

From Zone Chair C – Sandra Manktelow
Report for Convention March 2021

Well it has been an interesting year to date!!!

I have managed to visit 'virtually' five clubs and have received a warm welcome. One club unfortunately does not do zoom but are keeping in touch with their members via other means.

A number of clubs have asked me to support them with finding answers to questions.

Just before Christmas Petersfield Lions Club received a request to support the mayor's appeal which usually provided about one hundred parcels. This year the mayor was given the names of several other people who lived in different parts of the zone. Suffice to say the Lions Clubs stepped up to the mark and supported the Mayor's Appeal with the result that everyone that was on the list received a parcel. It's great to be part of a zone that pulls together for the good of all.

Clubs are finding creative ways of raising funds and are eager to support the communities they serve in as many ways as they can.

It has been a privilege to support the six clubs in the zone. Keep up the good work.

Club reports

Club report from Alton Lions

Membership this Lionistic year:

New members: Recruited 3 New members since June 2020

How did you get your new members?

Through word of mouth and presence at craft market.

Fundraising:

What fund raising event/s is your club most proud of?

Christmas Appeal through delivery of cards to homes and the Community Quiz held virtually, monthly.

Service:

What service event/s is your club most proud of?

Christmas distributions to individuals and families in need.

Support:

Is there anything that you would like support with or you feel might become an issue in the next Lionistic year?

Any ideas for fundraising activities that can be done within the new restrictions.

Club report from Havant Lions

Membership this Lionistic year:

No new members

Fundraising:

What fund raising event/s is your club most proud of?

Christmas collections- raised £855

Service:

What service event/s is your club most proud of?

Met all requests received so far. 18 requests £2260 donated

Club report from Hayling Island Lions

Membership this Lionistic year:

No dropped members. We have 2 would be Lions waiting to join once face to face meetings start again. As the Induction Ceremony is so important the decision was taken to wait rather than join them via zoom (most members don't do zoom). They were both happy to wait, They still get all the info sent out to club members.

Fund Raising:

Many small events rather than our Main fundraiser. Our Community Shop is still closed. We created and sold Hayling Lions Calendars. The public paid to Dine In With The Lions. Members grew sunflower seeds which were then sold to the local shops to sell on to the public to display in their gardens. Even though our Community Shop is closed we have been able to sell items on Facebook and Market Place bringing in funds: We were able to have 2 Santa Collections (covid safe on private property). Members are being sponsored for walking 26 miles (as part of their allowed daily exercise) over the course of January on their own and logging their distance.

Service:

We have been able to donate appliances to families with requests from Social Services, The Adoption Society and the Schools. A donation of £3000 was given to our local Community Centre to help with their Food Bank. Many Lions from our Club are stewarding at the local Health Centre Covid Vaccinations Clinic. We are collecting old laptops, having them wiped clean and donating them to the local Junior Schools. Many of our members made cotton bags for the nurses to put their uniform in prior to washing it as advised by the government. We are furnishing an outdoor area at the local Health Centre to allow the hard working Doctors and Receptionists to have a pleasant area to sit in during their breaks. We provided Christmas Dinners for the elderly housebound pensioners who were on their own on Christmas Day. When members cooked their own meal an extra meal was cooked and delivered to their home. Our IT member is creating videos for local businesses to put on their social media. He is charging £5 per video and aiming to raise £100 for the club. We have been giving out Hugs in a Mug to people living on their own. The mugs are filled with goodies and given to remind people that they are not alone.

Club report from Meon Valley Lions**Membership this Lionistic year:**

New members: 0

Fundraising:**What fund raising event/s is your club most proud of?**

July Swanmore Fete

Service:**What service event/s is your club most proud of?**

Raising awareness of Lions through the distribution of information cards through many local agencies and the posting throughout our area into letter boxes, and writing editorials which are published in around 30 local publications.

Support:**Is there anything that you would like support with or you feel might become an issue in the next Lionistic year?**

We are lucky in having members that are diverse in experience, innovative, willing and give support to each other.

Club report from Petersfield Lions**Membership this Lionistic year:**

New members: Three

Dropped members and reasons why dropped if known: 1 – Moved to Malvern Hills so definitely moved out of area!

How did you get your new members?

Via them seeing what we do (Marshalling/Friends in Lions) and a widow whose husband had been a Lion who now had time to serve.

Fundraising:**What fund raising event/s is your club most proud of?**

Ten Performing Lions – great PR, original concept, suited all age groups with different talents. Raised over £1000.

Service:**What service event/s is your club most proud of?**

Marshalling at Flu Clinics in July at local surgery (800 jabs per day) which after being praised for the organisation, led us to being invited to be RESPONSIBLE for the marshalling at Petersfield Festival Hall for the COVID-19 vaccination program. To date (Feb 6 th) 11,000 vaccinations and 18 Lions as volunteers. An additional 60+ other volunteers being organised by a Lion from LiDBA (Liphook and District Business Association) and U3A plus volunteers contacting us via our website. The total LION volunteer hours to date is 300 and rising.

Club report from Woolmer Forest Lions**Membership this Lionistic year:**

New members: None so far

Dropped members and reasons why dropped if known: Three - one resigned and two sadly passed away

Fundraising:**What fund raising event/s is your club most proud of?**

Producing and selling face masks Santa Sleigh Collections which raised £1343's

Service:**What service event/s is your club most proud of?**

Providing Marshalling for the COVID-19 Vaccinations at the Forest Surgery Christmas Food Parcels –circa 100 families helped