

LION

The magazine of Lions Clubs British Isles



Autumn/Winter 2021

www.lionsclubs.co



Advertise in **LION Magazine**



Each issue of LION Magazine
reaches an audience of over
30,000 readers

2022 publication schedule

Spring '22 – **Published March**

Summer '22 – **Published June**

Autumn/Winter '22 – **Published October**

Contact us

Advertising

richard.durrant@strangers.media

Editorial

james.henderson@strangers.media

Produced by

STRANGERS



Link to full Media Kit:

https://www.strangers.media/files/LIONS_MediaKit.pdf

WE ARE FAMILY

Dear Lions,

As anyone who is close to me knows, there is nothing more important to me than family. Family first. That's my motto. When someone tells me they can't make an event because they have a family obligation, I tell them, "Yes, of course! Go be with your family". Quality time with our loved ones gives us the strength we need to go out and give of ourselves. We cannot fill another's bucket if our own is empty.

However, Lions are a kind of family as well – a really big family with all kinds of aunties and uncles and lifetimes of stories to share. I'm proud to be a part of this Lion family. And I want for Lions what I want for my daughters and grandchildren – to be sure that everyone stays healthy, now and for years to come.

And yet health is one of those things that isn't straightforward. There are many aspects of wellness that create health. In our roles as Lions, we work to foster all aspects of health: mind, body, spirit.

We foster healthy minds through supporting local schools and providing children with the tools and social-emotional skills they need to learn and thrive. We promote healthy bodies by educating our communities about the importance of eating well and exercising. And we grow healthy spirits by joining together in service. Because serving is one thing that can truly feed the soul. By helping others, we help ourselves.

As we enter the season of family and togetherness, remember that you always have a home in Lions. When you are with Lions, you are with family.

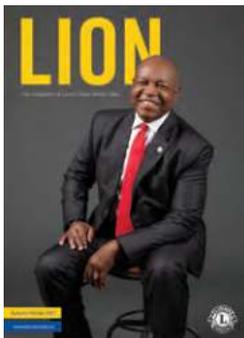
Yours in service,

Douglas K. Alexander

Douglas X. Alexander

International President, Lions Clubs International





LION Magazine
Autumn/Winter 2021

#JoinUs

#LionsGetInvolved

#StepForward



© Lions Clubs International: MD105 British Isles
All rights reserved. Reproduction wholly or in part
is prohibited without written permission.

THE LION MAGAZINE
[British Isles Edition]

Published by MD105 British Isles on behalf of Lions Clubs International, 300 22nd Street, Oak Brook, Illinois 60570, USA.

Lions Clubs International: MD105 British Isles 257 Alcester Road South, Kings Heath, Birmingham B14 6DT.

Telephone: 0121 441 4544
Email: enquiries@lionsclubs.co
Web: www.lionsclubs.co

Please pass this copy on to someone else to read and enjoy. Even better would be if you are able to leave it somewhere in your local community where others will be able to learn more about who Lions are and what they do. Thank you.

6-7	CHRISTMAS TOY APPEAL
8-9	THE LIFE AND ADVENTURES OF SANTA CLAUS
10-13	CASH NOT NEEDED
14-15	NEW LION PODCAST
16-19	GRANT FUNDING
20	LIONS CLUBS UK CHARITY FOUNDATION - AT YOUR SERVICE
21	LIBRA POWERS SICKLE CELL RESEARCH AT KING'S COLLEGE HOSPITAL
22	'ICYMI' IN CASE YOU MISSED IT
23	LIONS STEP FORWARD RESOURCES
24-25	NEXT ISSUE
26-31	COMMUNITY STORIES
32-33	<i>ADVERTORIAL</i>
34-37	LCIF
38-39	<i>ADVERTISEMENTS</i>
41-45	NEW MEMBERS
46	A LION'S TALE
47	IN MEMORIAM



6



10



16

The theme of this LION Magazine is fundraising. Money is the fuel enabling Lions clubs throughout the British Isles to serve their local communities. The Bolton Lions Christmas Toy Appeal article proves the power of partnerships. Next, Santa arrives with fresh thinking from Lions clubs. Take notes from the Cash Not Needed piece about new ways to raise funds. More tips are in the grant funding feature, which introduces a new community-based initiative, ActionFunder. The theme continues in the new monthly LION podcast, Step Forward and Volunteer, launched on 8 December. Read on to find out how to listen.

It was 1982. Prince William celebrated his first Christmas, and the nation watched a new hand-drawn film of a young boy and a snowman flying to the North Pole to meet Santa.

The previous Christmas had been particularly cold, January brought blizzards and deep snow across the British Isles. Recession, inflation, and rising unemployment meant more families lived in poverty and faced a bleak Christmas.

In the town of Bolton, an idea was born. The Bolton Lions Christmas Toy Appeal gifted toys and food hampers to around 40 children and families in need across the town.

Over time, the appeal grew and evolved. Last year, 782 families were supported, with toys and gift vouchers given to 1,571 children and young people. Funds raised hit a record £39,150, boosting the value of each toy/voucher to £30. Additional donations of new toys – estimated at a further £6,000 – took the total raised to an incredible £45,150.

Bolton Lions attribute the success of their Christmas Toy Appeal to relationships developed with partners across the local community. Collaborations have been formal or informal. Some are one-off and short-term arrangements. Others have lasted many years.

This year, the club is working with more than 30 organisations to ensure toys and gift vouchers reach children and young people in greatest need. These include charitable organisations, Urban Outreach, Bolton at Home, and Bolton Guild of Help, as well as safeguarding services, looked after children's teams, children's homes and centres, and schools.

Businesses, local authorities, charities, and schools help with collections. The club works with retailers to make donated money go further and publicise the appeal. Their customers, including young children, often choose to gift a present to the cause. A new partner is Market Place Shopping Centre, which has provided shop space to promote and accept donations for the Christmas Toy Appeal.

Local businesses are key to building a strong partner network around a project. Bolton Lions recommends looking for those with local roots or that have an interest in community-based social responsibility.

The club works closely with Bolton Family and Bolton Action Group. These collectives of public, private, and voluntary organisations support the town and causes that benefit residents.



A new idea for 2021 was to get young people more closely involved, something the club plans to expand in future years. Their participation has energised members of Bolton Lions, who are DBS checked and liaise with schools and parents to ensure student care and safety.

Having discussed with young volunteers what they'd like to achieve, the club asked them to lead on shop layout, window displays and engaging the public with the toy appeal.

They have had great ideas and understand what younger children need. For 16 and 17-year-olds, contribution to the project can be built into the National Citizen Scheme.

Media partners make a real difference to fundraising. Bolton Lions work with the local newspaper, The Bolton News and a radio station, Bolton FM. Both are very supportive and share contact details to make it easy for people to get in touch with the club.

The Bolton News is a long-standing partner. Its office has been a drop-off point for toys and in 2020 the editor and team rallied readers to hit a £30,000 financial target.

IT TAKES A FEW COMMITTED LIONS TO START A PROJECT. IT TAKES A COMMUNITY TO HELP IT SUCCEED



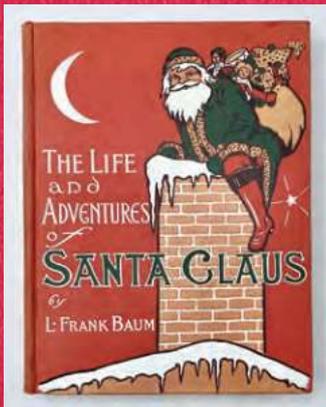
In the new *LION podcast Step Forward and Volunteer*, you can enjoy hearing from young people involved in Bolton Lions Christmas Toy Appeal. See page 15 for details of how to listen.

When looking for local community partners, Bolton Lions advise working with people that share the same values and are not out for themselves. It is important to be open and honest about what can be achieved. Retain a lead partner position and don't allow others to take over.

The club also reminds Lions to have fun with partners. Its members invite existing and potential partners to 'Tour the North Pole', the club's codename for the secret location of its Toy Appeal HQ.

Partnerships can strengthen Lions projects and services. They help initiatives remain relevant. Effective relationships improve fundraising, increase awareness, and motivate more people to get involved. Extra hands provide skills and resources, as well as potential new members from across the local community.

As Bolton Lions say, how could a single club manage such a successful project without partners who are focused on our local community? It is these close working relationships that ensure the Bolton Lions Christmas Toy Appeal will still be around in years to come.



The Life and Adventures of Santa Claus

In 1902, two years after writing *The Wonderful Wizard of Oz*, its author, L Frank Baum, published *The Life and Adventures of Santa Claus*.

Wishing to bring joy into the lives of children, Santa invented toys, and delivered these precious presents on a sledge led by leaping reindeer.

Few people know the reason why Lions love Christmas is that as a baby, Santa was placed in the care of the female lion, Shiegra.

It is with pride that Lions clubs across the British Isles keep Santa's fleet of sleighs in tip-top condition and collect toys for children who otherwise would go without.

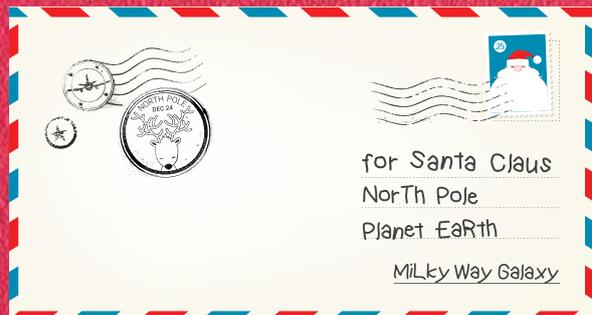
If you sneak a glance into Santa's Workshop, you'll spy Beccles & District Lions packing gifts donated to their Children's Christmas Toy Appeal. Slide over to Doncaster Lions website to order a personalised letter and activity pack from Santa. And pop along to Lutterworth Lions special postbox and mail your Christmas cards for local delivery for a small payment.

