



DISTRICT
105CW



Lions International



District 105CW Convention

March 22nd - 24th 2024

Parkway Hotel & Spa, Cwmbran

2023-24 DISTRICT OFFICERS, REGION AND ZONE CHAIRS CONVENTION REPORTS

SUBMITTED NOTHING TO REPORT NOT SUBMITTED

REF	OFFICE	OFFICER/NAME
DG Team	DG Team	DG Team
A01	District Governor	David McKirdy
A02	IPDG	Rav Sandhu
A03	1 st VDG	Stuart Young
A04	2 nd VDG	Susan Wilding
Admin	Administration	Administration
B01	District Secretary	Andy Pemberton
B02	Admin Assistant & Email Coordinator	Joy Haffner
B03	Vulnerable Persons	Ian Haffner
B04	Data Compliance	Robyn Banks
B05	Legal	Ian Vesey
B06	CNRO	Heather Jeavons
B07	Nominations included in CNRO	Bill O'Neill
B08	Insurance	Brigitte - HQ
B09	Sargent-at-Arms	Bill O'Neill
B10	Convention Chair	Stewart Sherman-Kahn
B11	Health & Safety	John Tunney
Finance	Finance	Finance
C01	District Treasurer	Christine Moss
C02	CIO	David McKirdy
GMT	Membership	GMT
D01	Membership Coordinator	Sue Wilding
D02	Membership Ambassadors Region A (report to D01)	Amanda Coleshill
D03	Competitions	Jan Watson
D04	Membership Ambassadors Region B (report to D01)	Simon Moss
D05	New Voices	Michelle Preece
D06	Membership Ambassadors Region C (report to D01)	Geoff Bull
D07	Retention Almoner	Adrian Hutchings
D08	Membership Ambassadors Region D (report to D01)	Sarah Rossington-Harris
D08	Membership Ambassadors Region D (report to D01)	Jim Thompson

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REF	OFFICE	OFFICER/NAME
GST	Service	GST
E01	GST Coordinator	Paul Murphy
E02	Environment	Chari Gunarathne
E03	NSL	Claire de Jonge-Vors
E04	MiaB	Trevor Jones
E05	Sight	Richard Stannard
E06	Vision Screening	David Williams
E07	Hunger	Robert Mayhew
E08	BTR	David Willoughby
E09	Physical, Learning & Disabilities	Neil Chisholm
GLT	Leadership	GLT
F01	Leadership Coordinator	Melissa Murphy
GET	Global Extension Team	GET
G01	Extension Coordinator	Rav Sandhu
G02	New Clubs (report to G01)	Fran Stary
G04	(report to G01)	Bill O'Neill
G03	(report to G01)	Glyn Williams
Youth	Youth	Youth
H01	Youth Coordinator	David Houghton
H02	(YA) Young Ambassadors	Paul Murphy
H03	YLiS	Ailsa Morag Young
H04	Peace Poster & Essay	
H05	Youth Exchange	Geoff Bull
H06	ROAR	
H07	Leo's	Mark Frisby
Communications	Communications	Communications
I01	PR & Marketing (Website)	Joy Haffner
I02	Social Media	Ralph Watson
I03	News Editor	Jenny McKirdy
I04A	Club IT Development A (report to Region Chair A)	Sophie Embers
I04B	Club IT Development B (report to Region Chair B)	
I04C	Club IT Development C (report to Region Chair C)	Pat Comer
I04D	Club IT Development D (report to Region Chair D)	Brian Waters

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REF	OFFICE	OFFICER/NAME
International	International	International
J01	LCIF	Keith Wilding
J02	International	Ian Gott
Region & Zones	Region & Zones	Region & Zones
RA	Region A	Cath Kendall
RAZ01	Zone 1	Pranoti Jadhav
RAZ01B	Zone 1B	Amanda Coleshill
RAZ02	Zone 2	Cathy Mapfumo
RAZ03	Zone 3	David Houghton
RAZ04	Zone 4	Ken Shaw
RB	Region B	Nick Bate
RBZ05	Zone 5	Jackie Bate
RBZ06	Zone 6	Jitesh Samani
RBZ07	Zone 7	Mark Whitfield
RBZ08	Zone 8	Refer to RC
RC	Region C	Richard Stannard
RCZ09	Zone 9	Ian Haffner
RCZ10	Zone 10	Keith Wilding
RCZ11	Zone 11	Juan Nuevo
RCZ12	Zone 12	Bill O'Neill
RD	Region D	Glyn Williams
RDZ13	Zone 13	Joy Haffner
RDZ14	Zone 14	David Willoughby
RDZ15	Zone 15	Rhys Lewis
RDZ16	Zone 16	RC Glyn Williams



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NAME: David McKirdy

OFFICE: A01 District Governor (DG Team)

PROGRESS ACHIEVED SINCE LAST CONVENTION:

My motto for the year is 'Lions Changing Lives Together' and #TeamCW has yet again shown that it is delivering. The dynamic DG Team, GAT and Region Chairs have delivered their commitment to membership growth and service delivery. Mission 1.5 has helped concentrate our minds on membership growth which in turn will deliver greater service support to our communities. The hard work undertaken by all District Officers, Region Chairs and Zone Chairs has enabled a strong contribution to our District's success and we all owe them a debt of gratitude. Good teamwork is essential for success.

Building on my predecessor's decision to introduce the Region Chair I decided to further develop their role by including them in with the regular monthly DG/GAT meetings. It was thought that this move helps remove perceived barriers between the strategic views of DG/GAT and the operational views of Zones/Clubs.

The year has seen an introduction of enhanced training aimed at New Member Orientation; this is a measure that is seen as a useful aid in the retention of new members which is a key component of Mission 1.5.

At the time of writing 2 members in the District have completed IOSH training and will shortly be presented with their Certificates of Achievement. These members will now be responsible for delivering training to clubs aimed at improving our knowledge of Health and Safety requirements and how to complete Risk Assessments in respect of all our activities. This is a legal requirement; it is our aim to ensure that all clubs fulfil their legal obligations.

We are greatly privileged to welcome Past International Director Gary Anderson and his wife Cheryl from Grand Rapids, Michigan as our International Guests. As a Doctor of Optometry, it is no surprise that Gary has been heavily involved in Lions Sight projects including leading or participating in Lions sight missions in Central and South America and India.

OVERVIEW OF DIRECTION FOR THE FORTHCOMING YEAR:

I have no doubt that the District will continue to improve and grow under the Stewardship of my successor and the supporting team. There will inevitably be changes and am convinced that #TeamCW will adapt to move the District forward, grow its Service delivery aided by membership growth. Mission 1.5 will enter its second year and I know our District will have the right team to drive this forward, every year we improve.

NAME: Ravinder Sandhu

OFFICE: A02 IPDG (DG Team)

PROGRESS ACHIEVED SINCE LAST CONVENTION:

Since my role as Immediate Past District Governor from 1st July 2023 I have attended the DG Team meetings, provided guidance to the District Governor and his Team, and supported them in resolving issues within the district. I have also provided assistance at the Autumn Forum and other functions, supported service projects and fundraising within the district and promoted Lionism in local, national and international communities.



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OVERVIEW OF DIRECTION FOR THE FORTHCOMING YEAR:

Continue to support the District Governor and his Team to resolve any issues and achieve the district goals.

NAME: Stu Young

OFFICE: A03 1st VDG (DG Team)

PROGRESS ACHIEVED SINCE LAST CONVENTION:

2022/2023

Completed year as Second Vice District Governor (2023/2024)
Helped Charter New Club in CW (Warwickshire Coaching Lions)
Guiding Lion for Warwickshire Coaching Lions
Attended MD105 Convention
Facilitated 105CW Zone Chairperson and Region Chairperson Training
Facilitated 105CW Certified Guiding Lion Training
Facilitated MD105 Certified Guiding Lion Training
Facilitated 105CW Cabinet Upskilling Workshop
Attended International Convention – Boston, USA

2023/2024

Attended District Handover – Symonds Yat
Attended Monthly District Governor Team (105CW) Meetings
Attended Monthly Global Action Team (105CW) Meetings
Attended Council of Governors (MD105) Meetings
Attended USA/Canada Leadership Forum – Reno, USA
Maintained Regular Contact with 105CW Zone Chairpersons
Maintained Regular Contact with 105CW Region Chairpersons
Part of the CW Convention Committee
Chaired 105CW Finance Committee Meetings
Chaired Region & Zone Pre Cabinet Meetings
Attended Europa Forum – Klagenfurt, Austria
Presented at and attended District Autumn Forum
Completed Club visits across the District
Supported clubs with service and fundraising activities across the District
Attended LCI First Vice District Governor Training – Zooms
Attended LCI District Governor Elect / First Vice District Governor Training – Chicago, USA
Facilitated a SWOT Analysis & Goal Setting workshop for CW Global Action Team
Attended Club Charters as invited
Supporting the formation of Club Branches
Planning for Lions Year 2024/2025
Maintained a presence on Social Media
Maintained active membership of my home club – Coventry Leofric Lions

OVERVIEW OF DIRECTION FOR THE FORTHCOMING YEAR:

Should I be elected at District Convention to be District Governor for 2024/2025. . . .



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Continue to plan for the next Lions year working with the First Vice District Governor Elect, Second Vice District Governor Elect, District Secretary, District Treasurer, District Officers Elect and the Global Action Team focusing on the theme “Everyone Is Welcome”.

Find ways to make our district more bilingual – with both English and Welsh languages used as much as possible.

Focus on the Four Regions within the District and look at allocating Zone Chairpersons, Global Service, Global Membership and Global Extension team members to support clubs at a more local level.

