

#TEAMCW

105CW News and Information June 2023



News from our District Governor

Another busy month for the District Governor. The first weekend of May was our Multi District Convention in Newcastle. The International Guest was our Immediate Past International President and Lions Club International Foundation Chairman Douglas Alexander from USA. I had the chance to speak to him one to one and found that he is a very inspiring, motivational and dedicated down to earth Lion. His slogan "Service from the Heart" speaks for itself. There were Council of Governors and Vice Council of Governors lengthy meetings chaired by our Council Chair Alastair Joel.



Attended the **Leicester Charnwood** Lions 49th Charter at the Holiday Inn, Leicester. A great club, under the leadership of Lion President Rajni Mashru, with 36 members serving Local, National and International Countries.



Attended the **Aldridge & District** Lions 34th Charter at the Druid Heath Golf Club in Aldridge. It is a small but very active club, serving the needs of Local Communities under the leadership of Lion President Mike Barker.

Attended the **Corby & District Lions** Community Grant Presentation Evening, where under the leadership of Lion President Jen Clarke £3000 was distributed to 10 Local Charities.



Chaired the 5th Cabinet Meeting on 14th May 2023 for District 105CW. I would like to thank all District Officers, Zone Chairs, Region Chairs and the DG Team. The meeting was well attended from across the District. There was also an Incoming District Officers training in the afternoon. The District Governor's Team for 2023/2024 will consist of DG Ravinder Sandhu, DGE David McKirdy, 1st Vice DGE Stu Young and 2nd Vice DGE Sue Wilding.



Membership Matters



Don't lose your Lions!

As we come towards June and the end of the Lions' year, we need to remember not all of our members need to be Active and joining in all that their Club does.

If a Lion is happy to pay their dues to remain a Lion, all that needs to happen is that their membership category is changed.

This recognises that not all Lions can meet the obligations of Active Membership and so these categories are designed to meet their needs.

There are **7 categories of Lions' Membership**

Active – means what it says, a fully active participating Lion

Affiliate – wants to be a Lion and support when they can, but not participate active

Associate – has active membership in one club and also belongs to another club where they, for example, work

Privileged – a Lion for 15 or more years but who is unable to be active due to age, infirmity, illness or other reason

Life – after 20 years membership (or 15 years if over age 70) or if critically ill

At-Large – a Lion who cannot regularly attend meetings but who wants to remain a member of the club

Honorary – not a member of the club, but acknowledged for the service they have given to the community

All Lions pay Dues, except:

Life Members. For them, their Club pays their International Dues up front which costs \$650

Honorary Members where the Club pays all their Dues.

Lion Susan Wilding - Membership Team Coordinator - gmt@lions105cw.org.uk



Bristol Brunel
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Ceredigion Invictus

Graham Whitfield
Pauline Beevor
Abdul Moiz

Coventry Godiva
Nuneaton
Telbury

Vandana Sachdev
Abnash Singh Gahir
Andrew Couch

50 Years of Young Ambassador

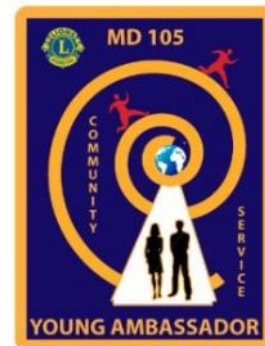
Help us reach our goal of 50 young Candidates, for this year's award!

Now is the time to start looking for a Young Ambassador!

Young Ambassador is a scheme that recognises young people (age 15-18) each year who have demonstrated an outstanding level of commitment to a not-for-profit organisation.

Does your club already know a young person who has stood out as a leader? A Philanthropist? A Volunteer? You may have already met them in a Youth group that your club has supported – Scouts? Cadets? St John's? to name just a few!

Is there a young person currently participating in the Young Leaders in Service Award that may be a suitable candidate?



Nuala Chiba, 105CW's Young Ambassador 2022-2023 receiving her trophy at 105CW Convention from Lions AP Singh and Ravinder Sandhu.

There is a £500 prize for the district winners project, plus an additional £1000 towards their project if they go on to win the British Isle Multi District finals! The overall winner of these finals will be put forward to the European finals!

In addition to this, there is an opportunity for one winner to experience life aboard one of the Jubilee Sailing Trusts tall ships with the Shipshape award!

If you'd like more details, please drop me a message at:

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Paul Murphy - 105CW Young Ambassador Officer

Service Reporting

Lions of 105CW have service figures to be proud of!