Following the route of Christmas sleighs is simple as many clubs, such as Westbury Lions, share a link to a Santa Tracker on social media. Eager children of all ages can watch out for Santa's arrival using a mobile phone app, and spot the QR codes on Lions clubs sleighs and promotional posters. It takes a second to scan these and donate using a mobile device, explain Wetherby Lions.

For more Merry Christmas stories from Lions Clubs, follow on Facebook:

<https://www.facebook.com/Lionsgetinvolved> or Twitter: <https://twitter.com/lionsclubsbi>

Singing along to their favourite Christmas tunes, all good Lions ensure they're covered for playing and performing music on their sleighs with a licence from PPL PRS Ltd. See <https://lionsclubs.co/MemberArea>





CASH NOT NEEDED

The UK is heading towards being a cashless society. This trend presents an opportunity for Lions clubs to adopt new ways to raise funds



Payment by card, mobile phones and online have made it easy to get out of the habit of writing cheques or carrying coins and notes. Since 2017, cash transactions have fallen by around 15% each year. By 2019, 'real money' was used for fewer than a quarter of all payments, according to the Bank of England. A decade earlier cash accounted for close to 60%.

It is a trend that has been accelerated by COVID-19. With five in six payments made digitally, figures from UK Finance show the number of people "living an almost cashless life" nearly doubled to 13.7 million in 2020.

Although large numbers of people continue to use cash at least some of the time, most are happy to spend digitally. This is an opportunity that many Lions clubs have embraced by adopting new ways to raise funds, take payments for events, and replace traditional cash collections.

Making the switch might seem a daunting challenge. So, we've checked out seven user-friendly options that have been recommended by Lions clubs. They save admin time and are popular with the public.

1. QR codes

What are QR codes?

Quick Response (QR) codes are a type of barcode that contains information in a scrambled pattern. This could be a link to a website or online donation forms. To use, someone opens their phone camera and points it at the code.

How can I set up a QR code?

To get started go to <https://goqr.me/> or <https://www.qrstuff.com/>. It takes a few minutes and is free to set up.

How can I use QR codes and promote them?

You can use them anywhere, including shop windows, on stickers for collection buckets, in printed materials, websites, or even on clothing. It is a great option to get people donating directly.

How has a Lions club used it? For the Paignton Lions' Walk into the Sea event on Boxing Day, a QR code is featured on posters online and around the town. This links immediately to the club's website for more information, registration and to download entry and sponsorship forms.

Links

1. **QR codes:** See above
2. **DONATE:** <https://platform.nationalfundingscheme.org>
3. **SumUp:** <https://sumup.co.uk/>
4. **GoFundMe:** <https://www.gofundme.com>
5. **Easyfundraising** - register your Lions Club via: <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/lions>
6. **Eventbrite:** <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/>
7. **Jotform:** <https://www.jotform.com/>



2. DONATE

What is it? DONATE is a mobile giving platform/ website set up by the National Funding Scheme (NFS). It enables people to donate through one recognised brand via multiple channels. These include SMS texting, contactless credit and debit cards, QR codes and web apps.

How much does it cost? It varies depending on whether the donor adds Gift Aid. The NFS retains a percentage of Gift Aid when it is added, and there is a small fixed charge per donation. Without Gift Aid, a percentage of the donation amount plus the fixed charge applies.

How can I publicise it? Share campaigns across all social media platforms and add a DONATE button to your website.

How has a Lions club used it? Malton & Norton Lions used DONATE for Santa sleigh door-to-door collections last year. Fixed donations of £1, £3, £5, and £10, helped boost the club's biggest fundraising activity to a best-ever year figure of several thousand pounds.



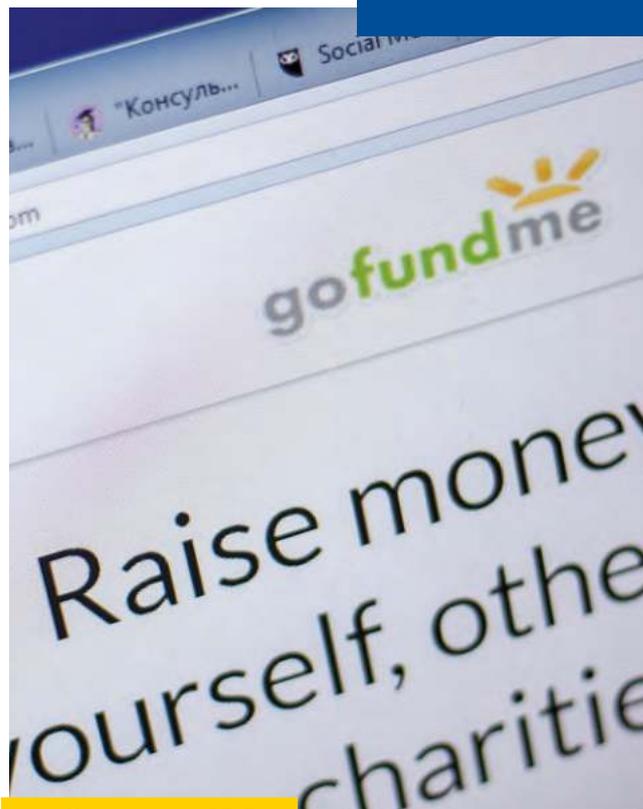
3. SumUp

What is it? SumUp offers a handheld card reader to take credit/debit card and contactless payments.

How much does it cost? SumUp card readers cost from £29 with no monthly fees. A small percentage fee is taken from each transaction.

Can I link SumUp to my mobile device? Yes, SumUp enables pairing to Apple and Android devices. It can be set up to enable Gift Aid on donations when paired with an Android device.

How has a Lions club used it? East Grinstead Lions use SumUp to sell raffle tickets online and using hand-held readers. They've processed card payments even in the middle of fields. These made up 20% of sales at their last event.



4. GoFundMe

What is it? GoFundMe is a crowdfunding platform that enables interaction between fundraisers and the public. It allows users to raise money for events, challenges and other fund-raising purposes.

How much does it cost? 0% platform fees apply for personal and charitable UK fundraisers. There is a percentage fee, plus a small, fixed cost per transaction. These are reduced for certified UK charities with no fees on Gift Aid.

How can I publicise it? Share and embed in your website or from your social media accounts. This will take donors to GoFundMe's website to learn more about a campaign and donate, quickly and easily.

How has a Lions club used it? Duncan Lee from Bury Lions played 100 tunes in a non-stop, Drum-A-Thon to raise £537 through GoFundMe for the club charity account and Age UK.



5. easyfundraising

What is it? easyfundraising is a way for charities, community groups and other good causes to raise money from online shopping. It has thousands of registered retailers who make a small donation to the cause chosen by supporters who sign up and shop through retailer links on the easyfundraising website.

How much does it cost? It is free for causes and supporters to join easyfundraising.

How can I publicise it? You can promote your cause through your website, social media, WhatsApp or email using a unique referral link. easyfundraising has an online fundraising toolkit containing lots of promotional ideas.

How has a Lions Club used it? Nailsea Lions club has added £791.46 to its charity fund by signing with easyfundraising.

6. Eventbrite

What is it? Eventbrite is the world's largest event management platform.

How much does it cost? There are no fees for free events. Eventbrite charges a small commission for each ticket for paid events.

How can I create an event? Register on the Eventbrite website to add details of an event, including different ticket and payment options.

How can I publicise an event? You can make your event public with Eventbrite, integrate into your website or Facebook account, and share across social media.

How has a Lions club used it? Reading Lions promotes tickets for its popular Comedy & Curry Night fundraiser and social event. These sell out weeks in advance.



7. Jotform

What is it? Jotform is an easy to use online form builder. It helps you create forms, integrate them into a website, and receive responses by email.

What is the cost? Jotform has a free plan and subscription options. Features are the same, but free accounts have some limits on usage.

How can I publicise it? Jotform enables free integration with popular social media, such as Facebook.

How has a Lions club used it? Dumfries Lions use Jotform to manage bookings and take card and Paypal payments through Facebook for their practical workshops teaching Sugar and Flower craft, and Christmas Wreath making.



**An inspirational podcast talking about
local community volunteering, brought to
you by Lions Clubs British Isles**

**New programme:
Second Wednesday each month**



Step Forward and Volunteer is a new monthly podcast from Lions Clubs British Isles featuring stories, information and discussion about local community volunteering.

Through conversations with inspirational guests Step Forward and Volunteer celebrates the positive difference volunteering makes to communities across the British Isles and beyond.

Be uplifted, be inspired.

WHAT IS A PODCAST?

A podcast is an audio programme that you can listen to whenever you like using a smartphone, tablet or computer.

The LION podcast is called Step Forward and Volunteer. A new episode will be available on the second Wednesday each month, starting on 8 December 2021.

Listening to a podcast is easy. You can subscribe to never miss an episode. Or listen 'on-demand' to the latest episode and any earlier programmes.

HOW TO LISTEN:

- Visit www.lionsclubs.co where you'll see a link to the LION podcast.
- Follow the instructions to play or download an episode.

or

- Download an app or visit one of the following audio platforms:
Spotify, Apple Podcasts, Google Podcasts or Stitcher.
- Search for Step Forward and Volunteer - listen and subscribe to every episode.

Remember to let others know about Step Forward and Volunteer. If they haven't come across podcasts before, please explain and show them how to find the LION podcast.

WE

CAN

HELP

YOU!