- Global Service will have x2 generic officers per Region with the Global Service Lead being the conduit for communication from the Multiple District.
- Global Membership will have x2 officers per Region, plus a Rural Lions Team Member with the Global Membership Lead being the conduit for communication from the Multiple District.
- Global Extension will have x1 officer per Region with the Global Extension Lead being the conduit for communication from the Multiple District.

Form a Cabinet for 2024/2025 – Volunteers very welcome, please drop me an email lionstuyoung@gmail.com

Facilitate Cabinet Upskilling Workshop in May 2024.

Attend International Convention in Melbourne, Australia in June 2024.

Work with our Global Membership Team to focus on retention and member satisfaction and to also look at moving the Rural Farmers Project forward.

Work with our Global Extension Team to identify potential area's for new clubs within the District, and aim to build branches where possible to encourage growth.

Work with our Global Service Team to identify District Service Projects and encourage all clubs to report their amazing service activities.

Work with our Global Leadership Team to identify potential learning opportunities and focus on Autumn Forum 2024 – please save the provisional date Sunday November 17th 2024 – details to follow in due course.

Work with our Convention Team to run an inspiring, informative and fun District Convention in 2025 – please save the provisional dates of 27th to 29th March 2025 – details to follow in due course.

Work with our administration and communications team to ensure we make regular contact with member of Team CW and that our communication platforms are accessible.

Work with our youth team to promote all our youth engaging activities and to look into the possibility of a district virtual Leo's Club.

Work with potential new club's to establish their membership and ensure that we follow the Global Membership Approach to ensure successful clubs for years to come.



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Attend 2024/2025 Council of Governor Meetings – ensuring the voice of district CW is represented at a national level.

Help and support our amazing members and clubs across Team CW support our local, national and international communities.

NAME: Susan Wilding

OFFICE: A04 2nd VDG (DG Team)

PROGRESS ACHIEVED SINCE LAST CONVENTION:

I have attended meetings as required including Monthly DG Team and Global Action Team meetings, Finance Team as observer, Pre-cabinet Zone and Region Chair meetings.

I have attended one training session organised by MD Leadership Team.

I have completed LCI online learning sessions for 2nd VDGs and attended engagement sessions led by 2nd International Vice President.

I have visited the majority of Clubs on my allocated list, with 3 outstanding. At these, I passed on key messages from International and District leaders and gifts from the DG. I especially made sure I took my Message In A Bottle bear and posted a photo on Facebook to prove it!

I have regular, informal, contact with the 2VDGs of the other Districts of MD105 for mutual support and friendship.

OVERVIEW OF DIRECTION FOR THE FORTHCOMING YEAR:

To support the District Governor and carry out any assigned duties

To attend meetings of Cabinet and other committees.

To participate in District planning sessions as required.

To visit Clubs as allocated as part of the DG team

To attend future training sessions that are scheduled.

To complete any online learning that I am directed towards and attend relevant webinars and sessions relevant for my role.



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NAME: Andy Pemberton

OFFICE: B01 District Secretary
(Administration Team)

PROGRESS ACHIEVED SINCE LAST CONVENTION:

It has been a busy year as District Secretary, as well as becoming involved in helping District Governor in resolving membership matters which sadly resulted in the closing of a Club.

Following the successful 2023 Convention. The Planning for Convention 2024 has gone well and I believe we have a great meeting planned.

There have been 4 Cabinet meetings, using Zoom and Face to Face, they have been successful in conducting the necessary business.

Thank you to Lion Joy for all her help during the year.

OVERVIEW OF DIRECTION FOR THE FORTHCOMING YEAR:

Getting back to normal business, ensuring the balance between Zoom Meetings and Face to Face Meetings is established, in line with incoming DGs wishes.

There is an efficiency to using Zoom but we need to ensure when possible personal interaction.

This I will plan around the Incoming DG's requirements.

Personally I am working to a succession plan with the DG Team, identifying a successor and working with them for a smooth handover next year will be a priority.

NAME: Joy Haffner

OFFICE: B02 Email Co-ordinator & Admin
Assistant (Administration Team)

PROGRESS ACHIEVED SINCE LAST CONVENTION:

- Thank you to the District Officers/Region/Zone Chairs that got their reports in, in a timely manner.
- Attended Cabinet Meetings. Attended Autumn Forum, helped members who needed help to put in their service hours etc on MyLion.
- Continued to provide a central point for the circulation of all information around the District by distributing information to all club officers and members who are on the district mailing list. Approximately 150 emails went out from 1st April to 23rd February. Not all went to the whole district, some went to just Secretaries, Presidents, Zones, District Officers.
- I would like to thank all those members that are on the district mailing list, REMEMBER if you are on the district mailing list you will get the information straight away and are not reliant on waiting for someone to forward the information to you. Some clubs have all their members on the district mailing list, saving their secretary the job of forwarding the emails/newsletters etc.
- If you do change your email address, please let me know so I can change it, or unsubscribe yourself and then subscribe with your new email address.
- Provided services and help as required by members of the District performing the Secretary and email co-ordinator roles. Also assisting with queries and updating MyLCI for clubs.



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- Helped Club Secretary's/Presidents who have had trouble accessing MyLCI to report membership.
- Helped members where I can.
- I would like to thank District Secretary Andy for his continued support.

OVERVIEW OF DIRECTION FOR THE FORTHCOMING YEAR:

- Continue to send out emails and I would again encourage fellow Lions that are on the general mailing list to promote others to subscribe to speed up and improve communications around the district.
- Note - All members subscribed can unsubscribe at any time. We are getting new members, but clubs aren't passing information on about joining the mailing list.
- Continue to support the District Secretary and District Governor providing help and services to the Cabinet and Clubs across the District as required.
- A reminder any Club Secretary/President having difficulty accessing MyLCI to report membership etc please contact me.
- Continue to help members, where I can.
- Preparing for the Lions year 2024/25.

NAME: Ian Haffner

OFFICE: B03 Vulnerable Persons
(Administration Team)

PROGRESS ACHIEVED SINCE LAST CONVENTION:

The number of DBS applications has continued to grow this year. The majority arrive by post with either the President or Secretary having completed the document checks. Some applications have been completed at a club visit which can be an efficient way to process a clubs' applications. In addition there was a drive to complete applications at Autumn Forum with members bringing completed DBS forms supported by the identity check documents. This proved to be very successful and I thank Eric Hughes (authorised signatory) for his support on the day. In total I have processed about 85 DBS forms from date of last convention to the time of writing this report. This is with the help from other counter signatories Eric Hughes and Ken Barker. Thanks to them for their continued help and to Headquarters team for posting out the DBS application forms direct to applicants.

Maintained a register of new DBS applications which is updated once certificates are issued but this needs the applicants to advise me as I do not get this update direct from DBS. I have emailed a request to clubs to help with this by taking an audit of members with current DBS certificates and advise me of the certificate numbers.

OVERVIEW OF DIRECTION FOR THE FORTHCOMING YEAR:

I will continue to process DBS applications as soon as possible with continued help from other registered counter signatories and update the register as soon as I can get the certificate serial numbers. This helps us to understand the numbers and to manage the recertification process.



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NAME: Robyn Banks

OFFICE: B04 Data Compliance (Administration Team)

PROGRESS ACHIEVED SINCE LAST CONVENTION:

At the time of drafting this report, about half of clubs in the District have registered with the ICO - as far as I can tell from the ICO records. These are Clubs who are "eligible" – ie have more than 5 members or are not a Club Branch. AS MD Officer, I issued an article on the Fee this year. Zone Chairs and the DG team are encouraged to raise this matter with clubs on visits. I am happy to help if anyone needs further information on this.

TRAINING: When offered, this is always well-attended. There has been two sessions offered – one on the "legal" requirements and one on handling personal data. None has been offered this year but I am happy to deliver if requested.

OVERVIEW OF DIRECTION FOR THE FORTHCOMING YEAR:

I am available – if re-appointed! – to offer the training to clubs/zones/regions if requested to do so. I am attending CW and MD Conventions and will be available to answer any queries people may have.

The work on privacy notices etc will continue.

It should be noted that all the above work is offered to Lions Clubs without charge – despite this being my profession.

LIONS PORTAL: in my MD role, I attended sessions run by LCI about the new Portal (the replacement system to MyLCI/MyLION etc scheduled to be in place at the start of the new Lion Year). Training will be offered by LCI but it is felt that some more specific tailored training to Lions in 105 is appropriate. Again, I am happy to answer any queries you may have.

NAME: Heather Jeavons

OFFICE: B06 CNRO (Administration Team)

PROGRESS ACHIEVED SINCE LAST CONVENTION:

- Attended Cabinet Meetings
- Advised DG Team and Clubs on Constitutional and ethical issues
- Issued invitation for Nominations and resolutions
- Worked with the Nominations Officer to verify Nominations
- Issued invitation to Clubs to submit notification of delegates and alternate voting delegates for District Convention
- Served on Convention Committee

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OVERVIEW OF DIRECTION FOR THE FORTHCOMING YEAR:

- To ensure integrity of voting and decisions procedures at District Convention
- To provide support to the DG Team
- To provide support and guidance to Clubs as required



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NAME: Brigitte Green

OFFICE: B08 Insurance (Administration Team)

PROGRESS ACHIEVED SINCE LAST CONVENTION:

Change of Insurance provider.

OVERVIEW OF DIRECTION FOR THE FORTHCOMING YEAR:

The decision was made that our previous cover was no longer fit for purpose due to restrictions applied by insurers. That started the process of tendering out to various Insurance organisations. When preparing tender documents and subsequent discussions it was noted that we were unable as an organisation to tell insurers what activities we undertake. Not only that but also how many Clubs undertake a specific activity, what level of participation there is in specific events, how many people attend, either paying or free and could we show sample risk assessments for each activity. The answer to all those questions was, no, we could not.

