

From Zone 5K Chair – [Lion Rob Armstrong-Collett](#)**1.1 Progress against Objectives:**

Membership within the Zone has remained steady since 1st July, with the membership of each club as follows on 26th February 2021:

Club	Membership at 26.02.2021	YTD members added	YTD members dropped	Net Gain/Loss
Crofton	15	0	1	-1
Eastleigh	24	0	0	0
Fareham	10	0	0	0
Romsey & Waterside	10	3	0	+3
Swanwick	11	2	0	+2
Total	70	+5	-1	+4

It is with great sadness that the Southampton Solent Club closed this year, but thanks go to the members of that club for serving their community. It is fantastic however that many members of Southampton Solent have transferred to other clubs and will continue as Lions.

This has been a difficult year for clubs and I have met virtually the with Presidents of the clubs in the Zone, to allow everyone to discuss any issues, ideas, challenges and successes. The clubs have also adapted well to the challenges of the current circumstances and continue to hold virtual meetings and even through the lockdowns events and activities have been held – with many clubs for example holding Christmas sleigh activities, being involved in projects to feed people in the community and recycling IT equipment, as well as continuing to collect spectacles and distribute Message in a Bottle.

The Zone was asked by Meon Valley Lions to support a project to refurbish the resting room at Countess Mountbatten Hospice in Southampton, which was promoted to the zone clubs and many clubs have donated to this project. It was a pleasure to see the clubs working together across 2 zones to donate to this very worthwhile and important project, to help improve comfort and quality for people who are approaching or at the end of their life and their families.

Club Reports:**Crofton Lions Club**

The club has continued to hold regular meetings and helped with the harvest collections for the local church, sold calendars for Love Stubbington and volunteering at Brook lane surgery with the Covid vaccination program.

Eastleigh Lions Club

Eastleigh Lions Club have held monthly directors meetings, monthly gatherings and fundraising committee meetings and recruited four possible new members.

The club has donated to local charities, including: Fledge £500, One Community £250, age concern £500, cash for kids £150, Eastleigh basics bank £150.

This is in addition to:

- Message in a bottle pop-up shop in Eastleigh shopping centre.
- Message in a bottle delivered to all local surgeries and pharmacies.
- A collection of food for Eastleigh food bank.
- Delivery of goodwill parcels to the elderly to help age concern on x 3 separate occasions.
- Street clean- out with pickers & yellow vests.
- Club volunteers also helped out with the Covid testing centre marshalling, hospital taxis, shopping for local people, collection of prescription.

Fareham Lions Club

The club has held monthly virtual meetings and kept in touch with its members to maintain their wellbeing during lockdowns. The club has been very busy through the year and has worked with local groups and organisations to help feed people within the community, particularly supported by

donations from Community First and Asda. The club has also supported a local disability youth football team by sponsoring their kit with the Lions logo to assist their players in attending the finals of a competition. In addition, the club has continued to collect spectacles, distribute Message in a Bottle and made donations to overseas appeals.

The club's Christmas sleigh ran during December in a covid safe way, with the community very pleased to see Santa visiting their streets and also linked with a local school to allow Santa to visit on their last day of term.

Swanwick Lions Club

Swanwick Lions have continued to hold regular meetings and have completed 40 service activities, which according to MyLion is the most service activities of any club in the District.

People Served – 3010

Donations - £500

Major Service activities Completed/Ongoing:

- Partnership set up with local IT Company who wipe laptops donated or collected by the Club who then assist in the distribution to local schools once this has been completed
- Three Fareham foodbanks supported with regular donations of food for distribution
- A Christmas delivery of Mince Pies, Chocolates and Christmas Cards to shielding elderly people undertaken in conjunction with Warsash Community Support and with help of the Mayor and Mayoress of Fareham.
- A Christmas drive by with Sleigh was held in the local streets so that local children could see Father Christmas.
- Christmas collections held at Garden Centres and a local Shopping Centre.
- Cream teas distributed to shielding elderly people in the local area
- Regular Litter Picking events held in support of the local environment.