GRANT FUNDING

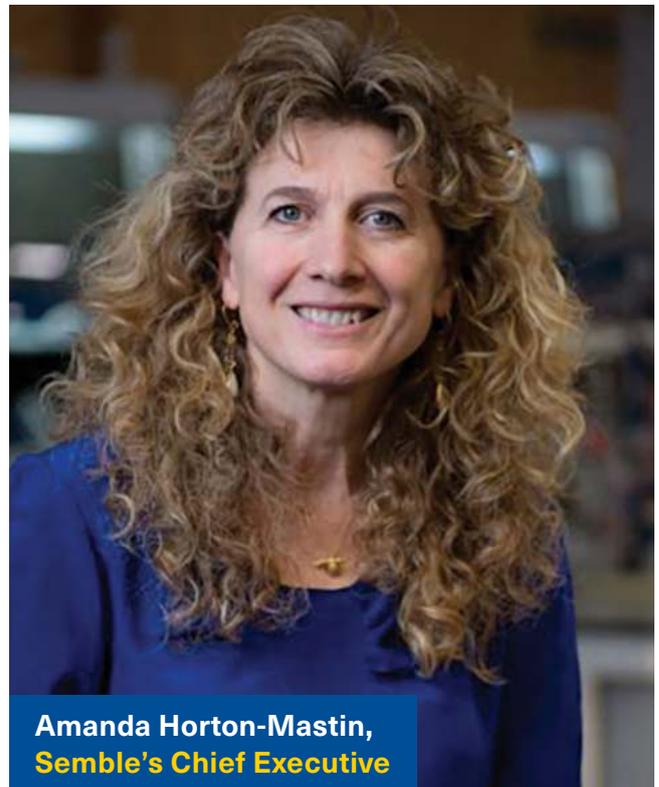
THE STORY OF SUCCESS

Grant funding changes local communities. With more than 60,000 grant-making charitable foundations and trusts registered with the Charity Commission, Lions clubs can benefit from understanding how to secure this important form of financial support.

The story of success is one of collaboration and a focus on providing a clear impact. This was the case for Launceston Lions, which received a grant of £600 through the Co-op Local Community Fund to purchase IT devices to help local children take part in remote schooling.

Another example, the Asda Foundation, invests over £1.4 million each year in good causes through its Green Token Giving scheme. An award of £200 was granted to Clacton-on-Sea Lions to supply environmental books for primary schools.

Connecting purpose-driven businesses that want to support positive local action and community change-makers is the goal of the social enterprise Semble, a Certified B Corporation. In the first episode of the LION podcast, Step Forward and Volunteer, Semble's Chief Executive Amanda Horton-Mastin offers valuable information for Lions clubs about a new fundraising tool to help local groups find funding called ActionFunder.



Amanda Horton-Mastin,
Semble's Chief Executive





Links

LION podcast:

<https://www.lionsclubs.co>

Semble: <https://semble.org/>

ActionFunder:

<https://www.actionfunder.org/>

National Lottery Community Fund:

<https://www.tnlcommunityfund.org.uk/>

Asda Foundation:

<https://www.asdafoundation.org/>

Co-op Local Community Fund:

<https://causes.coop.co.uk/>



Semble has carried out grant funding campaigns for over a decade. It has empowered volunteers in local communities in all kinds of ways, from encouraging pub customers to nominate groups to receive a grant, to running projects making nature accessible to young people – even if they live on the ninth floor of a tower block.

“At Semble, we have a very clear purpose, which is all about driving positive change from the grassroots up. We do that by providing solutions for businesses to connect with communities to achieve their social value goals. We’re the champions of all those brilliant people doing great work in communities, whether they’re doing it as individuals or as groups,” says Amanda.

“The thing I’m very excited about at the moment is ActionFunder, where we’ve consolidated our role in becoming something like a funding agent on behalf of community groups, by offering them a platform where they can talk about what they do and ask for money for projects. At heart, we’re a champion of communities.”

ActionFunder allows community-based organisations to connect with potential funders, who may be companies, philanthropists, charities, or foundations. After a simple registration process, an organisation can pitch multiple projects that require funding and become immediately visible to many funders without the need to complete separate application forms.

7 TIPS TO WRITE A GREAT GRANT APPLICATION

It is essential to ensure a grant application stands out. Here are some helpful tips to improve your chance of success:

1. Do your research. Funders have clear requirements. Before writing a grant application, make sure your project and its level of funding qualifies.

2. Know your story. Funders are looking to make an impact. Set out the human problem you are looking to solve, show how this affects real people, and why a grant will make a tangible difference.

3. Don't waffle. Funders receive hundreds of applications. Draft and edit your application to ensure you get your message across in a simple and direct way while covering all the necessary points.

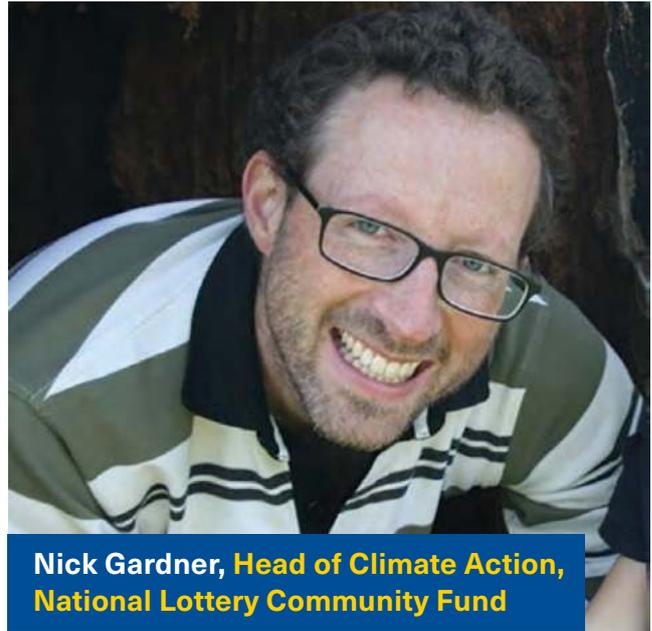
4. Show your expertise. Funders want to know why they should award a grant to your club. Highlight how you are effective in tackling challenges, make the best use of resources, practice good governance, and have experience working in partnership with others.

5. Ask for a reasonable amount. Funders want to invest wisely. Work out exactly how much money you need, and explain how funds will be spent and managed.

6. Be professional. Funders reject badly prepared applications. Focus on a few, good-quality applications for grants that align with your needs. Take the time to prepare your document, produce an engaging cover letter, and proofread every word. Consider including a copy of the Lions Step Forward report or a link to where it can be read online.

7. Review your online presence. Funders undertake checks. Are your website, social media profiles and submissions to the Charity Commissioner up to date? Does an online search reveal positive news, recent activities and examples of good work delivered by your club? If not, take the time to review and improve before submitting any applications.

Remember to share news of successful grant applications as well as reports on the projects they've helped you to support.



Nick Gardner, Head of Climate Action, National Lottery Community Fund

Also featured on the LION podcast is Nick Gardner, Co-Founder & Chair of Semble and Head of Climate Action at the National Lottery Community Fund, which distributes over £600 million a year to communities across the UK. His team focuses specifically on initiatives that address the climate emergency, from reducing food waste to improving energy efficiency in housing estates and educating about sustainable consumption.

“One thing community groups have told us over the years is that they're concerned those with professional fundraising teams are more able to access funds. However, funders are quite aware that not everyone has that resource available to them; what's more important is to explain clearly why your group needs the money and the issues that you're going to tackle with it.”

Lions Clubs UK Charity Foundation

At your service

The Lions Clubs UK Charity Foundation focuses on causes and disaster relief within the UK. Its strapline: 'At your service' underlines the Foundation's role in helping Lions clubs across the British Isles respond in their local communities.

The Foundation's funds come from charitable donations made by Lions clubs through their district treasurer. These combine to make a real difference to designated causes and crisis situations.

To help the Foundation maintain its funds and provide help where and when it is needed over the coming months, clubs are invited to pledge their support and agree a donation at their next meeting.

Previous club contributions meant that in Spring 2020, the Foundation's trustees could launch a special COVID-19 fund and invite clubs to submit requests for financial support to help their community. Over 200 clubs were awarded a share of £160,000 – benefiting thousands of individuals and hundreds of organisations responding locally to the exceptional crisis.

The Foundation has announced its latest project to support refugees newly arrived in the UK from Afghanistan. Donation pledges – and requests for grants – from Lions clubs across the British Isles will ensure those new to our local communities will receive the vital help they need.

During the last year, the trustees also reviewed the Foundation's governance and purpose, agreeing the following changes:

- Known as **Lions Clubs UK Charity Foundation**, with the strapline: 'At your service', to stand apart from the Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF).
- A focus on supporting causes and disasters within the UK.
- Publication of a list of donations made by the Foundation each year.
- Additional experienced Lions members able to join the current team of trustees.

Should you have further questions regarding the Lions Clubs UK Charity Foundation and its work, please contact the Chair of the Foundation, Lion Stewart Sherman-Kahn by email: stewartsherman-kahn@lionsclubs.co.uk



Lions Clubs UK Charity Foundation

LCI MD 105 FOUNDATION (CIO) Registered Charity Number 1164711

LIBRA powers sickle cell research at King's College Hospital

The Lions International Blood Research Appeal's (LIBRA) sole purpose is to fundraise for the Haematology Department at King's College Hospital in London, benefiting patients with blood cancers and a range of blood disorders



LIBRA
Lions International Blood Research Appeal

The Lions International Blood Research Appeal has boosted vital sickle cell research being carried out at King's College Hospital in London, with £10,000 of funding. The funds, which were urgently required, will cover the cost of StemSpan™ technology, used for stem cell expansion.