In all there were few Insurance companies willing to do business with us. Ultimately, of the two insurers that were prepared to offer terms for the business, Hiscox were deemed to offer the best value in terms of cover v cost. It is accepted that we have not met the needs of all Clubs in every respect, however, the market is very restricted as far as Lions' is concerned. A Green and Red list have been created and Clubs can check against their activities as to whether they may need additional cover – the main questions our brokers will need to know to check if additional cover is needed are as follows;

Full details of event to include:

Location of event

Name of event

Number of people attending event? (Over 500 will need separate cover)

What will Lions volunteers be doing at the event?

Full risk Assessments and Event plan must be for the forthcoming event not for a previous events.

Will all third party stall holders and suppliers have their own Liability insurance in place?

Why is there so much emphasis on Risk Assessments?

Lions Clubs will organise events and activities that involve the participation of members and the public. Conducting risk assessments helps identify potential hazards and risks associated with these activities, allowing the club to take appropriate measures to ensure the safety of participants and attendees.

Legal compliance: It is the law of the land that risk assessments are completed and also are in the Terms of Reference of any insurance policy. Accidents do happen and an insurer is entitled to be made aware that all possible steps have been considered in a Risk Assessment when planning an event. If something were to occur that necessitated a Health & Safety Executive investigation, they would certainly demand sight of the Risk Assessment.

Reputation management: Lions clubs are often involved in service projects within their local communities. By proactively identifying and addressing potential risks, we can help protect our reputation and demonstrate our commitment to safety and responsible event management.



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Financial considerations: Failing to assess and address risks can lead to financial liabilities for the club. Accidents or incidents resulting from unmanaged risks can lead to legal claims, medical expenses, and other costs. By conducting risk assessments, Lions clubs can mitigate these financial risks.

Continuity of operations: By identifying and addressing risks to our activities, our clubs can enhance their ability to continue their charitable and community service work without interruptions caused by accidents or other adverse events.

In summary, risk assessments are essential for clubs to ensure the safety of their members and the public, comply with legal requirements, protect their reputation, manage financial risks, and maintain the continuity of their operations

If Clubs have any insurance questions they should be directed to our National Headquarters 0121 441 4544 or email nationalheadquarters@lionsclubs.co.uk

NAME: William O'Neill

**OFFICE: BO9 Sergeant-At-Arms
(Administration Team)**

PROGRESS ACHIEVED SINCE LAST CONVENTION:

- Attended all Cabinet meetings bar one due to holiday
- Attended all ZC pre-cabinet meetings bar one due to holiday
- Attended all District Convention Committee meetings including two site visits
- Made site visit to District Forum venue
- Performed SAA duties at District Forum
- Liaised with DG and 1stVDG regarding 2024 District Handover

OVERVIEW OF DIRECTION FOR THE FORTHCOMING YEAR:

To continue assisting all members and District Officers in carrying out their respective roles in the most beneficial manner for our association and furtherance of our objects.

NAME: Stewart Sherman-Kahn

**OFFICE: B10 Convention Chair
(Administration Team)**

PROGRESS ACHIEVED SINCE LAST CONVENTION:

The Venue for this year's Convention has been booked and all the necessary preparations have been made.

I must thank the Members of the Committee:-

David McKirdy
Stu Young
Andy Pemberton



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Christine Moss
Bill O'Neill
Julie O'Neill
Paul Macpherson
Glynn Williams
Heather Jeavons

Thanks must also go to the Host Lions Club. It has been a pleasure to work with them all.

I hope that all Lions attending this year's CW Convention enjoy the weekend as much as the Team have enjoyed working on it.

OVERVIEW OF DIRECTION FOR THE FORTHCOMING YEAR:

I will not be the Convention Chairperson next year but will remain on the Committee.

Some site inspections have been made and news and the dates of the 2025 Convention will be available soon.

NAME: John Tunney

OFFICE: B11 District Health and Safety Officer
(Administration Team)

PROGRESS ACHIEVED SINCE LAST CONVENTION:

Commenced in role July 2023. Statements of Intent sent to all clubs, record kept of those returned. Risk Assessment PowerPoint prepared, with Melissa, and sent to Zone chairs.

Three 15 minute Risk Assessment awareness sessions held at Autumn Forum. Total attendance about 40 Lions.

Completed 3 day Managing Safely IOSH course February 24

OVERVIEW OF DIRECTION FOR THE FORTHCOMING YEAR:

Equipped by course to proceed in H&S role.

Will continue promoting Statements of Intent

Aim to see H&S prioritised on Zone meeting agendas.

Possibly attend Zone meetings to emphasise importance of H&S.



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NAME: Christine Moss

OFFICE: C01 District Treasurer (Finance Team)

PROGRESS ACHIEVED SINCE LAST CONVENTION:

Dues statements were sent out in both June and January and a huge thankyou to those clubs who make their payments by bank transfer and remember to email me with the details, you make my life so much easier. I know not all clubs have been able to get online banking due to their bank's restrictions, but I would also like to express my gratitude for your quick responses and for ensuring cheques are made payable to Lions Clubs International MD105 enabling me to bank them quickly and allocate them correctly.

The budget for 2024/2025 was prepared for the Finance committee and presented to cabinet for approval in November along with the dues resolution for this convention.

The district now has the ability to take payments by card as we now have a SumUp machine.

I would also like to remind clubs that copies of their accounts/independent examiner's report should be forwarded to the District Treasurer. If your club is a CIO then I still need to see a copy of the accounts.

Attached is the Final report from the independent examiner for the charity account along with the admin account as prepared by me. In accepting this report, you will be approving both the Charity Account and the Administration accounts for 2022-23.

OVERVIEW OF DIRECTION FOR THE FORTHCOMING YEAR:

I will continue to provide a service to clubs and the district as treasurer ensuring that funds are accurately accounted for.

I am also currently preparing the district to become a CIO with the help of our District Governor.

Trustee

The Charity is administered by a committee of ex officio Trustees.

The five trustees for 2023-24 are: -

Immediate Past District Governor Ravinder Sandhu
District Governor David McKirdy
District Secretary Andrew Pemberton
District Treasurer Christine Moss
1st Vice District Governor Stu Young

These trustees were eligible by their office within the District Cabinet



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Budget 2022-23		B/F	Income	Income	Expenditure	
		£113.38	International Dues	£61,324.28	International Dues	£61,197.28
			MD Dues	£45,303.79	MD Dues	£45,219.18
			Insurance, Equipment, Cash	£4,045.15	Insurance, Equipment, Cash	£4,000.90
			MD Youth	£5,266.00	MD Youth	£5,238.00
£11,200.00			District Dues	£12,001.89		
	£200.00	£705.00		£285.00	District Changeover	£1,005.00
				£658.00	District Changeover - 2023	£100.00
			North Sea Lions	£5,800.00	Transfer to Charity	£5,800.00
			Ball for All	£800.00	Ball for All - Paid to MD (Tom)	£800.00
		£6.00	PDG Gift	£555.00	PDG Gift	£550.00
	£300.00		District Forum 2023	£985.00	District Forum 2023	£985.00
	£5,775.00		District Convention 2023	£17,454.70	District Convention 2023	£29,608.58
	£1,000.00				Cabinet Expenses	£562.50
	£850.00				Communication	£706.73
	£100.00				Competitions	£100.00
	£900.00				DG's Allowance	£900.00
	£500.00				1st Vice DG Allowance	£500.00
	£300.00				2nd Vice DG Allowance	£300.00
	£600.00				NSL Officer Allowance	£600.00
	£500.00				International - Twinning	£0.00
	£2,000.00				Officers Expenses	£2,392.94
		£550.00			Information Communication Technology (ITC)	£0.00
	£300.00				Regalia	£954.00
	£1,500.00				Public Relations	£0.00
	£3,000.00				Membership	£1,273.06
	£3,000.00				Leadership (GLT)	£1,837.08
	£500.00				Auditor (fees)	£540.00
	£350.00			£0.00	Service (Inc. Young Farmers etc.)	£90.00
				£410.39	GAT Funding	
			Other Receipts	£1,127.64	Other Payments	£955.42
			Charity Receipts	£29,918.62	Transfer to Charity	£29,748.62
£11,200.00	£22,226.00	£824.38		£185,886.48	Total Expenditure	£196,984.28

Opening Balance	£35,301.73
Income	£185,935.46
	£221,237.19
Expenditure	£196,963.29
Balance at Bank	<u>£26,273.80</u>
Balance at Bank	£25,273.90
Less Committed	£0.00
Less Budgets	
District Reserves	<u>£26,273.80</u>



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NAME: David McKirdy

OFFICE: C02 CIO (Finance Team)

PROGRESS ACHIEVED SINCE LAST CONVENTION:

- Clubs are gradually converting to CIO, 57 clubs in the District have completed their registration with 2 others at the Commission awaiting approval.

OVERVIEW OF DIRECTION FOR THE FORTHCOMING YEAR:

- Clubs are encouraged to convert to CIO giving them the opportunity to enjoy the Public Liability benefits of conversion.



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NAME: Susan Wilding

OFFICE: D01 Membership Coordinator (Global Membership Team)

PROGRESS ACHIEVED SINCE LAST CONVENTION:

Membership Growth continued to be a focus and our recruitment remained strong through the summer, ending the year with a large increase of new members.

The key data for the year 2022-23 as at 30th June was
373 added members, 286 dropped a total of 1,674 members in 98 Clubs, a growth of 5.48%

Since July, with the appointment of an Extension Team to work on New Clubs my role has been Member Satisfaction (Retention) and New Members (Recruitment).