Is your club part of the 37%? - Ask at your next meeting

However, this doesn't tell the whole story of the amazing service we do across our communities and the wider communities we support. Only 37% of our clubs have reported their service this year, so that means, of our 1621 members 600 of them are not having their service recognised in our figures!

Are you one of them? **Why not ask your club secretary or administration officer to see if your service is counted?**

Unfortunately, the same is true of our international figures – only 63% of clubs worldwide report service – so the number of people served, currently stands at: 1, 299, 854, 876

Yes – you read it correctly – over one billion people have been served by Lions World Wide since 1st July 2022 and is a gross underestimation of our true levels of service.

Lions I urge you to make your service count

#be proud of what you achieve

#be proud to share your story

Percentage of clubs reporting service	63%
Service Activities Completed	2225
People Served	704,844

Why should clubs report their service?

"Service reporting shows what we really do as Leos and Lions. Service data persuades donors and partners. It also gives our members a boost to see the value we provide and everything we do."

Leo-Lion MD GST
Kjell Olav Skretting
Norway



Club News

Cheltenham Lions have had a long association with the world famous Treorchy Male Choir. Over the past 30 years they have been involved in 22 concerts, some in association with Acorns Children's Hospice. The latest, at Cheltenham Town Hall raised almost £8000 which will be split between Sue Ryder Hospice and the running costs of the Clubs Holiday Caravan at Burnham on Sea.



This year the **Cheltenham Lions** are celebrating 40 years of running the Holiday Home which provides holidays for local disabled and disadvantaged families, a family from Ukraine are included in this years guests.

Warwick Lions at the palace

Lion Peter Amis a member of the Warwick Club for the past 30 years and our current President was astonished to receive out of the blue an invitation from the King for himself and wife Penny to attend the Coronation Garden Party at Buckingham Palace.

This became an even more significant experience when Sophie, Duchess of Edinburgh and the Lions National Patron spotted his chain of office and commenting how nice it was to meet a fellow Lion proceeded to chat in a most informed way about the work that Lions are doing in helping others and raising funds for those in need in the U.K. and throughout the world.



Coventry Godiva promote dementia awareness and road safety

The Lions Club of promoted awareness of dementia, and road safety during the Sikh Union Vaisakhi Sports Festival and Mela conducted on Sunday, 30th April at the War Memorial Park, Coventry. It represented the club's collaborative working with Sikh Union, Dementia UK, and West Midlands Ambulance Service (who deal with road-safety in the region).

"Memories matter...don't let them shatter" sought to: draw attention of people to the link between hearing impairment and dementia; inform them about how to reduce the chances of developing dementia; provide relevant educational resources; apprise them about Dementia Admirals; and signpost them to the Coventry Dementia Hub, a multi-organisational platform for the management of dementia and support for carers of patients in the city.

"Alert today, alive tomorrow" promoted road safety including safe driving tips and journey planner; education about how to minimise accidents; drawing attention to drivers and vulnerable road users; and providing information on to the recently introduced eight important changes to the Highway Code. Virtual reality googles for an immersive experience underlined the dangers of drink driving while the importance of wearing seat belts and having appropriate child car seats, was conveyed. To reinforce knowledge, quizzes were held in the adult's-and children's categories, with trophies handed to the winners.

The club promoted "Message in a bottle"/ "Message in a Wallet" while also spreading the word about the exemplary work done by Leos and their invaluable role in furthering mission of Lions International.

This was a well-attended event including the Mayor, Mayoress, Deputy Mayor and Deputy Mayoress of Coventry.



Ross Lions help to get youngsters moving around Ross on Wye

Living in a rural area, it's not always easy for every child to get to school on time. In Ross on Wye, the local schools value owning a minibus which can help them to collect and drop-off a number of children every day. The children also benefit from the use of the bus for local school trips – dramatically reducing overall costs and making local trips more achievable on a regular basis.

Hearing how a new minibus will greatly help, Ross Lions were pleased to be able to add a donation that enabled the purchase to go ahead. It was a wet and windy day when President Jenny and Lions Lel and Louise arrived to hand over the funds that Ross Lions had been able to raise. Ross Lions look forward to seeing the minibus on the roads with the Lion Logo showing on the side.



Wotton under Edge is known for its spectacular display of hanging baskets.

Wotton Lions have worked with the Wotton in Bloom team to ensure community look its best.