Stephan Menzel MD, who is a Senior Lecturer in Red Cell Haematology and heading up the research project, explained: "We are so grateful to LIBRA for stepping in to help us maintain the momentum of our research, by covering the cost of such a critical reagent. StemSpan™ media contains the growth factors required for red blood cells to thrive and develop. The media is very expensive, but a vital fuel which powers our studies.

"Advances in cell technology have made it possible to 'grow blood' in our laboratory – this means that we can isolate stem cells from a donor and then persuade these to form red blood cells in a culture dish.

"These cells give our blood its red colour and serve to transport oxygen from the lungs to other organs and to transport waste carbon dioxide back to the lungs. In sickle cell disease, these cells carry a severe genetic defect, leading the 'sickle' deformation and impaired function.

"More recently, the development of genome editing technologies has made it possible to change the genetic make-up of stem and progenitor cells very effectively. This process has been used to develop new gene therapy approaches for sickle cell disease.

"Thanks to the support of LIBRA we can continue to study how blood [haematopoietic] stem cells work and how they respond to disease and treatment."

Find out how you can support LIBRA at libralionscharity.org

#ICYMI

IN CASE YOU MISSED IT



Congratulations to Special Olympics Gold-winning cyclist and Lion member, Kiera Byland on being awarded a British Empire Medal in the Queen's Birthday Honours.



Support the **Lions Brain Tumour Research Appeal** by ordering packs of 10 Christmas cards for £4 and mugs for £5. Available from Lions National Headquarters on **0121 441 4544**.



In October, Young Ambassador Ellie-Mae Banks shared details of her project educating young people on the effects of knife crime at the Lions Europa Forum in Greece.



With £7,743 donated in this year's **Marie Curie Great Daffodil Appeal**, Lions have funded 48,748 hours of hands-on nursing care for those living with a terminal illness since 2013.



The digital issue of the **LION Magazine Summer 2021** is available to read at <https://lionsclubs.co/MemberArea/knowledge/lion-magazine/>

Lions Step Forward resources

Following the successful launch of the Step Forward community report in the last LION magazine, new marketing resources have been published.

Together, these eye-catching materials help Lions to share their passion for local community volunteering, talk about how their club makes a difference, and encourage people to #JoinUs.

Booklets



Posters



Postcards



- NEW:** Copies of a Step Forward mini-leaflet, as well as sets of postcards and posters (in various sizes), are available to purchase.
- FREE:** A box of 50 copies of Step Forward reports can be requested, with only the cost of postage to pay (one box per club allocation, while stocks last).
- ORDER:** Please get in touch with Lions National Headquarters on **0121 441 4544**.

LION

Spring Issue

Published March 2022
focuses on *Makers and Creators*

The theme of the next issue of LION Magazine will cover the myriad of making and creating that Lions undertake in local communities. From events to service projects, Lions make use of their talents in art and crafts, design, photography, music, baking, woodwork, metalwork, sewing, knitting, writing, gardening and more.

LION Magazine - British Isles

can be downloaded as a pdf or read online.

It is also available using an app from

Google Play or **iTunes store**

See: www.lionsclubs.co

Get involved with the LION Magazine

LION Magazine welcomes club stories and photographs. The editorial team reviews all contributions when planning each issue, developing the themed features, and writing articles. Stories need to be of interest to most of the magazine's readers – both Lions and members of the public – to stand a chance of being included.

What makes a good story.

A good story is one that stands out and is memorable. It might involve an original or unusual activity, project, or fundraiser. Or maybe it adds a twist or new approach to an old classic, that will inspire other clubs.

Consider how you'd tell the story to a friend – and not lose their interest. Include a quote – in their own words – from someone who took part in an event. Show how money raised helped people in the local community. Share the effect on real lives. Were problems overcome, tears dried, or funny bones tickled?

Don't sweat over the wording. Our editorial team will craft the piece if you provide the main facts and relevant supporting details. Please check spelling of names for people and places.

NOTE: The LION doesn't report club social activities, anniversaries, or charter events.

What makes a good photograph.

A good photograph enhances a story. A great shot is the story. Event, project, and fundraiser photographs should feature people – and their expressions. Help people relax. Be informal, frame tightly and capture those magic moments.

Show the story. That means how donations are used, not a cheque presentation. Photograph people doing interesting things, in interesting places, in interesting ways. Take a variety of images (including portrait and landscape) to offer options to the LION editorial team. Ensure all photos you submit are hi-resolution and sharp (not blurry).

NOTE: You need to get written agreement from everyone visible in a photograph before sending it to the LION.

How to submit your stories and photographs.

Please send your text as an attachment in an email, with accompanying photographs, to:
lion.editorial@lionsclubs.co

In the email, include club name and contact details: email address, name, and phone number of the person submitting the story. A member of the editorial team may need to get in touch to obtain further information.

NOTE: Contributions need to be received by the start of the month preceding publication of the next issue of the LION.



Thanet Lions thank staff and volunteers

Thanet Lions hosted a BBQ to thank members and community volunteers for their hard work marshalling vaccination sites.

Since the beginning of 2021, Lions members and volunteers have spent over 1,000 hours helping to marshal vaccination sites across the Thanet area in Kent. They've worked alongside 10 GP surgeries, nurses and other healthcare professionals.

Lions in Reepham provide swimming pool to help with pain relief

Reepham Lions leapt into action after receiving a request to help a young local girl with cerebral palsy.

Flissy, who also has hypermobility and epilepsy, finds her pain is relieved when she is in water. So Reepham Lions helped provide a small, above-ground swimming pool for her.

Flissy was delighted to receive her pool from the club and now spends many happy hours enjoying the freedom of easier movement.



Torquay gets a bleed control kit

Babbacombe & St Marychurch Lions member Derek Stone has helped a local charity to obtain a bleed control kit in Torquay, Devon.

Derek was inspired to act when he read about a Birmingham family who set up a charitable foundation promoting the improved accessibility of bleed control kits. Bleed control kits can be used by the public to provide first aid while waiting for paramedics.

Derek approached Torbay Street Pastors, a charity that has a bus on Torquay harbourside at weekends to help anyone in distress or to apply first aid. President Geoff Payne presented the kit to the Street Pastors ahead of a training session with the kit manufacturers.

Budleigh Lions donate over £2,000 to local support group

Budleigh Lions helped form the Budleigh Coronavirus Support Group. Representatives of the Lions, Town Council, Budleigh Relief In Need, local churches and school, and the Medical Centre formed the group to help hard-hit members of the community.

“I am very proud that Budleigh Lions has been an integral member of the group since it was formed” says President Richard Allen.

Eighty-six households received financial support.



A story with a happy ending

The recent Morpeth Lions Book Sale was an event that kept on giving.

While donated books were being sorted by Maureen Chambers and Louise Blease, some photographs fell from the pages of one. Both were wedding photos, but from different weddings, and different eras.

Louise turned to social media in the hope that someone might recognise the photos. Within a day, two family members got in touch saying that one photo related to her wedding while the other was of her parents' wedding. “We are so pleased that we found the photographs and even more so, that we have been able to return them to the family,” says Louise.

Lions and the Skeleton Army

Wheelchair rugby side the Argonauts, known as the Skeleton Army, were proud finalists in the Wheelchair Challenge Cup.

Dartford Lions have supported a rugby wheelchair for James Hazel, who plays for the Argonauts' first-team.

“The wheelchair presented to James was built especially for him. It's clearly made a difference to James and the entire team,” says President Ragbhir Sandhu.





A great day out

Eighty Lions members and volunteers from Aldershot, Farnborough, Fleet, Hart, Hook & Odiham and Yateley Lions clubs came together for their annual Funfest. This free event was held at Yateley Manor School.

A day full of fun and laughter, entertaining 600 guests with disabilities and special educational needs.

Lytham St Annes Lions pitch in

Lytham St Annes Lions donated £3,000 to enable Lytham Junior Football Club to buy a much-needed lawn mower to keep their pitches in good shape.

Immersion suits for Channel Air Search

Lions Clubs of Guernsey and Jersey provided the crew of the Channel Islands Air Search with new immersion suits.

“The Lions Club of Guernsey learnt the crew needed some new immersion suits and we were happy to get involved,” says Lions member Paul Allaway. “Due to the wide-ranging area of the aircraft’s operation, it was decided to contact the Jersey Lions Club to see if they would support this project and between the two Clubs, funds were raised to provide the new suits.”

Guernsey Lions also provided the crew with three new noise-cancelling headsets to make the time spent in the air more comfortable.



Whispering an update

In 2017, clubs in Nottinghamshire, Lincolnshire, parts of Leicestershire and Derbyshire raised £20,000 for two hearing dogs.

Gill Yeates, Hearing Dogs for Deaf People, says: “One of the dogs, named Whisper, has recently passed her final assessment and I am pleased to say that she will soon be going out to work as a Sound Support Dog. This means that she will help a person with hearing loss by giving them confidence and companionship, and by alerting them to sounds in their home. Whisper has a fantastic level of obedience and has a showstopping ‘stay!’”



Farnborough Lions Club ROAR



Lions ROAR 2021 is an exciting opportunity for primary schools to take part in a Lions-funded competition organised through the educational company 8billionideas. The competition encourages children to use their imagination and creative skills to make the world a better place.

Pupils celebrating the completion of their team's competition projects, from Years 4, 5 and 6 at Cherrywood Primary School Farnborough before going on to the district finals.

Cherrywood Team member Helen Reed said: “Working in teams of three or four, the children have been exceptionally animated in their efforts, creating their group names: Resilience Intelligence Friendship and Teamwork, CKC, World Changing Ideas, and The Fabulous Farnborough Four.”