At the time of writing, mid-February 2024, the data shows we have
169 added, 244 dropped and a total of 1,599 members in 96 Clubs.

Work has been done to offer induction sessions to new members so that they are more aware of the wider world of Lions, including their Zone and District.

After taking a while to build up its impetus, the New Voices initiative is showing results and those who take up the invitation to join the New Voices group are benefitting from the friendship and information they gain.

There are two key Membership initiatives globally. First was the roll-out of the Global Membership Approach which we introduced last year. The essence of this is to give a structured approach to re-motivating our current members and revitalising our Clubs with new members alongside the starting of New Clubs.

The second is the Challenge – to serve even more people and make a bigger difference by growing our Membership across to world to 1.5 million. This challenge is known as 'Mission 1.5' and all of us are asked to take action to grow our membership so that we can help even more of those in need in our communities and in the world.

Membership and New Member Induction has been the subject of workshops at Winter Forum

Regular MD GMT meetings are held and allow discussion of progress towards Membership Goals.

Regular District meetings are held with the GST, GLT and DG/VDG Team to discuss progress and trouble-shoot issues. Reporting takes place via Cabinet.

A 'Membership Matters' article has been written each month for the District Newsletter.

As always, individual contact is welcomed and individual Clubs and members have been in communication for guidance and advice.

Zoom continues to be a useful tool in communicating across our District and saves time, travel and cost in meetings.

Team member input



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Almoner – All new members are welcomed individually and receive a 'welcome pack' of useful information. Members who leave in good standing are contacted to help find out why our members decide to leave their Clubs. Significant life events are celebrated and commemorated and Lions encouraged to keep the Almoner informed of those who should be contacted. **See full report D07 Retention – Almoner.**

Competitions – All members are encouraged to participate in the fun of competitions though these also serve a purpose. The environmental photo competition encourages one of the global service areas. Visiting a Club, Zone or District event helps make new friends and learn from each other so that competition encourages Lions to step outside their Clubs. Other Competitions are also related to Lions activity and trophies will be awarded at District Convention. **See full report D03 Competitions.**

Online Contacts – fewer this year than previously but these are passed to relevant Clubs and progress tracked.

New Voices – All new members are contacted after around 3 months of joining and offered opportunities including participating in an annual workshop and online seminars produced by International New Voices team. **See full report D05 New Voices Co-ordinator.**

Membership Team Ambassadors – others with an interest in Membership growth participate in monthly meetings to share information and offer advice and support through the Region Chairs.

OVERVIEW OF DIRECTION FOR THE FORTHCOMING YEAR:

To continue to adopt the team approach and promote Membership growth.
To evaluate the District membership plan and make any improvements and modifications needed.
To offer advice and assistance to Clubs as a way of supporting them in Membership Growth.
To help to achieve the Membership growth goal for 2023-24.
To do my best to ensure a smooth transition to my successor in the GMT role.

I will be stepping back from the GMT role in June having held the role for around 7 years both before and since District CW began, so it is definitely time for a new pair of hands! I offer my very good wishes to my successor.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank every Lion who has been a part of the Membership Teams over the years and thank each and every one of them for the support, enthusiasm, advice and inspiration they have given to me.

Onwards and Upwards #TeamCW !

NAME: Jan Watson

OFFICE: D03 Competitions (Membership Team)

PROGRESS ACHIEVED SINCE LAST CONVENTION:

This last (calendar) year has seen a good response to the photography competition which was amended to include five categories. However entries for the Visiting Lions competition have been disappointing.



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I have found a different judge for the photo competition this year to bring a fresh pair of eyes and maybe a different perspective as he is an artist rather than a photographer.

Trophies for all winners have been ordered for presentation at Convention.

OVERVIEW OF DIRECTION FOR THE FORTHCOMING YEAR:

I'm continuing to look at the competitions offered by other Districts with a view to adding some to our offering in 105CW. Depending on Visiting Lions uptake it may be time to drop this one after the current year. I would also like to explore bringing the competitions' year into line with the Lionistic year, although appreciate this will mean presenting trophies at, say, Autumn Forum rather than Convention.

Regular updates, directly emailed via the District Mailing list, seem to have generated more interest so these will continue.

I will also again ask and encourage members to suggest other competitions that could be offered.

NAME: Michele Preece

OFFICE: D05 New Voice Coordinator
(Membership Team)

PROGRESS ACHIEVED SINCE LAST CONVENTION:

Taken over role in July send out letters to New Members after 3 months service.

New Voice lead for MD105 WhatsApp group.

Participated in Autumn Forum presentation about Heat Tin Project.

Attended New Voices Workshop.

OVERVIEW OF DIRECTION FOR THE FORTHCOMING YEAR:

Will be giving a short presentation at 105CW Convention.

Continue to send out letters and encourage and identify all lions who show promise in either Marketing, Service, Membership or Leadership.

Part of a team presentation on New Voices MD105 zoom Seminar.

NAME: Adrian Hutchings

OFFICE: D07 Retention - Almoner
(Membership Team)

PROGRESS ACHIEVED SINCE LAST CONVENTION:

The last Convention proved to be a real eye opener. With the Formal evening on the Friday, giving those who attended the opportunity to renew and create NEW friendships, which we certainly did. Then the Host Night on the Saturday proved to be an enlivening event, with many making the



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choice to adopt apparel suitable for the occasion. Me being one. The evening was lively with much entertainment. A great evening for all those there. Holding one's breath as to what will be at Cwmbran!!!!!!!!!!!!

My role as Retention has continued to prove difficult, as despite all efforts, we continue to lose TOO many Members with few years service. I feel Clubs need to address their role in this unacceptable situation, and decide or rather review where they may have contributed to the losses, because it must be at that level that any disenchantment or not truly being involved or accepted occurs.

Membership meetings albeit by ZOOM continue monthly ably led by VDG2 Lion Sue. No one can doubt her commitment to trying to a) determine reason for losses, but b) her determination to inspire all of those attending to look for and to consider any and all means possible, and available, to be used by all Clubs to attract NEW MEMBERS.

It is inevitable, that at sometime Lion Sue will need to be replaced. Like the loss of our Dear Queen, it will be difficult position to fill.

My role as Almoner has kept me busy, but I have no doubt, that many with Special Birthdays or Anniversaries have been overlooked by Clubs, and I remain convinced, that not all Clubs take on board that, the District remains committed to the WELFARE of its Membership.

OVERVIEW OF DIRECTION FOR THE FORTHCOMING YEAR:

Not at sure as to the forthcoming year, but I am committed to fulfil my role as Almoner for the balance of 2023/4.

I would plead with the DG Team, RCs and ZCs, that when visiting or attending Club, Zone or Region Meetings, that they ensure, that they repeatedly bring to the attention of those attending, of the District's Commitment via the Almoner, of the Welfare of not only it's Membership, but also of their extended Families, and PLEASE PLEASE refer them ALL to my ([Almoner's Challenge](#)) circulated back in November, 2023.

For Retention, I will continue to support our Membership Team, that we may be able to encourage among our Clubs and Membership a more PROACTIVE approach to counter the TOO many losses.

To All Presidents and Secretaries, I would once again plead with you to review your Membership, and also discuss with your Members to try to identify any Special Birthdays or Anniversaries happening in the remaining period of this Lionistic Year and advise me soonest.



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NAME: Paul Murphy

OFFICE: E01 GST Coordinator (Global Service Team)

PROGRESS ACHIEVED SINCE LAST CONVENTION:

- Continued to support clubs in the reporting of service.
- Presented at Convention '23, Autumn Forum '23 and to Zone and Region Chairs in a pre-cabinet meeting.
- Remember, with a click of your fingers, 13 people have been served by Lions around the world.
- Led a Community Service room at Autumn Forum – thanks to Lion Joy for supporting clubs in reporting service.
- We continue to deliver great service results as a district and are currently at 67% for the year so far, with a target of 75% of clubs reporting. We have served just under 400k in our district since the start of the Lions year.
- I have attended GAT, GST and Zone/Region meetings as required.
- A huge thanks to the district officers on the Service team for their hard working in promoting and overseeing their area.

OVERVIEW OF DIRECTION FOR THE FORTHCOMING YEAR:

- Continue to support clubs and officers as required.

NAME: Charitha Gunarathne

OFFICE: E02 Environment (GST)

PROGRESS ACHIEVED SINCE LAST CONVENTION:

- District officer participated club monthly business meetings and Zone meetings. Ideas have been offered to Clubs on how they might start to plan environmental projects early in the New Year.
- 97 Environment activities have been reported to MyLion for the Lions year 2023-24. 71,661 people have been served for the period so far.

OVERVIEW OF DIRECTION FOR THE FORTHCOMING YEAR:

Differ to the upcoming Environment Officer

NAME: Claire de Jonge-Vors

OFFICE: E03 NSL (North Sea Lions) (GST)
Constructed and submitted by email by Jaap de Jonge

PROGRESS ACHIEVED SINCE LAST CONVENTION:

Motivated clubs to donate the requested funds to the District Treasurer

Circulation of emails with progress report to the district

Visited the NSL board meeting in Velje, Denmark in September 2023

Ben Manluctao has almost completed now with the building of the multipurpose building in Laoac, Philippines. Probably it will be opened just before convention



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4 clubs showed interest to submit projects. 1 proposal is complete, a 2D will hopefully follow soon.

OVERVIEW OF DIRECTION FOR THE FORTHCOMING YEAR:

Continue promotion of the benefits of NSL to CW and LCI.

Continue to update district with progress reports regarding the Philippines project

Join the NSL officers of the Netherlands, Germany and Denmark at their meeting in Germany in September 2024.

