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Collating existing data on communities and cultural institutions on the south coast (Hampshire and Dorset).

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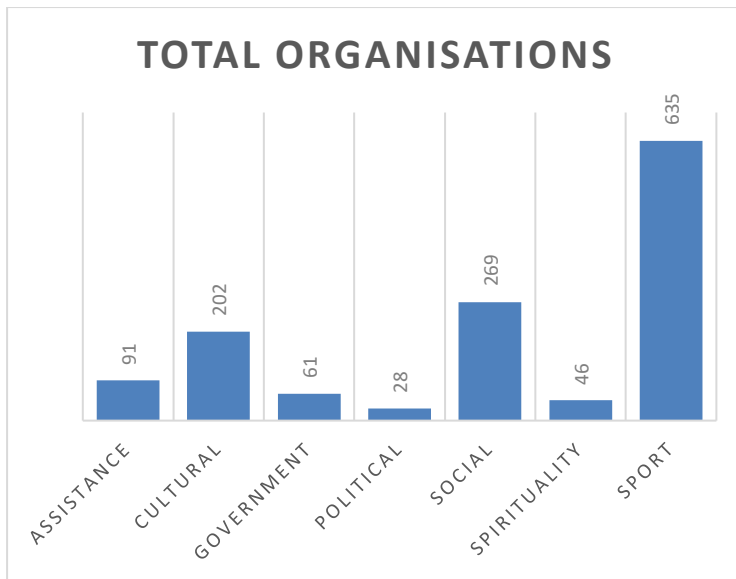
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The team collected and collated details of registered communities in Hampshire and Dorset as well as registered cultural institutions. The purpose for the collection and collation of the above information was in order to support a larger research application in which some of the researchers will examine the emotional attachments of individuals and communities to objects of maritime history. The research will pay attention to questions of emotional wellbeing and the ways in which emotions become entangled with our social, historical and psychological attachment to cultural and heritage objects and will examine the ways in which these attachments shape identities and foster a sense of community cohesion and belonging.

The data collected and collated is by no means complete, not only because as the social environment changes the data will need to be re-adjusted, but because it includes only those communities which the team has managed to include within the short space of time allocated to the researchers. Hence, the data is meant to form the basis for further additional material by anyone who is interested in doing so in any future context. The intention in posting it is that it should provide a helpful start for anyone looking for information about local communities and local cultural institutions.

The raw data can be made available on request, if required. Below, you will find some overall analysis which the team could extract from the raw data which we hope will be of use to the wider research community. The visual display gives an indication of the variety of registered communities in Hampshire and Dorset, the wide range of interests and activities of communities and organisations. We were particularly struck by the number of sport activities supported by the communities, but these activities should be seen alongside all the other listed activities. Individuals may well belong to two or more registered communities.



The organisations have been broken down into seven broad categories.

Assistance organisations are concerned with helping people. This includes environmental groups, immigrant assistance groups and substance abuse organisations.

Cultural groups include arts organisations, heritage groups, museums, history-related hobbyist organisations and entertainment.

Government includes military and non-military organisations associated with governance.

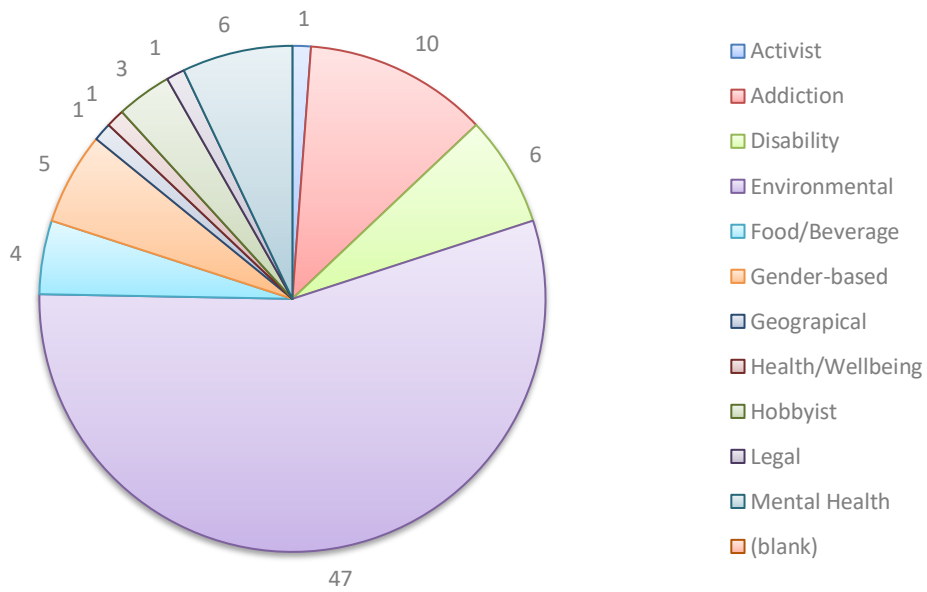
Political organisations are mainly activity and party-political groups.