Curling tournament success



Dumfries Lions recently held its 27th annual curling tournament, raising over £700 in the process.

Twelve teams, including two wheelchair sides, took part in a very competitive but friendly event. The players ranged in age from eight to 90, with all teams playing six games across two days.

Bollington Bikefest returns

Macclesfield Lions and Guiding Association were delighted to see the return of the annual Bollington Bikefest.

The annual sponsored event returned with a choice of three routes, ranging from 20km to 112km. With riders as young as four years old completing the Twenty is Plenty event and a diverse group of around 150 cyclists participating across the three routes, Bikefest raised £3,000 for the East Cheshire Hospice and other good causes.



Park ride a big success for Windsor Lions

Horse lovers flocked to take up the chance to ride in the beautiful Windsor Great Park and raise money over a weekend for a variety of local good causes.

Over 550 riders took part, enjoying the opportunity to jump up to 30 professional hurdles of novice or intermediate standard, all carefully constructed and safeguarded by members of Windsor Lions.

The event raised £35,000 for various causes, including the likes of Riding for the Disabled and NHS charities.

Click and collect

Ruislip Lions have received a generous donation of £500 from the Waitrose Green Disc Charity scheme.

The funding takes the money already raised from the click-and-collect hanging baskets to over £1,000. This will help the Ruislip Lions support the likes of Orchyd Holiday Club for children with disabilities and Halo Children's Foundation – a child bereavement charity.



Tea's up!

Cheddar Vale Lions and Wyvern Coffee Co have teamed up to bring you the Lions Breakfast Tea.

A beautiful Ceylon tea with a malty sweet finish, it has notes of slightly burnt caramel. All profits from the Lions Breakfast Tea will help to fund the club's projects. The announcement has caused much excitement among the Cheddar Vale Lions, with it believed to be the first tea produced by a Lions Club in the South West.

A Crystal clear success

Truro Lions hosted the sponsored golf competition at Truro Golf Club in Cornwall.

An impressive 51 teams took part, and Truro Lions raised over £7,000. The donations were made to two local charities: Cornwall Hospice Care and Children's Hospice Southwest.

Ducks, canopies and castles

Kenilworth Lions have been working with the Virgins & Castle, Kenilworth's oldest pub, to raise much-needed funds for their 'Love a Duck' campaign.

During the period when pubs were only allowed to serve outdoors, the Virgins & Castle, managed by Caviar and Chips, had been asking diners to pay a voluntary £1 donation to the Lions. At the end of the scheme, the pub presented a cheque for £1,000 to Kenilworth Lions.



Strangers are friends you haven't met yet

Having friends makes us happier and healthier. A shoulder to lean on, a chat and a laugh, or just the companionship of going for a walk together – these simple things can make all the difference. But at times we can feel cut off, especially after months of lockdown, and it can be hard to know how to make connections with other people.

This is when organisations like the Oddfellows can really help. Since 1810, the Oddfellows has been bringing people together from all walks of life and has 41,500 members across 115 branches nationwide. Run as



Ipswich members getting together for a cuppa

a non-profit society by their members for their members, they aim to improve lives through friendships fostered over regular social and fundraising events.

Oddfellows branches nationwide host regular events, from walks to pub lunches, afternoon teas to quizzes, and

talks to trips out - and anyone can join in. You're welcome to bring along a friend or neighbour, or come by yourself and make friends there. Their online events will give you the chance to get a taste of what the Oddfellows do from the comfort of your own home - an ideal option if you're nervous about

the idea of meeting people in-person.

Along with friendship and plenty of opportunities to get together for a chat and a bit of fun, their annual membership fee starts from £25 and also includes access to financial benefits and welfare support, a dedicated helpline, citizens advice team and volunteering opportunities.*

Oddfellows chief executive officer Jane Nelson, says: "We're all about making friends and helping people. We've spent much of the past 18 months ensuring our members have been supported emotionally and physically, but it's now the time to help even more people to make new friends, reconnect with old ones, and build up any social confidence that may have been lost during these really difficult times."



Members from Ormskirk and Southport enjoying a day trip

■ If you'd like a free local events pack, call 0800 028 1810, email enquiries@oddfellows.co.uk or visit oddfellows.co.uk.

* Terms and conditions apply to membership and its benefits and services. For more information, call 0800 028 1810 or visit www.oddfellows.co.uk/benefits.

Barbara's story: Now ready for retirement



STAYING SOCIAL: Barbara (centre) and husband, Brian, are getting the most out of retirement with the help of the Oddfellows.

When you're working, you long for the freedom retirement affords. But when the time comes, and the daily structure disappears, changes to routine can feel less welcome.

Barbara Spencer (67) from Lincolnshire was forced to give up the job she loved after a fall at work. She entered retirement much earlier than expected and wasn't quite ready to give up the

buzz of a busy working life and being part of a team.

"After the accident I was devastated. I loved my job and I wasn't one for sitting about. When I realised I couldn't go back to work due to my injuries, I felt my life had ended," explains Barbara.

"I didn't want to be one of those people who woke up every morning, had a coffee and just

filled my time with mundane day-to-day tasks."

Barbara and her husband, Brian, first heard about the Oddfellows after meeting someone on holiday who was a member. When she returned home, she put in an enquiry and received a call from her nearest branch inviting her to give the group a try.

She said: "When the Oddfellows was first suggested I wasn't convinced it was for me, so I did a quick search on Google. Next thing I knew, we were arranging to come along to the next event.

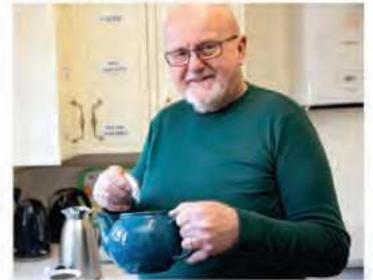
"Everyone made us feel welcome. I'm a very friendly person but I'm not the sort to hang around if I don't like somewhere. As soon as we walked in we felt at home."

Barbara adds that even Brian, who is naturally shy, enjoys going to the events. She says:

"It's all about the social side for me. Brian's happy in his own company, but he enjoys coming with me. He even volunteers to make the teas."

Brian adds: "I'm not a good mixer, but you can't help to join in."

Barbara's life has now come full circle. She adds: "Life's too short to be sat doing nothing, whether you are retired or not. I never thought I'd say this but being retired is great. The Oddfellows and the friends I've made there have played a huge part in this."



**Retired?
Go to
meetings
you actually
enjoy.**

*You can do
as much or
as little as
you want.*



If you've recently retired and need the inspiration to create your new routine, then take a look at what your local Oddfellows friendship group has to offer.

We've social events and activities, group holidays, volunteering opportunities and wellbeing support ready and waiting, as well as plenty of others getting the most out of their retirement.

Try adding the Oddfellows to your day, and enjoy your new life on your terms.

Create your new routine
For your free information pack
FREEPHONE 0800 028 1810

9am-5pm Mon to Thurs, 9am-4pm Fri



the ODDFELLOWS SINCE 1810
making friends, helping people

oddfellows.co.uk/retirement

Media ref 1981

LCIF grant funds life-saving cancer research in Australia

Gloom and rain don't keep 13-year-old Jack from fishing with his grandfathers. What would have stopped him just a few years ago was aggressive cancer, from which doctors weren't sure he'd survive.

Jack's first bout with cancer was a brain tumour. With surgery removing the growth, Jack's cancer was eradicated. Just 18 months later, however, cancer returned, this time invading his spine, confining Jack to a wheelchair. As his disease progressed, Jack lost sight in one eye, began to lose sight in the other, and couldn't eat. With treatment not working, doctors advised Jack's parents to stop treatment: their son's cancer was terminal.

Unwilling to give up, Jack's family were determined to keep him alive long enough to pursue groundbreaking treatment made possible by research through the Lions Kids Cancer Genome Project (Genome Project), offered in partnership with the Australian Lions Childhood Cancer Research Foundation and the Garvan Institute of Medical Research, and funded, in part, by



a 2016 grant to Australian Lions from Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF).

Enduring painful draining of his brain every three days, Jack received a change in fate. A breakthrough had finally arrived. Lion Dr. Joe Collins AM, childhood cancer research advocate, founder of the Australian Lions Childhood Cancer Research Foundation, and cancer survivor, connected with the family, offering Jack access to life-saving treatment.

The Genome Project sequenced genetic material of 400 children with cancer in Australia, giving doctors critical information to create personalised treatment plans to combat specific types and stages of cancer. Children like Jack, who first battled cancer at age nine, and again as a 10-year-old, are alive thanks to the Genome Project.

Dr. Collins said: “Statistically, Jack shouldn’t be alive.” Yet within seven days of starting treatment, Jack was walking. Within 21 days, his eyesight returned. Within 45 days, he’d returned to school and fishing”.

“It’s amazing he’s this active after such a difficult situation,” said Alex, Jack’s father. “[Before the Genome Project], we had a one-in-a-trillion chance of finding the right treatment for him. Without the [LCIF] funding, this project never would have got off the ground, and we’d be having Christmas without Jack.”

In a special message to LCIF and Lions, Jack’s family wrote:

“Words cannot and will never express enough gratitude we have for everyone involved at Lions. Not only have you saved one child’s life, but there’s a ripple effect saving many more precious, sick kids. Jack was at a point of no return. We were desperate. Today, Jack is a strong, energetic boy living life to the fullest. Because of your generosity and dedication, many kids will be able to receive the correct, targeted treatment just like our lucky boy. Our heartfelt thanks.”

Worldwide, more than 300,000 children are diagnosed with cancer annually. Lions and Leos have long supported through service the needs of many of these children and their families, and LCIF has proudly empowered that service. In 2018, LCIF established the Childhood Cancer Pilot grant programme to support projects addressing social and economic factors children and their families encounter during cancer treatment.