Support Lion Ben with his project and see it to a successful completion and hope to accompany him at the opening of the building in Laoac.

Support the proposal of CW at the coming board meeting

NAME: Trevor Jones

OFFICE: E04 MIAB (GST)

PROGRESS ACHIEVED SINCE LAST CONVENTION:

MIAB continues to be more popular than ever with bottles being sent out by National Headquarters to clubs and organisations across the District, they also continue to [receive requests on a daily basis from individuals asking for bottles to be sent to them or asking where they can obtain bottles from](#).

MIAB talks have been given to various local community groups and organisations, bottles have also been hand delivered to local people requesting them.

Attended Autumn Forum and put together a display stand for MIAB, on the stand was MIAB pens and donations were asked for, the pens have proved to be rather popular so another supply has been ordered, these are a limited offer, A MIAB display stand was also set-up in the foyer of the Village Hotel, Dudley, as part of the Young Ambassador Finals event, so far donation from MIAB talks and donations along with the pens has raised £130 with all funds going to the MIAB scheme, this will also help to [create a standalone MIAB website geared at answering queries from the public](#) Have been contacted by Welsh Ambulance Service in North Powys asking for a supply of MIAB, they have been asked if they would consider putting MIAB information on their website, National Headquarters has dealt with this request.

Help and support has been given to various clubs across the District.

The cost of MIAB is likely to go up but we believe it will still be excellent value for a lifesaving piece of kit that also promotes Lions Clubs

OVERVIEW OF DIRECTION FOR THE FORTHCOMING YEAR:

Continue to promote MIAB and to give information and support to clubs in the District, also to work with National HQ on the MIAB Scheme and give support where and when required.

Have a look at Ambulance Service websites to see which ones have MIAB information displayed, maybe those who don't have MIAB displayed could be contacted to ask them to put MIAB on their website, this may also help to make sure ambulance crews are aware of the MIAB scheme.



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NAME: Richard Stannard

OFFICE: E05 Sight Awareness (GST)

PROGRESS ACHIEVED SINCE LAST CONVENTION:

Another busy year keeping involved with the various strands of Sight Awareness. HQ have now processed 3 million pairs of spectacles & i have helped where i can - especially clubs seeking advice on logistics. Clubs now have access to new posters from HQ – Lions in Sight & spectacle recycling. I enjoyed a bumper week of Service activity leading up to World Sight Day. I continue to look for ways to promote Lions Sight Savers, RNIB, Blind Veterans, Guide Dogs & Talking Newspapers - which through Lions, I have become very involved! I have enjoyed taking the Sight presentation boards around & will continue to do so, on request.

OVERVIEW OF DIRECTION FOR THE FORTHCOMING YEAR:

Although I will not be the Districts Sight Awareness Officer next year, I will give my full support to this cornerstone initiative.

NAME: David Williams

OFFICE: E06 Vision Spot Camera (GST)

PROGRESS ACHIEVED SINCE LAST CONVENTION:

Again I have nothing to report and I do not seem to be getting any feedback on what is happening.

OVERVIEW OF DIRECTION FOR THE FORTHCOMING YEAR:

I hope that this year there will be progress at last we can move forward with this very worthwhile programme.

NAME: David Willoughby

OFFICE: E08 Brain Tumour Research

PROGRESS ACHIEVED SINCE LAST CONVENTION:

Communicated with clubs in the district.
Updates on the progress with the research.
Fundraising.

OVERVIEW OF DIRECTION FOR THE FORTHCOMING YEAR:

Continue the fundraising to achieve the £1 million target.
Keep clubs updated on the research progress.
Assist clubs where possible.

NAME: Neil Chisholm

OFFICE: E09 Physical, Learning & Disabilities
(GST)

PROGRESS ACHIEVED SINCE LAST CONVENTION:

The remit above also includes Hearing and Speech Difficulties.



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A supply of leaflets which can help with Deaf Awareness will be available at the Convention. They include "Hotel Door Handle Fire labels" which can be placed outside the room to alert staff that the occupant has a hearing difficulty.

Just a reminder that there is a Multiple District Disability Policy which can be viewed on the MD website.

The Visually Impaired Bowls England (VIBE) National Championships returned to Leamington Spa for a week in June 2023. It was the first time since 2018 and the venue was the home of the Commonwealth Games in 2022. There were 22 Lions from 10 clubs in the District working a total of 156 hours.

In the main Lions were the "Knights of the Blind" helping individual Blind Bowler enjoy the sport that they love.

Activity Alliance Junior Championship Games took place at Warwick University, Coventry on 1st and 2nd July 2023.

This involved 15 Lions from 8 clubs in the District working a total of 149 hours.

There were over 160 athletes with a total of 40 Lions helping to provide the food and assistance with all the activities.

The Districts involved were A, CE, CN and CW.

Both events would not be possible without the help of the Lions from within the District.

As Lions we gain so much from helping others.

OVERVIEW OF DIRECTION FOR THE FORTHCOMING YEAR:

The Activity Alliance Annual Junior Championship will again be taking place in Coventry Godiva Stadium on 6th and 7th July 2024. It is expected that there will be over 200 competitors taking part and there will be help required from Lions from within the District.

It is unlikely that Visually Impaired Bowls England (VIBE) National Championships will return to Leamington Spa this year due to the high cost of hiring the venue.

I would ask clubs to let me know of activities which are taking place in their area.



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NAME: Melissa Murphy

OFFICE: F01 Leadership Coordinator (Global Leadership Team) (GLT)

PROGRESS ACHIEVED SINCE LAST CONVENTION:

Over the Lions Year 2023/2024 we have had 50/96 (52.0%) Clubs represented at the Incoming Officer Training, Global Action Team Workshops, Global Leadership Workshops, Global Membership Workshops.

15/16 (93.75%) Zone Chairs have attended the dedicated Zone Chairpersons Workshops held in May August, or November 2023 or February 2024 to support them in their role in the 2023/2024 Lions Year.

50 Lions in 2023/2024 are registered with Lions Clubs International as Certified Guiding Lions and we have facilitated two Guiding Lion Workshops this Lions year.

We had one Lion to attend the MD105 Symposium this Lions year, we have had seven Lions apply to attend MD105 Regional Lions Institute (105CW available places limited to three), we have nominated one Lion to attend the CA (Europe) Lions Certified Instructor Programme.

I would like to take this opportunity to formally thank Lion Stu Young for the comprehensive handover and support he has given me as I navigate this new role.

Thank you also to the experts and Officers of District CW who have presented or facilitated over the last twelve months, I have greatly appreciated your support.

OVERVIEW OF DIRECTION FOR THE FORTHCOMING YEAR:

Looking forward to the next twelve months I will continue to facilitate requested workshops and training with the dedicated, expert officers in our District.

The Global Action Team will be supporting the incoming Club Officers for Lions year 2024/2025, with dedicated President, Secretary, Treasurer, Membership Chair and Zone Chairpersons workshops.

There will be an Autumn Forum in second quarter of the year 2024/2025 – the date and location to be confirmed.

During Lions Year 2024/2025 members of Cabinet will be providing online workshops in their areas of responsibility, to keep up to date with these please keep an eye out for information emails, in the Monthly District Newsletter, our District Social Media platforms and you can also see the upcoming workshops on the dedicated page of the District website:- <https://lions105cw.org.uk/training/>



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NAME: Ravinder Sandhu

OFFICE: G01 Global Extension Team Lead
(GET)

PROGRESS ACHIEVED SINCE LAST CONVENTION:

Since our last convention on the 1st April 2023 in Meriden, 6 new clubs have been chartered; 1 in May 2023 and 5 in June 2023. Without the full support of the District 105CW Cabinet Team Members this would not have been possible and for that I am very grateful. Team work can achieve great results, as Helen Keller said "Alone one can do so little; together we can do so much." These new clubs have started to thrive in serving their communities, and are waiting Charity numbers so that fundraising can start.

OVERVIEW OF DIRECTION FOR THE FORTHCOMING YEAR:

There are several Club Branches being formed in our district and hopefully these will convert to full Lions Clubs before the end of the current Lionistic year 2023/24. I have been asked by our 1st VDG Stu Young to form the 2024/25 Global Extension Team (GET) with the incoming 2nd VDG as my deputy and a further 4 members, one from each Region. Forming new clubs is every member/club's responsibility so if we could please all work together to achieve this.

By the convention 2025, under the leadership of incoming District Governor Stu Young we will charter many more clubs across the district and once again make our District 105CW as one of the best districts in Europe.



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NAME: David Houghton

OFFICE: HO1 Youth Team Lead (Youth Team)

PROGRESS ACHIEVED SINCE LAST CONVENTION:

Participation in the Youth Projects has not developed across the District as the Youth Team would have liked although certain projects have shown an increase.

Candidates for the Young Ambassador Projects was not as high as expected. The Youth Exchange & Youth Camp project has continued to suffer due to covid, but plans are being developed for it to take place this coming year. Young Leaders in Service still continues to be supported across the District. Lions Roar received an increase in the number of schools taking part with 13 schools submitting entries. Likewise, the Peace Poster campaign had good support with entries being received from 4 clubs within the District. Leo Clubs have not progressed as fast as would have been liked but discussions are ongoing.

The Young Farmers project continues to develop with both organisations helping each other as required. Good relationships continue to grow with Worcestershire, Herefordshire, Warwickshire, Northamptonshire, Leicestershire and Wales Young Farmers. Since our last convention a team of Lions coordinators with the Young Farmers County Organisers has been consolidated in the counties mentioned above.

OVERVIEW OF DIRECTION FOR THE FORTHCOMING YEAR:

Promote the Youth projects across the district at Autumn Forum, convention, workshops and also through the Regional & Zone Chairpersons.

