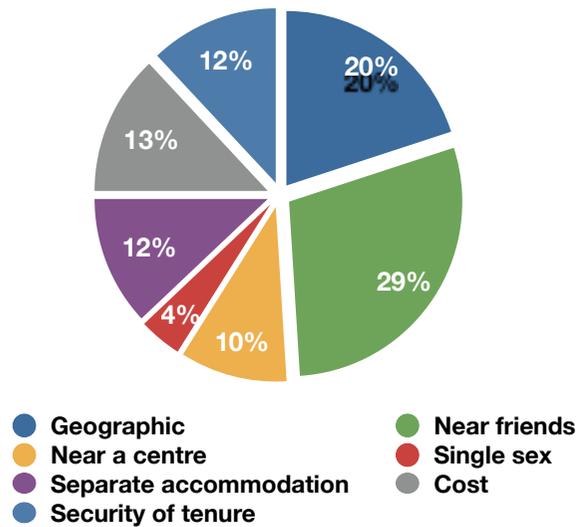
Q1 Need for Triratna housing



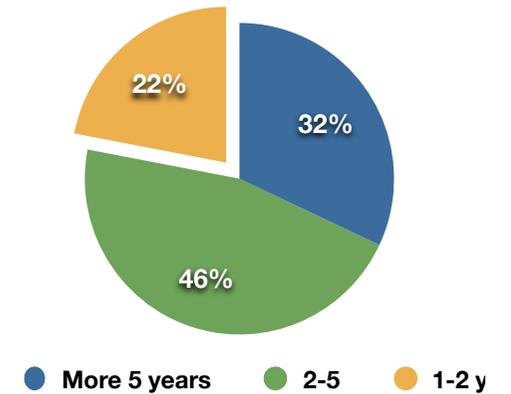
Q3 Interest in Triratna housing



Q3 Location

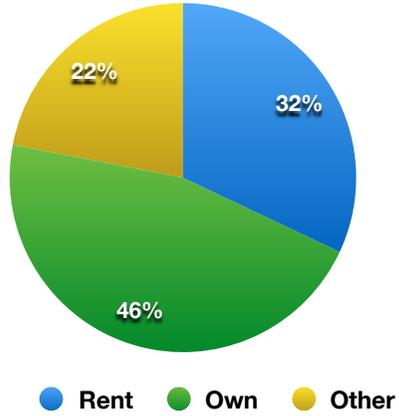


Q4 When to move

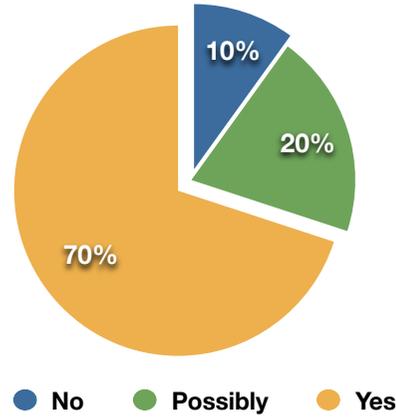


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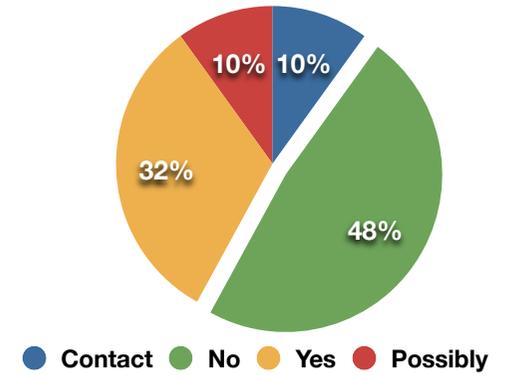
Q5 Rent or Own



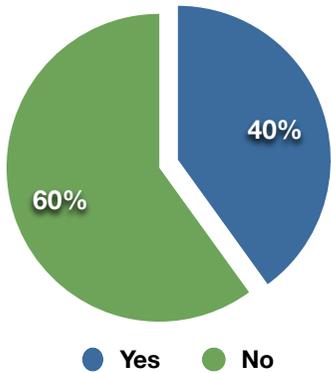
Q4 Sell own home and move in



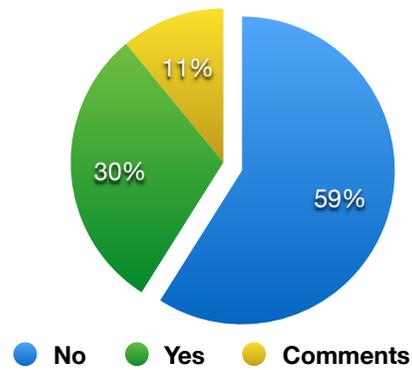
Q7 Interest investing



Q8 Need for care



Q9 Anything to add



Q10 ABR Trust