To learn more about how LCIF grants help improve outcomes for children with cancer, visit lionsclubs.org/ChildhoodCancerGrant



LCIF helps save lives in IP Alexander's beloved home community

Author: Jamie Weber

Desperate need. That's one way to describe the situation in Brooklyn, New York's Bedford-Stuyvesant neighbourhood, which happens to be home to International President Douglas Alexander.

Historically a disadvantaged neighbourhood, Bed-Stuy, as it's known to locals, needed an ambulance, residents often waiting 45 minutes for help to arrive. With demand outpacing resources, people were dying.

Eager to help, emergency medical technicians (EMTs) James 'Rocky' Robinson and Joe Perez launched Bedford-Stuyvesant Volunteer Ambulance Corps (BSVAC) with a single used vehicle. Passionate about improving outcomes, the duo worked tirelessly to bring average emergency response time below four minutes. It's no

wonder countless lives were saved through BSVAC, which provided service at no charge to those without insurance.

All was good – briefly. Then, the lone ambulance began needing costly repairs. As a volunteer squad, BSVAC could barely afford fuel, let alone a new ambulance. Enter IP Alexander's home club, Brooklyn Bedford-Stuyvesant Lions Club. Learning of BSVAC's mission, club members began buying gas and tires for the ambulance, but more was needed.

That's when the idea of a brand-new ambulance was talked about at a club meeting. But how would their club raise US\$50,000? "It got very quiet in the room," said IP Alexander. But then, members started to pledge US\$500, US\$1,000. Then





they realised they could apply for an LCIF grant. A new life-saving ambulance that once seemed an unreachable goal could soon become reality.

LCIF awarded Brooklyn Bedford Stuyvesant Lions Club a US\$17,500 grant. “It was a very proud day in Bedford-Stuyvesant,” said IP Alexander of the day Lions presented the new ambulance to BSVAC.

With a modern ambulance and volunteer heroes dedicated to saving neighbours’ lives, Bed-Stuy was suddenly safer. In addition to emergency medical services, BSVAC is a training facility, training first responders of all ages, from teaching children to how to administer first aid and perform cardiopulmonary resuscitation, to an EMT training programme. More than 2,000 local residents have learned to deliver these critical services, hundreds going on to become professional EMTs, nurses, paramedics, and doctors.

“We started mainly to save lives,” said BSVAC Commanding Officer Antoine Robinson, son of the late Rocky Robinson. “But we also wanted to change lives. People on welfare, who have no way out, no connections to plug into: We give them opportunity. BSVAC is now more of a life-changing, career-starting organisation.”

“When we serve together, our hearts beat stronger,” said IP Alexander. Together, LCIF and dedicated Bed-Stuy Lions have created deep and lasting change in a beloved community.

Learn more about LCIF grant opportunities at [lcif.org/grants](https://www.lionsclubs.org/grants), then empower Lions service in your community. Help Campaign 100 reach its US\$300 million goal by donating at [lcif.org/donate](https://www.lionsclubs.org/donate)



FREE QR CODE enabling Contactless Mobile Donations

Turning all your fundraising merchandise into a contactless donation opportunity



- NO SET UP FEE
- NO MONTHLY SUBSCRIPTION
- NO MINIMUM CONTRACT
- NO RISK



Our QR code system enables charities to receive contactless mobile payments without any up front cost or monthly subscriptions.

The system is free to use and you only pay a small transaction fee once a donation is made. The QR code system enables donors to donate using Apple or Google pay within 10 seconds from scanning the code with the camera on their mobile device. This also enables gift aid without needing to populate their personal details.

Small purchase of printed labels required to qualify.



www.ecplastics.co.uk
www.direct-fundraising.co.uk
Tel: 0161 766 6444
Email: sales@ecplastics.co.uk



WANTED



CLASSIC & VINTAGE CARS & MOTORCYCLES

ALL MAKES & MODELS CONSIDERED
ANY CONDITION FROM BARN FIND TO IMMACULATE
CARS, MOTORCYCLES, VANS, COMPETITION / RACING CARS,
AUTOMOBILIA, OLD SIGNS

ESPECIALLY INTERESTED IN SPORTSCARS & SALOONS
JAGUAR, ASTON MARTIN, LOTUS, MG, TRIUMPH
SUNBEAM, FORD, BMC MINI, ROLLS / BENTLEY, FERRARI

CALL NOW WITH ANYTHING CLASSIC OR VINTAGE YOU ARE CONSIDERING
SELLING OR MAY KNOW OF FOR SALE
WE PAY A FINDERS FEE LEADING TO PURCHASE

COMPLETE COLLECTIONS PURCHASED
CASH WAITING, IMMEDIATE SETTLEMENT
DISCRETION ASSURED

REPUTABLE BUSINESS, EST. 1975
CALL GRAHAME BULL ANYTIME - 01252 612245 OR 07836 203159

W
A
N
T
E
D

W
A
N
T
E
D



Why have a stair lift, when you can have a *real lift*?

A Stiltz Homelift will help you continue living in the home you love.

Futureproof your home

Approaching retirement and beyond, thoughts can often turn to living safely in your home. Installing a Stiltz Homelift takes away the worry of getting up and down the stairs as we get older. Put aside concerns about moving out of your much-loved home or the need to rely on other old-fashioned methods of travelling between floors.

Neat and discreet

Neat, discreet, affordable and elegant. A Stiltz Homelift can be installed into almost any room in your home. A Stiltz is uniquely compact with the smallest model taking up just over half a square metre. At the touch of a button a Stiltz Homelift turns your now home into your forever home.

FREE, no obligation survey

A Stiltz Homelifts Consultant can visit your property to help you plan the best location for your homelift.

They can also answer any questions you might have, as can any of the friendly, UK-based phone team.

- Ready to take your call now
- Speedy service
- Cost-effective
- Freestanding design - no wall needed
- Small footprint
- Wheelchair model available
- Manufactured, installed and fully guaranteed by Stiltz
- 3-floor travel available

So, why not give your lifestyle a lift with Stiltz. Call FREE today.



Call FREE on 0808 252 5319

For a FREE brochure or no obligation survey or visit www.stiltz.co.uk

Stiltz
Homelifts




CANTERBURY
cathedral

Rediscover England's First Cathedral



- UNESCO World Heritage site
- 1,400 years of history
- Resting place of saints and royalty



Kids Go Free until 31 October 2022*. Book now



www.canterbury-cathedral.org

*Terms and Conditions apply

CONTACT DETAILS

Official publication of Lions Clubs International by authority of the board of directors:

Executive officers 2021-2022

President Douglas X. Alexander, United States; Immediate Past President Dr. Jung-Yul Choi, Korea; First Vice President Brian E. Sheehan, United States; Second Vice President Dr. Patti Hill, Canada; Third Vice President Fabrício Oliveira, Brazil.

Directors

■ Second year directors

Michael D. Banks, United States; Robert Block, United States; Kyu-Dong Choi, Korea; Larry L. Edwards, United States; Justin K. Faber, United States; Allan J. Hunt, Canada; Daniel Isenrich, Germany; Bent Jespersen, Denmark; Masayuki Kawashima, Japan; Dr. Jose A. Marrero, Puerto Rico; Nicole Miquel-Belaud, France; VP Nandakumar, India; Justice Christopher Shea Nickell, United States; Sampath Ranganathan, India; Marciano Silvestre, Brazil; Masafumi Watanabe, Japan; Guo-jun Zhang, China.

■ First year directors

Elena Appiani, Italy; K. Vamsidhar Babu, India; Teresa Dineen, Ireland; Pai-Hsiang Fang, China Taiwan; Jeffrey R. Gans, United States; Efen Ginard, Paraguay; Je-Gil Goo, Korea; Mats Granath, Sweden; Ken Ibarra, United States; Daisuke Kura, Japan; Dr. Vinod Kumar Ladia, India; Kenji Nagata, Japan; Dr. Dianne J. Pitts, United States; Allen Snider, Canada; Ernesto Tijerina, United States; Deb Weaverling, United States; John W. Youney, United States.

Digital editions and app downloads of issues of LION Magazine can be found at:

<https://lionsclubs.org/en/footer/lion-magazine>



We Serve

MISSION STATEMENT OF LIONS CLUBS INTERNATIONAL:

To empower volunteers to serve their communities, meet humanitarian needs, encourage peace and promote international understanding through Lions clubs.

Patron of the Lions Clubs of the British Isles
Her Royal Highness The Countess of Wessex

THE LION MAGAZINE [British Isles Edition]

MD105 Management committee 2020/21

Mandy Broadbent [Chair]
Ian Gott [Vice Chair]
Rick Hough [Committee Member]

M105 PR/Communications Co-ordinator

Heather Yaxley

Strangers Media

Writing and Editorial: James Henderson
Beatriz Valero de Urquía, Daniel Brigham, Ben Mouncer
Design: Lucie Miller, Megan Carver
Advertising: Richard Durrant

Submission guidelines for the next edition

Next Issue: Spring 2022

Feature ideas, articles and photographs proposed for future issues should be of interest to the majority of readers, who include Lions and members of the public. Please provide information about the story and who is involved, as well as relevant details such as location and dates. Include a contact name and phone number. Remember that any photographs need to be eye-catching and of a high standard. Confirm you have permission for these to be published. Thank you.

CONTACT EMAIL: lion.editorial@lionsclubs.co

The LION Magazine [British Isles] © Lions Clubs International: MD105 British Isles. All rights reserved. Reproduction wholly or in part is prohibited without written permission.

Published by MD105 British Isles on behalf of Lions Clubs International, 300 22nd Street, Oak Brook, Illinois 60570, USA.