Social groups include a wide range of organisations primarily concerned with specific communities including youth groups, ethnic-associated organisations and leisure groups.

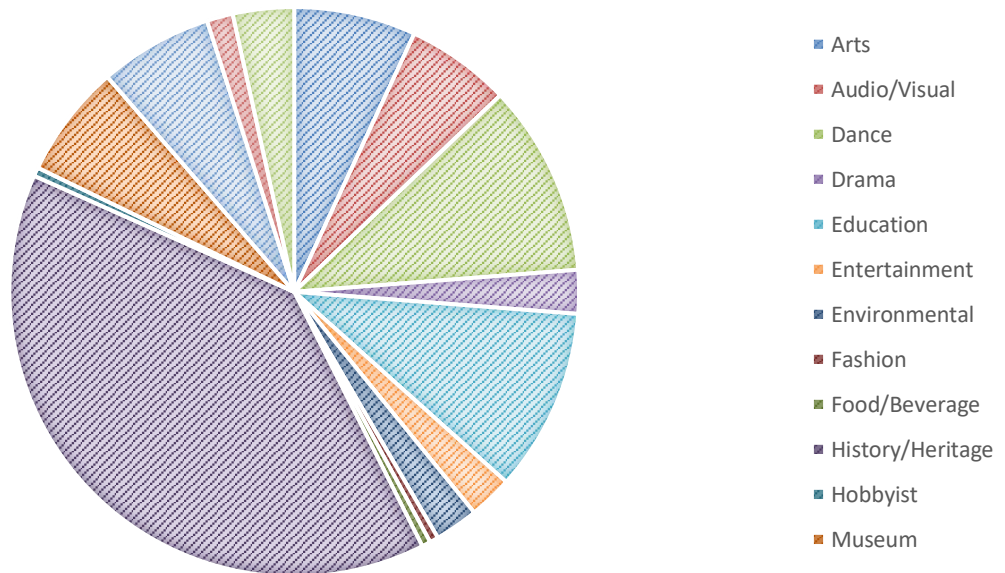
Spirituality includes organised religions as well as spiritual-based well-being groups.

Sport includes a wide range of both individual and team sports, as well as water, winter and racquet sports.

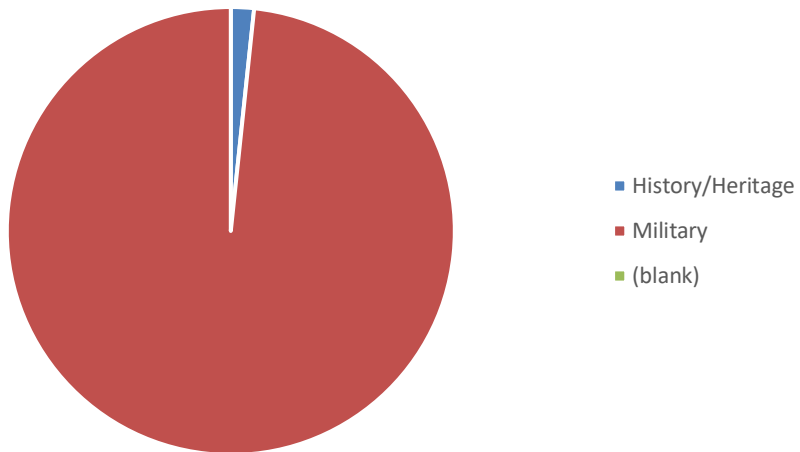
Social Service/Assistance Organisations



CULTURAL ORGANISATIONS



Government Organisations



Political Organisations