Support the new Youth Team as and when required.

NAME: Paul Murphy

OFFICE: H02 Young Ambassador Officer
(Youth Team)

PROGRESS ACHIEVED SINCE LAST CONVENTION:

- Promoted the Young Ambassador Programme to the district through attendance at various events
- Supported clubs through the application process
- Was delighted to have Leyla Mughal, a Young Carer as District Winner –
- Thanks to Shirley Lions for finding and supporting their candidate
- Thanks also to our judges, Tony Pickard, Jude Pickard and Kerry Evans who worked hard to ensure Leyla was given an experience which would support her at the MD finals.
- Thanks to all Lions who supported this year's event.

OVERVIEW OF DIRECTION FOR THE FORTHCOMING YEAR:

- Continue to support clubs as necessary and have a smooth handover to my successor as I hopefully take on the role as MD Young Ambassador Lead.

DATES FOR THE 2023/2024 COMPETITION

Keep an eye out for full details of the competition dates for 2024-2025!



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NAME: Ailsa Young

OFFICE: H03 Young Leaders in Service (YLiS)
(Youth)

PROGRESS ACHIEVED SINCE LAST CONVENTION:

Feb 23 – Shakespeare Lions awarded 1 Silver and 2 Gold
Apr 23 – Shakespeare Lions awarded 1 Silver and 1 Gold
Apr 23 – Shirley Lions awarded 1 Bronze, 3 Silver and 3 Gold
Jun 23 – Thornbury Lions awarded 1 Gold
Jun 23 – Glantawe Lions awarded 3 Silver and 1 Gold
July 23 – I sent out letter to all Lions reminding them of YLiS
Aug 23 – CWBI 2020 Virtual Club awarded 1 Gold
Aug 23 – Kenilworth Lions awarded 1 Silver
Sep 23 – National HQ, Kings Heath awarded 1 Silver and 3 Gold
Oct 23 – Shirley Lions awarded 6 Bronze, 1 Silver and 2 Gold
Oct 23 – Birmingham Acocks Green awarded 1 Bronze
Oct 23 – Northampton 80 Lions awarded 13 Gold
Nov 23 – Shakespeare Lions awarded 3 Bronze, and 1 Silver
Dec 23 – Shakespeare Lions awarded 1 Bronze
Dec 23 – National HQ, Kings Heath awarded 1 Bronze, 2 Silver and 2 Gold
Jan 24 – Shirley Lions awarded 4 Bronze, 4 Silver and 3 Gold
Jan 24 – Shakespeare Lions awarded 1 Silver
Jan 24 – Birmingham Acocks Green awarded 1 Silver
Jan 24 – I sent out another letter to all Lions asking them to find YLiS
Feb 24 – Birmingham Acocks Green awarded 2 Bronze
Feb 24 – Southam & District Lions awarded 1 Gold

OVERVIEW OF DIRECTION FOR THE FORTHCOMING YEAR:

To continue to take advantage of club visits to remind other clubs about YLiS.
Encourage 2 schools with which I have contact to find YLiS.
Continue to try to take presentation into schools and Youth Groups.
Re-contact Young Farmers Association.

NAME: David Houghton

OFFICE: H04 Peace Poster & Essay (Youth
Team)

PROGRESS ACHIEVED SINCE LAST CONVENTION:

Entries for the Peace Poster & Peace Essay from 105CW were received from 4 different clubs. The theme for this past year was "Dare to Dream".

OVERVIEW OF DIRECTION FOR THE FORTHCOMING YEAR:

Continue with the work started this past year with greater exposure to clubs across the district using social media, workshops and exhibitions at convention and autumn forum, plus email clubs across the district.

This year's theme for the Peace Poster & Peace Essay is "Peace without Limits".



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Give support to the incoming Peace Poster & Peace Essay Officer as required.

NAME: Geoff Bull

OFFICE: H05 Youth Exchange (Youth Team)

PROGRESS ACHIEVED SINCE LAST CONVENTION:

No further action since last convention 2023 camp cancelled.

OVERVIEW OF DIRECTION FOR THE FORTHCOMING YEAR:

Continue to promote Youth Exchange within the District.
Support incoming officer as required.

NAME: David Houghton

OFFICE: H06 ROAR (Youth Team)

PROGRESS ACHIEVED SINCE LAST CONVENTION:

Four clubs submitted entries for the 2023 Lions Roar project with 13 schools taking part.

OVERVIEW OF DIRECTION FOR THE FORTHCOMING YEAR:

- ROAR 2024 will be officially launched by the end of February 2024.
- Clubs are encouraged to talk to local primary schools to promote the project and inspire pupils.
- Information sessions via Zoom to take place throughout February.
- Clubs to collect registration information for each school sponsored.
- Programme to run in schools from September to mid-November. With the District final held in early December.
- There are 92 clubs in 105CW and very few undertaking Roar. The hope is that many more clubs in the district will embrace the project and progress ROAR as a very worthwhile and rewarding community project.
- ROAR is an excellent way for clubs to engage effectively with their local community.
- Sponsoring Lions Clubs, should monitor progress and raise awareness of what we do as Lions.

NAME: David Houghton

OFFICE: H07 Leos (Youth Team)

PROGRESS ACHIEVED SINCE LAST CONVENTION:

Attempts to restart the Leo's Clubs within 105CW are moving slowly forward. Contact has also continued with a school in Melton Mowbray.

OVERVIEW OF DIRECTION FOR THE FORTHCOMING YEAR:

Continue with the discussions already started.

Support the incoming Leos Officer as and when required.



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NAME: Joy Haffner

OFFICE: I01 Website (Communications Team)

PROGRESS ACHIEVED SINCE LAST CONVENTION:

Updated the website as and when required.

Can I ask that anyone connected to the website that they check their website page to make sure it is up to date and let me know of any changes you wish to be made and I'll do it.

I was asked to judge the websites; I asked members of IT development for their input. Feedback came on **whether up to date, content, design, accessibility and links to their social media**. A short list of 9 were then sent to an ex-Lion and a non-lion for judging, who judged on **Initial Impressions, Branding and Consistency, Ease of Use and Engagement**. The winner has been passed to the Competitions Officer.

OVERVIEW OF DIRECTION FOR THE FORTHCOMING YEAR:

Continue to update the District Website as and when required. To support the District Governor, Cabinet and Clubs across the District.

NAME: Ralph Watson

OFFICE: I02 Social Media (Communications Team)

PROGRESS ACHIEVED SINCE LAST CONVENTION:

- I took over the role from 1st July 2023.
- The numbers of followers to our Facebook now sits at 2500 followers, which is not a massive growth on last year. This could be further increased if every Lions Club member on Facebook doubled down on their visits to the page, liked posts and, more importantly, shared the page and content with their friends and family, encouraging them to do the same.
- Posts and engagements on the District Facebook page have increased with myself, Melissa and Stu Young all sharing posts from clubs as well as our own content.
- BIG thank you to the clubs who are making efforts to post regularly and share good quality content and visuals. Some clubs are being really creative in finding ways to promote themselves,
- I think there is still a lot of room for improvement in the level of attention given to use of social media and I'd like to see more training opportunities.
- I continue to share and develop images that can be used by any club to populate their social media, including specific images for events, 'special' days and cultural holidays. These are appealing to the public and tell them what good service we do.
- I have liaised with other Lions in the District (and around MD105 and the world) to share ideas, get advice and make improvements.
- An audited short list of fifteen clubs' SM was presented to a panel of SM-oriented non-Lions to judge them on content quality, consistency, branding and 'Would you be attracted to join this club?' The Winner will be passed to our Competitions Officer for preparation of their trophy.

OVERVIEW OF SUGGESTED DIRECTION FOR THE FORTHCOMING YEAR:



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- To offer a **quarterly** repeat of the Facebook workshop to encourage new and existing Lions to use the platform to promote their club.
- To support clubs or members to develop their social media skills and platforms as required through direct contact, visits to club and Zone meetings etc..
- To explore the use of up-to-date Apps, tools, content and materials to continue to make the social media platforms more engaging to the general public.

NAME: Jenny McKirdy

OFFICE: I03 News Editor (Communications Team)

PROGRESS ACHIEVED SINCE LAST CONVENTION:

Monthly newsletters have been issued with special issues on Christmas and Convention. Thanks to all the lions that have submitted their articles including pictures. Pictures speak a thousand words.

OVERVIEW OF DIRECTION FOR THE FORTHCOMING YEAR:

Keep submitting your articles. As we approach a busy summer season and your changeover events, this offers the opportunity to publicise what you and your club have achieved during the year.



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NAME: Cath Kendall

OFFICE: RA Region A Chair (Region & Zone Chairs)

PROGRESS ACHIEVED SINCE LAST CONVENTION:

I took over the post on the 1st of July 2023 from 1st VDG Stu Young.

As part of the preparation for the role I had an intensive hand over session with 1st VDG Stu Young, going through each of the Region A's Clubs needs and any actions that needed to be taken as I took over.

Since the start of the 2023/2024 Lions Year I have been in regular contact with the Zone Chairs from across the Region (Zone One, Zone Two, Zone Three, Zone Four). I was fortunate that all my Zone Chairs were experienced Lions and had attended the training provided by the Global Leadership Team.

I have attended events, service activities, and socials across the Region, and have always maintained that if you would like some help with an event, please make contact and I will attend if this is possible.

I have offered advice and guidance as and when required to members, clubs, zones and worked along with the District Governors Team to provide help to clubs when requested.

I regularly check MyLCI to see those members who have been dropped and those who have joined. Watching for those clubs that may need help, particularly the new clubs recently formed within my Region.