The LION Magazine is produced by Strangers Media, printed by Acorn Web Offset Ltd and mailed by Central Mailing Services.

The views expressed in this magazine do not necessarily reflect those of the publishers or Lions Clubs International (LCI). All information is believed to be correct at time of going to press, and may be subject to change. The inclusion of adverts in this magazine does not constitute the publishers' endorsement of the products and services concerned.

Lions Clubs International MD105 [British Isles Edition]

Post: 257 Alcester Road South, Kings Heath
Birmingham B14 6DT

Email: enquiries@lionsclubs.co

Phone: 0121 441 4544

Website: www.lionsclubs.co

Facebook: Lionsgetinvolved

Twitter: LionsClubsBI

NEW MEMBERS

Over the following pages we welcome 300 new members joining 155 Lions clubs serving their local communities.

These include two new clubs:

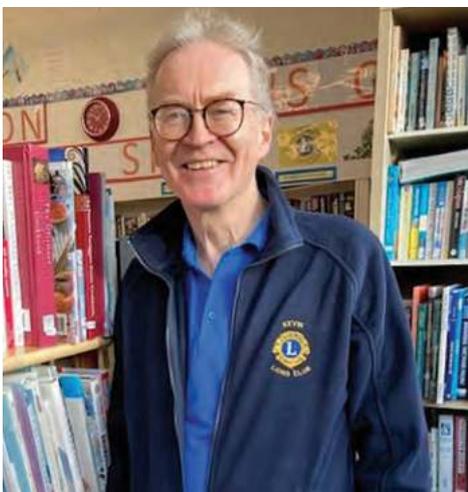
- **Heston Lions Club Branch**
- **Lincoln Washingborough Community Lions Club Branch**

We asked two members what they have been involved in since joining Lions.

Kerry Pestel

**Lincoln Washingborough
Community Lions Club Branch**

“I joined the Washingborough Community Group last year to help to deliver prescriptions in our village. From there, a group of us decided to apply to form a Lions club. Recently we hosted a bingo night and we’re now busy organising a Christmas quiz. Being ex-Royal Navy, I see it as a privilege to help within the community as a Lion, even if it’s only in a small way. Having fun and bringing a smile to people’s faces is a bonus.”



Kevin Michael Winkworth

Darlington Lions Club

“Retiring in the summer, I became a member of Darlington Lions. The club has had a bookshop for over 40 years, and I’ve always said that if I won the lottery, I’d like to own a bookshop. Helping in the shop is a dream come true. Almost all our books cost 50p as we need to turn the stock over quickly. When we get asked to pick up books from people, it’s interesting to hear their stories. If you’re in the area, please come and see our shop, you’d be made welcome. For those clubs who have bookshops, we’d like to exchange ideas and hear your business model, so do get in touch.”

Welcome new Lions members and new clubs

All members of Lions Clubs of the British Isles share a commitment to serve their local communities.



#JoinUs
#LionsGetInvolved
#StepForward
#OpentoChange

Accrington Lions Club

Kelly Prince

Allendale Lions Club

Dan Hey

Ammanford Lions Club

Ben Davies
James Maul
Elizabeth Maul

Amphill & District Lions Club

Jean Wasser

Ashby-de-la-Zouch & Coalville Lions Club

John Lewis
Margaret Lowe

Balsall Common Lions Club

Radu Judele

Barton-On-Humber Lions Club

Tracy Lewis

Barwell & Earl Shilton Lions Club

Brian Langton

Bedford Lions Club

Gurpreet Singh
Jagdish Singh
Vittoria Ciampa

Bedworth Lions Club

Stephen Waldron

Bexhill-on-Sea Lions Club

Sue Saunders
Gary Saunders
Prim Maxwell
Tim Maxwell

Birchwood Lions Club

Denise Evans
Jayne Wood

Birmingham Moseley & Kings Heath Lions Club

John Owen

Blaby & District Lions Club

Sudhir Bhatt

Bourne Lions Club

Shannon Mason
Austin Scarfe

Bradford-on-Avon Lions Club

Lynn Opray
Kate Harris

Braintree Lions Club

Deborah Winchester

Bridlington Lions Club

Lynne Clark

Brighton Lions Club

Christine Taylor

Bromley Lions Club

Adeoye Oyesile

Bromsgrove Lions Club

Stephen Wright

Bromyard Lions Club

Becky Bywater

Budleigh Salterton Lions Club

Lawrence Booth
Willi Rehbock
Gill Wilson
Steve Wilson

Bungay Area Lions Club

Mike Daniels

Burntwood Lions Club

John Carr

Caistor & District Lions Club

Philip Richardson

Calne Lions Club

Julie King

Castleford & Pontefract District Lions Club

Helen Charlotte
Jeannette Morgan
Maxine Squire
Ann Lancaster
Lillian Greenfield
Christine Hodgetts
Shirley Guy
Wendy Squire
Doreen Holmes
Jeanne Morgan

Central West British Isles 2020 Virtual Lions Club

Clive Thomas

Cheddar Vale Lions Club

Tom Anderson
Marcus Chaplin

Chelmsford Lions Club

Veronica Bax

Chippenham Lions Club

David Marks

Clacton-on-Sea Lions Club

Iain Mckenzie

Clevedon Lions Club

Terry Moore

Corby & District Lions Club

Charitha Gunarathne

Coventry Godiva Lions Club

Hitesh Parekh
Harmesh Taank
Pravin Kanani

Coventry Leofric Lions Club
Adam Khan

Coventry Mercia Lions Club
Mohammad Hussain
Mohammed Brahim
Ahabab Hussain
Myrooran Srikantha
Pankaj Negi
Jasmine Rai
Ajibola Alubankudi
Nasreen Farid
Balbir Siemer

**Crediton & District
Lions Club**
Carole Thomas
Alison Blair

Crewkerne Lions Club
Christopher Martindale
Patricia Heyd Smith

Darlington Lions Club
Kevin Winkworth

Dartford Lions Club
Bhagabati Bina Ghimire
Subhash Goswami

Devizes Lions Club
Andy Wilson
Catherine Tarrant

Doncaster Lions Club
Rebecca Cockram

Droitwich Lions Club
Dave Cryer

Dursley Lions Club
Brian Sheppard

**East Anglia Centennial 100
Champions Lions Club**
Jason Rigby

**East Anglia New Century
Lions Club**
Summer Hornsby

Edgware Lions Club
Dalsukhlal Sidpra
Mital Patel

Farnham Lions Club
Deborah Nugent
Michael Ellis

Fleet Lions Club
James Nelmes
Robert Norris

**Fleetwood & Cleveleys
Lions Club**
Stephen Morley

Garstang District Lions Club
Paul Ferguson

**Glanford & Lindsey
Lions Club**
Gordon Walker
Barbara Walker

**Gower & Llŵchwr Estuary
Lions Club**
Raul Feliz
Carlos Mercado

**Grange-over-Sands &
District Lions Club**
Margaret Harrison

**Greenford Willow Tree
Lions Club**
Divash Joshi
Jitendra Vanza
Rajnikant Patel

Guildford Lions Club
Paul Spooner

Hailsham Lions Club
Barry Gadd

**Harborough Twenty 12
Lions Club**
Howard Jones

Harrow & Pinner Lions Club
Igiletu Musa

Hastings Lions Club
Hayley Luck

Hayle Lions Club
Jen Broadbridge
Julia Jackson

Hayling Island Lions Club
Patricia Thomson

**Henley on Thames
Lions Club**
David Eggleton

**NEW - Heston Lions Club
Branch (London Hendon
Lions Club)**
Mark Harvey
Shahzad Raja

Holderness Lions Club
Mavis Rosindale
Brenda Gallant
John Gallant
Barry Rojohn
Shirley Lenton

**Honiton & District
Lions Club**
Leslie Lees

Hook-Odiham Lions Club
Ben Hazell

Horley Lions Club
Danny Kilborn
Jan Carpenter
Gareth Norman
Doug Kilborn

**Horncastle & District
Lions Club**
Keith Holden
Allan Beever

Hornchurch Lions Club
Redon Konjuvca
Shilpa Vithlani

Hornsea District Lions Club
Sam White

Iminster Lions Club
Les Allen
Linda Allen

Isle of Axholme Lions Club
Mark Johnson
Lindsay Carr

**Isle of Wight Sandown
Shanklin Lions Club**
Amanda Hollands

Kenilworth Lions Club
Robert Eason

Keswick Lions Club

Luke Harding

Kington Lions Club

Marion Yeats
Jackie Turner

Knaresborough Lions Club

Richard Worthington
Dick Lloyd
John-Michael Lloyd
Mike Baldwin
Matt Walker
Suzy Jury
Mark Flood

**Knutsford & District
Lions Club**

Penny Buttrick

**Lechlade & District
Lions Club**

Anthony Kane

**Letchworth Garden City &
Baldock Lions Club**

Canute Thompson
Gillian Fallon

**NEW - Lincoln
Washingborough
Community Lions Club
Branch (Lincoln Lions Club)**

Tina Nash
Kerry Pestel
Margaret Parker
Mark Piercy
Richard Dodge

Liskeard Lions Club

Terry Whittey

**Littlehampton District
Lions Club**

Mike Warrington
Janet Gardner

Llandudno Lions Club

June Tuck

London Belmont Lions Club

Ganga Basnet
Rakesh Tonk

**London Central Host
Lions Club**

Arti Gidvani
Maja Markovic

**London Covent Garden
Lions Club**

Caroline Jiang

**London Park Royal
Lions Club**

Manju Parmar
Meera Parmar
Gita Patel
Davomder Brar
Reena Chager
Vilas Joshi
Munira Kala
Dina Mandalia
Shelia Parmar
Usha Patel

