

## **2<sup>nd</sup> Vice District Governor David Ebsworth - Report**

Since having the privilege of being elected to the post of 2<sup>nd</sup> VDG, I have been learning what is expected of me and understanding what the role entails.

It has been an interesting experience, sitting on various committee's e.g. Finance & Global Action Team (GAT). One of my roles has been to visit clubs which has not been easy due to the global pandemic. I was lucky to be able to visit Maidenhead club in person before we went into full lockdown, who made me really welcome and they had an interesting meeting.

I have been unfortunate in that three of my clubs found that they were unable to continue and needed to close. Fortunately, after working with them the majority of members have transferred to other clubs within our District. I have managed to visit over half of the clubs our District Governor allocated me via zoom meetings, but unfortunately some do not do zoom. Those that do not I have been in touch with via phone or e-mail.

Club visits are a pleasure where you are able to meet new Lions and begin new friendships. I thank all the clubs for making me extremely welcome and for being open and honest with their comments and views & look forward to attending the remaining club meetings in whatever form they might take.

The one thing I take away from this year is the dedication and amount of time given by Lions of this district to serve our community. Annie and I have missed meeting up with Lions who are old friends and not being able to attend charters or other social events. Let's hope next year is better.

I have remained an active member of my own club (Reading), where we have organised food collections for local foodbank charities, held charity auctions and we were able to do our Santa float for a few weeks in December.

I have enjoyed being able to help the DG and 1<sup>st</sup> Vice in this year, working together as a team on different committees and also being able to complete my Guiding Lion.

I look forward to working with you all during the remaining days of this Lionistic year.