OVERVIEW OF DIRECTION FOR THE FORTHCOMING YEAR:

I will be working as part of a larger Regional Team, co-ordination and regularly meeting with them to improve communications within the Region.

I will be liaising with the new Zone Chairs to make sure they are aware of training opportunities, events, and service activities when clubs can work together to help the wider community.

I will also be looking at my own training and development needs as a Region Chair to provide better support for the Lions within my Region.

NAME: Pranoti Jadhav

OFFICE: RAZ01 Zone 1 Chair (Region & Zone Chairs)

PROGRESS ACHIEVED SINCE LAST CONVENTION:

- Since taking over Zone chair job in Dec 23, I have contacted all the clubs in my zone and have booked club visits.
- Attended my first club meeting as Zone Chair on 19th Feb with Warwickshire Coaching Lions, is an online club whose members are all over Europe. I promoted District convention but due to geographical restriction its not possible for members to attend the convention.
- Have booked other club visits in coming months.



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OVERVIEW OF DIRECTION FOR THE FORTHCOMING YEAR:

- Will promote all district, national and International conventions to clubs and encourage them to attend conventions.
- Would like to attend service activities by clubs. Also explore if activities can be shared between the clubs.
- Would like to encourage and give tips on increasing members of the individual clubs
- Encourage club officers to attend training sessions conducted by District or Lions International.

NAME: Amanda Coleshill

OFFICE: RAZ01B Zone 1B Chair (Region & Zone Chairs)

PROGRESS ACHIEVED SINCE LAST CONVENTION:

Firstly, I would like to thank all Lions within Zone 1b for the service they have undertaken within their communities. The focus has mainly been around hunger and feeding the communities. Other service activities include spectacle recycling.

The clubs within Zone 1b (except Nuneaton) are newly formed clubs. The set up of how the Zone is run is quite unusual and therefore the normal communication channels/interaction that a Zone Chair has with their clubs is pretty non-existent. Instead, this is done via the Global Extension Team.

All clubs in the Zone have lost members since they were formed but are hopeful that the prospective members will join.

OVERVIEW OF DIRECTION FOR THE FORTHCOMING YEAR:

During the last quarter of this Lions year, I will:

- Continue to promote any initiatives that the membership, service and training teams have.
- Continue to keep the Zone Diary of Events up to date and send to clubs
- Encourage clubs in the Zone to report service on MyLion.
- Inform and encourage Lions in the Zone to attend new Officer workshops in preparation for the new Lions year.

Please refer to IPDG Lion Ravi report for further information on the direction the clubs in Zone 1b will take in the new Lions year.

NAME: Cathy Mapfumo

OFFICE: RAZ02 Zone 2 Chair (Region & Zone Chairs)

PROGRESS ACHIEVED SINCE LAST CONVENTION:

I took over the post on the 1st of July 2023 from current Zone 1b Chair, Amanda Coleshill. The zone comprised of eight clubs with two of them being newly formed. This became seven after the restructuring and I was left with one new club. As part of my role, I have been supported by Amanda, the Region A Chair, Cath Kendall and 1st Vice DG, Stu Young. Not only have they been



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an invaluable resource; I have also been supported by other members of the DG team and have found help whenever I needed it.

I have attended training sessions and become a Certified Guiding Lion. This has been useful and has given me information and skills to assist me in carrying out my role. I have also become a resource and have been able to assist clubs when required. I have managed to visit most of the clubs in my zone except for one due to their restricted meeting location. This has helped me to maintain contact with the clubs and for them to reach out when they require assistance. I have also worked with individual club members and members of the DG team when required of me.

I have previously attended club events when invited and look forward to meeting club members in person and getting to know them and their interests. I will be attending a 50th Charter in April and have a zone social in the works. As a zone, we are currently working on recruitment and retention and that will be the focus for the remaining year.

OVERVIEW OF DIRECTION FOR THE FORTHCOMING YEAR:

I unfortunately will not be continuing as Zone Chair but will be remaining active within the district in another role. I aim to remain an active member of the zone and available to support the new Zone Chair in whatever capacity they require me to. I look forward to what the coming year will bring for the district and myself as an individual Lion.

NAME: David Houghton

OFFICE: RAZ03 Zone 3 Chair (Region & Zone Chairs)

PROGRESS ACHIEVED SINCE LAST CONVENTION:

July 2023, Zone 3 gained 2 clubs, Hinckley & Burbage Lions & Barwell & Earl Shilton Lions. Since then all eight clubs in the zone have been visited 3 times with 1 zone meeting being hosted by Leicester Charnwood Lions. A second zone meeting is scheduled for March 14th 2024 to be hosted by Melton Mowbray Lions.

All clubs within the zone are now entering their service activities onto my LCI. So far this Lionistic year Zone 3 in total has recorded 43,944 People Served with 7,391 Hours Volunteered. All clubs, with the exception of one have increased membership this year, starting in July 2023 with 147 members and as at February 2024 160 members. An overall increase in the zone of 8%

OVERVIEW OF DIRECTION FOR THE FORTHCOMING YEAR:

Continue serving our community within the zone to the benefit of the community, increase awareness of Lions and enhance potential increase in membership.

Assist clubs with membership matters such as developing Club Branches.

Support the incoming Zone Chairperson for the coming Lionistic year.

NAME: Ken Shaw

OFFICE: RAZ04 Zone 4 Chair (Region & Zone Chairs)



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PROGRESS ACHIEVED SINCE LAST CONVENTION:

Each club remains active, serving their communities with a variety of projects.

There have been seasonal events, some examples being Easter Egg hunts/trails, summer fundays, bonfire night activities and Xmas including Santa sleighs and grottos. There have also been the usual supermarket collections.

Service events have included Prostate cancer testing, assisting the homeless, supporting food banks, community grant schemes, senior citizens teas, as well as supporting topics such as World Sight Day, spectacle collections, diabetes and brain tumor charities.

4 of the 5 clubs actively participate in Zone meetings, sharing ideas and where possible supporting each other's activities.

Overall membership within the Zone has remained stable and each club is aware of the need to grow and is actively seeking new Lions.

OVERVIEW OF DIRECTION FOR THE FORTHCOMING YEAR:

I consider the Zone to be in a positive position with each club being active with a variety of projects and events. The overall aim is to attract new members and to continue to serve their local and international communities.

NAME: Nick Bate

OFFICE: RB Region B Chair (Region & Zone Chairs)

PROGRESS ACHIEVED SINCE LAST CONVENTION:

- I have attended at least one Zone meeting for each of the four Zones in the region.
- I have also attended several membership meetings.
- I have completed the risk assessment and new members orientation training.

OVERVIEW OF DIRECTION FOR THE FORTHCOMING YEAR:

- Work with Zone Chairs and GMT to achieve membership growth.
- Work with Zone Chairs, GMT and GET to identify new and branch club opportunities.
- Work with Zone Chairs to identify candidates for future leadership roles.
- Work with Zone Chairs to ensure the GLT learning, and development services are utilised.
- Work with Zone Chairs to ensure service activities are recorded and promoted.

NAME: Jackie Bate

OFFICE: RBZ05 Zone 5 Chair (Region & Zone Chairs)

PROGRESS ACHIEVED SINCE LAST CONVENTION:

This is my second year as Zone Chair. Club visits and two Zone meetings have been held.



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Low membership continues to be a concern for some of the clubs in the zone, whilst some of the stronger clubs have increased their membership.

Sadly this year saw the closure of Wolverhampton Lions Club, with some of the members transferring to other clubs within the zone.

OVERVIEW OF DIRECTION FOR THE FORTHCOMING YEAR:

To complete further club visits and zone meetings, including a zone social event and fundraising project with the Air Ambulance.

Provide support to all clubs in the zone where needed to help grow membership numbers and encourage involvement in district, zone, supporting club events and accept help when offered.

NAME: Jitesh Samani **OFFICE:** RBZ06 Zone 6 Chair (Region & Zone Chairs)

PROGRESS ACHIEVED SINCE LAST CONVENTION:

- From July 2023 to date Zone membership has declined from 100 to 92 from a combination of dropped members and the closure of Tamworth Lions Club. The pipeline for prospective members remains good.
- We held one Zone meeting during the year which was well attended. Club visits were made to Acocks Green, Kings Heath, Handsworth and Chinatown.
- All clubs remain active in their portfolio of services and a steady state stream of fund raising and services activities continue to be delivered throughout the year.
- Zone project to support "Blood Bikes" discussed and Kings Heath currently assisting in investigation.

OVERVIEW OF DIRECTION FOR THE FORTHCOMING YEAR:

- Membership growth remains the primary goal of our zone.
- A zone project would provide for camaraderie and collaboration amongst our clubs and should be a focus of the coming year.

NAME: Mark Whitfield **OFFICE:** RBZ07 Zone 7 Chair (Region & Zone Chairs)

PROGRESS ACHIEVED SINCE LAST CONVENTION:

- The 2023 District Convention was held in Zone 7, supported by Balsall Common Lions as host club.
- Held 2 Zone meetings with full participation from all member clubs.
- Membership numbers have increased Year-to-Date, despite losing a number of members as they moved on to higher service.
- We are very sorry to hear of the loss of Lion Liz Tomkins, President at Marston Green Lions. While Liz was relatively new to Lions, she brought with her some valuable experience and lots of enthusiasm.