Looe Lions Club

Sally Thornley
Steve Fitchett
Sam Tanner
Richard Cross

**Loughborough
Lions Club**

Jane Hunt

**Louth District
Lions Club**

Melinda Rack
Steven Rack

Lyn Lions Club

Dusha Houghton
Richard Goodman
James Tucker
Emma Tucker
Ashley Clarke
Nicholas Bailey
Ronald Houghton
Lesley Goodman
Steve Hawker
Diana Mitchell
Roland Gold

**Maghull & District
Lions Club**

Rosemarie Whittington
Christopher Purcell
Marie Martindale

**Maltby Rother Valley
Lions Club**

Angela Weatherall
Philip Butler
Anthony Peet
Kathleen Buckingham

Ralph Buckingham
Sue Lamb
Michael Reaney

Market Rasen Lions Club

Firat Aydog
Jenny Stimson
Dick Stimson

Melksham Lions Club

Rosie Evitt
Horace Prickett

**Melton Mowbray
Lions Club**

Andrew Stafford

Mexborough Lions Club

Jacqueline Taylor

**Milton Keynes Central
Lions Club**

Amitabh Roy

Morpeth Lions Club

Louise Blease

**Newcastle-under-Lyme
Lions Club**

Mark Litherland
Stuart Monkman

Newmarket Lions Club

Douglas Hall
Stewart James

Newport Lions Club

Chris Whatley

Newquay Lions Club

Seanna Hardy

Norwich West Lions Club

Carole Sewell

Nuneaton Lions Club

Daljit Singh
Avtar Purewal
Jaswinder Kalsi
Mohinder Johal

**Oadby & Wigston
Lions Club**

David Cooper

Osterley Lions Club

Rajive Chopra

Pembroke & Pembroke Dock Lions Club

Victoria Wilson
Antony Wilson

Petersfield Lions Club

Christopher Hart
Mike Gadd
Nicholas Vergette
Carole Vergette

Portishead Lions Club

Lawrence Denning
Janette Eden
June Gough

Reading Lions Club

Carole Clack

Redbridge Centennial Lions Club

Rakesh Nair

Retford Lions Club

James Napier
Geoff Chapman

Rugby Rokeby Lions Club

Graham Yates
William Lewis

Saltash Lions Club

Denise Foster
Jonathan Foster

Selsey & District Lions Club

Roberta Foote

Shakespeare Lions Club

Mark Langley

Shirley Lions Club

Daniel-Jacques De Jonge
Zahid Bokhari
Denise Hammer

Sidmouth Lions Club

Barry Breadmore

Sleaford & District Lions Club

Sue Whitworth
Alan Sandalls

Southall Lions Club

Sunir Patel
Ketul Patel
Tajinder Bhogal

Southam Lions Club

Nicola Griffin-Taylor

Southborough Lions Club

Robert Prance

Southwell & District Lions Club

Allen Hutchinson

St Austell Lions Club

Peter Moszynski

Stafford Lions Club

Maureen Faragher
Colin Faragher
Claire Bailes

Stoke-On-Trent Lions Club

Nicola Birkin
Jennifer Dulson

Stour Valley Lions Club

Margaret Moorse

Swanwick Lions Club

Amy Scott
Michelle Moseley
Jennifer Hough

Swindon Chautari Lions Club

Hom Malla

Tavistock Lions Club

Graham Foster

Tenby and District Lions Club

Amanda Absalom Lowe

Tenterden Lions Club

Rodney Macdonald

The Deepings Lions Club

Peter Alcindor

Thurnby Lions Club

Anand Bagtharia
Sajad Noray

Tickhill & District Lions Club

Dominic Carlin

Wanstead & Woodford Lions Club

Amrik Singh Sandhu
Baljinder Jheeta
Deepak Mehan

Warwick Lions Club

Will Ryder
Mathew White
Sophie Hodgson

Watford Lions Club

Nitin Chadha

Wellingborough & District Lions Club

Nele Klinkosch
Donmicit Rimdep
Martin Daniels
Julie Daniels
Josephine Turquand

Windsor Lions Club

Nick Vaughan
Malcolm Court

Winterton-North Lincolnshire Lions Club

Lynda Haynes

Woking Lions Club

Gary Campbell
Sharon Blackmore

Woodhall Spa Lions Club

Rachael Etches
Roger Etches
Debbie Dalgliesh

Woodley & Earley Lions Club

John Collins

Woolmer Forest Lions Club

Fiona Seymour
Kelvin Perry

Woolwich & Greenwich Lions Club

Gurdip Chaggar
Surinder Saggu

Worcester Lions Club

Lorraine Powell

Wroxham & Hoveton Lions Club

Tony Risebrow

Yateley & District Lions Club

Dale Whitaker

A LION'S TALE



Detroit Lions has hosted a Christmas party for blind and partially sighted students for over 90 years.

In 1956, the club gave a drum kit as a Christmas gift to a six-year-old boy that would change his life forever. His name was Stevie Wonder.

Never forgetting the role of Lions in his career, Detroit Lions member Susie Williams reported that, years later, Stevie Wonder crashed the Christmas party saying: “Thank you for those drums. I built a musical career around that. That small act of kindness shaped my life.”

In Memoriam

Lions Clubs of the British Isles remember the Lions members who made a commitment to serve their local communities, we honour their memory.



Lions Clubs International

MD105 British Isles

Obituaries: A Celebration of Life

ALLEN: Lion Christine
Worthing Lions Club

AMESS MP: Lion Sir David
The Palace of Westminster Lions Club

ATTFIELD: Lion Brian Arthur
Chichester Lions Club

BLAKEY: Lion James Peter OBE
Torpoint and Rame Lions Club

BLOXHAM: Lion Gray
Clevedon Lions Club

BOLT: Lion Micky
Hereford Lions Club

BOWLES: Lion Tony
Tonbridge Lions Club

BRIGG: Lion Jeannine
Bristol Brunel Lions Club

BROWNING: Lion Marshall
Tonbridge Lions Club

BURSELL: Lion Robert
Beverley Lions Club

CHADHA: Lion Darminder Singh
Southall Lions Club

COPPLESTONE: Lion Rodney
Bodmin Lions Club

COX: Lion Gordon
Blandford & District Lions Club

CRITCHETT: Lion Clifford
Whitstable and Herne Bay Lions Club

DIGGLES: Lion Albert
Basildon and Wickford Lions Club

DOWNER: Lion Michael
Isle of Wight Newport Lions Club

FENDALL: Lion Albert
Brighton Lions Club

FORSTER: Lion Ian
Henley on Thames Lions Club

FOSTER: Lion David Robert
Teesdale District Lions Club

GADD: Lion Keith
Glantawe Swansea Valley Lions Club

GOODWIN: Lion William
Witney Lions Club

GRIFFITHS: Lion Charles
Tonbridge Lions Club

GUTHRIE: Lion Allan
Southend on Sea Lions Club

HARRISON: Lion Ray
Tenby and District Lions Club

HEMSTOCK: Lion John
Tynedale Lions Club

HUNTER: Lion Christopher Hewetson
Lincoln Lions Club

INNS: Lion John
Kettering and District Lions Club

JACKSON: Lion Chrissie Wendy
Newquay Towan Blystra Lions Club

JOHNSON: Lion George Kenneth
Tynedale Lions Club

KAY: Lion Norman
Grimsby Cleethorpes Lions Club

KITSON: Lion Lisa
Edwinstowe and the Dukeries Lions Club

LEASON: Lion Margaret
Leek Lions Club

LEE: Lion Gordon Howard
Frome Lions Club

LOWE: Lion Peter
Llandudno Lions Club

MANKU: Lion Jeet Singh
Hornchurch Lions Club

MARTIN: Lion Robert
Darlington Lions Club

MASLEN: Lion Michael
Coventry Leofric Lions Club

MAUD: Lion Brian
Malton Norton Lions Club

MAYERS: Lion Ivan John
Kettering and District Lions Club

PANDYA: Lion Prakash
Thurnby Lions Club

PICKERING: Lion Stanley
Hethersett District Lions Club

PITTOCK: Lion Frederick
Basildon and Wickford Lions Club

POULTON: Lion Chris
Poole Lions Club

PRING: Lion Robert William
Chepstow and Caldicot Lions Club

ROBERTS: Lion Shirley
East Anglia Helen Keller Internet Lions Club

ROBERTSON: Lion Roy
Penrith Lions Club

ROSE: Lion David
Retford Lions Club

SANDERS: Lion John Michael
Stone Lions Club

SHEEHAN: Lion Stuart
Hereford Lions Club

SIMPSON: Lion Fleet
Isle of Man Lions Club

SMITH: Lion Gordon
Littlehampton District Lions Club

STEWART: Lion Donald
Lincoln Lions Club

WADE: Lion Joan
Thetford Breckland Lions Club

WALLIS: Lion Peter
Douglas Valley Lions Club

WEBBER: Lion Nick
Leatherhead and District Lions Club

WESTALL: Lion Derek Graham
Leyland and Cuerden Valley Lions Club

WHITE: Lion Len
Beverley Lions Club

WHITEHOUSE: Lion John Richard
Kenilworth Lions Club

WILLEY: Lion Brian
Humberston North Sea

WILLIAMS: Lion Malvern
Leyland and Cuerden Valley Lions Club

Almoners: Please email obituaries with photograph to: In-Memoriam@lionsclubs.co.uk



Every penny counts

Lions come together with others in their local communities to raise funds through friendship and teamwork. We volunteer with integrity, enthusiasm, innovation and creativity.

#JoinUs

#LionsGetInvolved

#LionsStepForward

<http://lionsclubs.co/Public/volunteer/>