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- It is also sad to advise that Birmingham Exhibition Lions Club has now folded. I was informed by Brian (Club President) and District Governor David that all remaining members had resigned, and that the club is, sadly, no more. *I would like to express my thanks to the members of Solihull Club who did their utmost to keep them involved and afloat.*
- On a slightly brighter note, Balsall Common Lions have been asked to be the custodians for a new Branch Club (Coventry Earlsdon). Coventry Earlsdon comprises 24 members and is the phoenix which rose from the ashes of the Coventry Mercia Club, which folded last year. I will invite the President of Coventry Earlsdon to our next Zone Meeting and all Zone activities.
- Membership pipeline is healthy across the board, so have high expectations of a further increase in member numbers.
- Attended individual club meetings at all clubs in the Zone
- Attended and supported a number of clubs' events.
- Previous Zone project (Solihull Man Shed) was finally brought into operation and is now in regular use. Clubs from the Zone attended for a short meeting and Zone publicity photo opportunity
- Possible plans for Zone project during the current year have been discussed and may be taken forward in the next Lions year.
- Attended Cabinet meetings, forums, and workshops.
- All clubs have completed their Statement of Intent for Health & Safety.

OVERVIEW OF DIRECTION FOR THE FORTHCOMING YEAR:

Continue to serve the Zone / District

- Hold at least 1 more Zone Meeting.
- Target to conduct club visits for a second time this Lions year
- Visit clubs either in formal meetings, socially or assist at a service project.
- Attend clubs charter dinners where possible.
- Promote any initiatives that the membership, service and training teams have.
- Encourage and help clubs in the Zone apply for the Club Excellence Award.
- Encourage clubs in the Zone to report service on MyLion. Also, assist them where needed to ensure correct information is on the system in preparation for the transfer to the new Lions system.
- Inform and encourage Lions in the Zone to attend new Officer workshops in preparation for the new Lions year.

NAME: Nick Bate

OFFICE: RBZ08 Zone 8 Chair (Region & Zone Chairs)

PROGRESS ACHIEVED SINCE LAST CONVENTION:

Unfortunately, it has not been possible to find a candidate to fill this role for this year. I have therefore covered the Zone Chair responsibilities with help from the Zone Administrator. One Zone meeting has been held so far.

OVERVIEW OF DIRECTION FOR THE FORTHCOMING YEAR:

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NAME: Richard Stannard

OFFICE: RC Region C Chair (Region & Zone Chairs)

PROGRESS ACHIEVED SINCE LAST CONVENTION:

As Zone 12 Chair (Apr – Jul): Carried out 2nd visit to each club. Attended various service, social & fundraising events. Held 4th Zone meeting.

As Region C Chair: Established a working strategy with Z9, 10 & 12's Zone Coordinators & Z11's Zone Chair. Have adjusted to my role change from Zone to Region Chair (with sage advice from my peers). Have interacted with clubs whilst being mindful of the RC's remit. Continue to act as conduit between ZC's & District.

OVERVIEW OF DIRECTION FOR THE FORTHCOMING YEAR:

I am establishing a rapport with the Regions clubs & will continue to develop this.

I will;

- Maintain efforts to find members to fill each Zone Chair position.
- Promote District initiatives.
- Promote zonal camaraderie.
- Formerly oversee the Regional administration as appropriate.

NAME: Ian Haffner

OFFICE: RCZ9 Zone 9 Chair (Region & Zone Chairs)

PROGRESS ACHIEVED SINCE LAST CONVENTION:

Took over as caretaker, held one Zone Meeting online due to weather.

OVERVIEW OF DIRECTION FOR THE FORTHCOMING YEAR:

During the winter weather it was agreed that Meetings would be online due to potential difficulties travelling for some. A face to face for the 3rd Zone meeting. A few socials are in the process of being arranged. Look for a Zone 9 Chair.

NAME: Richard Stannard on behalf of Keith Wilding

OFFICE: RCZ10 Zone 10 Chair (Region & Zone Chairs)

PROGRESS ACHIEVED SINCE LAST CONVENTION:

Accepted role as Zone Coordinator for this Lionistic year, until a Zone Chair can be appointed. Joined a meeting with peer group to discuss & agree a Coordinators remit with the Region Chair. Established & maintained contact with all zone clubs, arranged a zone social with a 2nd scheduled. Liaised between clubs & Region Chair / District.

OVERVIEW OF DIRECTION FOR THE FORTHCOMING YEAR:



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Continue to build on the bonds achieved so far. Promote District initiatives & relay any emerging club problems. Review Zone Coordinators role in the event of the Zone Chairs position remaining vacant.

NAME: Richard Stannard on behalf
of Juan Nuevo

OFFICE: RCZ11 Zone 11 Chair (Region & Zone
Chairs)

PROGRESS ACHIEVED SINCE LAST CONVENTION:

Appointed to the role in September. Met with Region Chair to discuss role & way forward. Establishing contacts with clubs. Liaising between clubs & Region Chair / District & communicating problems identified. Zone meeting planned in the coming weeks.

OVERVIEW OF DIRECTION FOR THE FORTHCOMING YEAR:

Endeavour to unite clubs in aspects of socialising, service, media PR & fundraising – views which the clubs have agreed are lacking at present.

NAME: Richard Stannard on behalf
of William O'Neill

OFFICE: RCZ12 Zone 12 Chair (Region & Zone
Chairs)

PROGRESS ACHIEVED SINCE LAST CONVENTION:

Accepted role as Zone Coordinator for this Lionistic year, until a Zone Chair can be appointed. Joined a meeting with peer group to discuss & agree a Coordinators remit with the Region Chair. Established & maintained contact with all zone clubs, chaired a Zone meeting with a 2nd scheduled. Embarked on a round of club visits. Liaised between clubs & Region Chair / District.

OVERVIEW OF DIRECTION FOR THE FORTHCOMING YEAR:

Continue to build on the bonds achieved so far. Promote District initiatives & relay any emerging club problems. Review Zone Coordinators role in the event of the Zone Chairs position remaining vacant.

NAME: Glyn Williams

OFFICE: RD Region D Chair (Region & Zone
Chairs)

PROGRESS ACHIEVED SINCE LAST CONVENTION:

- 21 clubs in Region 18 visited 85% complete
- Attended three Zone Meetings
- Completed Guiding Lion revision
- Membership July 2023 297 Membership Feb 2024 282 (-15)

OVERVIEW OF DIRECTION FOR THE FORTHCOMING YEAR:

- The priority for the coming year as always will be membership recruitment and retention, using GMA, Mission 1.5 and Just Ask.



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- To complete all club visits by 1st July 2024. (Ceredigion, Central West (Virtual) and Fishguard)
- Establish branch club in Abergavenny
- Review and encourage service reporting across the region and improve on current situation
- 48% reporting, 52% no reports.
- Continue to support Zone Chairs in their roles.
- Complete four zone meetings prior to 1st July 2024.

NAME: Joy Haffner

OFFICE: RDZ13 Zone 13 Chair (Region & Zone Chairs)

PROGRESS ACHIEVED SINCE LAST CONVENTION:

Met Presidents and Secretaries online. Held Zone meetings, keeping members informed of what's going on. Pembroke and Pembroke Dock put forward a Zone Project Riding for the Disabled. A grant was applied for on behalf of Zone 13 which was agreed by the Finance Committee, 5 Clubs in the Zone Visited 3 clubs, Tenby and District, Pembroke & Pembroke Dock and Fishguard and Goodwick.

OVERVIEW OF DIRECTION FOR THE FORTHCOMING YEAR:

Two more club to visit. Encourage clubs to report on MyLCI and MyLion and take part in District events. Encourage incoming officers and those that are thinking ahead to attend workshops/training/refreshers. Help, support and advise where I can. Finally I'd like to thank the clubs that have supported me, it has been very much appreciated.

NAME: David Willoughby

OFFICE: RDZ14 Region/Zone 14 Chair (Region & Zone Chairs)

PROGRESS ACHIEVED SINCE LAST CONVENTION:

Became Zone 14 chair July 2023.
Have visited all clubs once and now on the second Round.
Held two zone meetings.
Regularly corresponded with the clubs.
Have visited activities the clubs are doing and helped where possible.
Identified clubs that need more help.

OVERVIEW OF DIRECTION FOR THE FORTHCOMING YEAR:

Keep a close relationship with the clubs and guide them forward.
Concentrate on Membership and Service.
Visit and help the clubs where possible.
Keep the clubs informed.

NAME: Rhys Lewis

OFFICE: RDZ15 Region/Zone 15 Chair (Region & Zone Chairs)



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PROGRESS ACHIEVED SINCE LAST CONVENTION:

As I only took office on 1st January 2024, I have no details of the progress my predecessor made between last convention & December 31st 2023.

I have visited two clubs with plans to visit remaining clubs by mid April.

I have started putting a plan in place to help two smaller clubs in the zone improve their situation. One of the two clubs visited is considering hosting a zone night. I am hoping some other clubs will also consider hosting a zone night. All clubs are looking for ways to attract new members.

OVERVIEW OF DIRECTION FOR THE FORTHCOMING YEAR:

1. Attend Zone Chair Training
2. Encourage all clubs to grow membership
3. Encourage all clubs to input Service/Activities/Membership Reports on MyLion
4. Visit all clubs in zone between July 2024 & October 2024.
5. Try to get clubs in zone to host at least three, preferably four zone nights across the 2024/2025 Lionistic year.

NAME: Glyn Williams

OFFICE: RDZ16 Zone 16 Chair (Region & Zone Chairs)

PROGRESS ACHIEVED SINCE LAST CONVENTION:

All clubs visited once in last quarter.

All clubs reporting service activity

Requalified Guiding lion

OVERVIEW OF DIRECTION FOR THE FORTHCOMING YEAR:

Complete visits to all clubs in 3rd quarter

Emphasize Mission 1.5 and GMA at club visits

Encourage further service reporting with all clubs

Engender club cooperation across the zone

Complete 3rd advisory meeting.

Assist Monmouth Lions with recruitment

Formulate plans for branch clubs in Abergavenny and Newport.