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# WIMBORNE AND FERNDOWN LIONS CLUB



2020



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## **A brief history...**

Lions Clubs originated first in Chicago just over 100 years ago and gradually spread to Europe and then worldwide. Our club was founded in 1969.

Initially known as Wimborne Lions, the club expanded to also cover Ferndown and other parts of East Dorset. Since then we have endeavoured to help the local community in various ways. Funds raised are carefully allocated by our welfare committee who have an unrivalled collective experience of local needs. In conjunction with Lions Clubs international, some of our funds also go to emergency relief after disasters in other countries.

This booklet lists a selection of some of the things we did in 2019. Besides the items here, we enjoyed a social side including Charter dinner, games and quiz evenings together with sharing events with other local Lions Clubs

### **Club officers for 2019/20:**

President	Frank Fortey
First Vice President	Godwin Micallef
Secretary	Derick Smith
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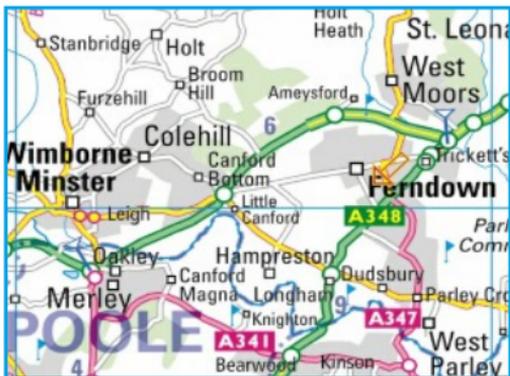
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## About our Club today

Established half a century ago, the club exists to serve the community by fund-raising and donating the funds to those in need, whilst enjoying a full social program along the way. We have around twenty members, about one third are women and over the past year we have donated many thousands of pounds to local good causes.

The map shows most of our area of activity but we also cover Verwood and other parts of East Dorset when needed



## About Lions Clubs International

Lions are part of a world wide charitable movement. They have just celebrated their centenary, having been formed originally in Chicago in 1917. Today Lions Clubs International has 1.45 million volunteers in over 208 countries, making it the largest service club organisation in the world. It has 19,000 active volunteers belonging to 900 Lions Clubs located throughout Great Britain and Ireland. Each Club supports a range of projects in its local community, including health and youth initiatives. Lions Clubs undertake thousands of fund-raising activities in cities, towns and villages, with 100% of monies raised going direct to good causes.

# How we spent some of our funds in 2019

<b>December 2019</b>	<b>£</b>
Providing 72 Xmas Parcels to Elderly recipients and to other people "in need".	1,212
Donation to the Oakhurst First School to purchase Ipads for use at the School, and the after	500
<b>November 2019</b>	<b>£</b>
Donation to Lions MD105 Disaster Fund appeal re Flooding in Yorkshire and Derbyshire.	1,000
Donation for purchase of an Electric Stove for a "Lady in need".	325
Donation for purchase of equipment for "The Below the Knee Club".	696
<b>October 2019</b>	<b>£</b>
Donation to Lions Clubs International re the Lions Sight Savers projects.	1,000
<b>September 2019</b>	<b>£</b>
Donation to Lions Brain Tumor Appeal.	1,000
Donation to the Lions Bahamas Hurricane Disaster Appeal.	1,000
<b>July 2019</b>	<b>£</b>
Purchase of a Special Mattress for a Lady.	661
Donation to Lewis Manning Hospital.	2,000
Donation to the Bus Stop Club re the "Big Give Christmas Challenge".	200
<b>June 2019</b>	<b>£</b>
Donation re Piano Lessons for a "Person in need".	140
Annual visit to Paultons Park for "Youths/Families in need".	1,100
<b>May 2019</b>	<b>£</b>
Donation to Poole Hospital to purchase a Special warming cot for the Neonatal unit.	3,125
Purchase of Display Banners for the Corfe Mullen GoodNeighbour Group.	247
<b>April 2019</b>	<b>£</b>
Donation to "Dogs for Good" Charity (Previously know as "Dogs for the Disabled").	250
Donation towards the cost for a Youth to visit Borneo and do Charity work	200
<b>March 2019</b>	<b>£</b>
Donation to Lions Clubs International Disaster Fund re the "Mozambique Flood Disaster".	1,000
Donation to "Macmillan Caring Locally" in memory of a Members wife.	250
Donation to Longmead Community Farm.	250
<b>February 2019</b>	<b>£</b>
Donation to Activity Alliance Disability Inclusion Sport for the Disabled.	100
Donation to Mosaic Charity supporting bereaved children.	100
<b>January 2019</b>	<b>£</b>
Donation to a Sewing Circle Group for making Quilts for the Royal Marsden Hospital.	250
Donation towards the cost of a Youth volunteering for the East African Playgrounds in Uganda.	200

## **Donations to international disasters**

We contribute to calls for emergency help for victims of disasters overseas such as the terrible destruction and loss of life from the earthquake in Indonesia or ongoing needs such as Lions international's Sightsaver programme. These donations are made through Lions Clubs International or other recognised relief agencies such as UNICEF.

## **Lions Day at Paultons Park**

Our club, along with other clubs in the district, was once again involved in this initiative which provides for disabled youngsters along with their carers to enjoy a day out at this local theme Park. Many Lions were busy providing transport and escort duties for the day.

## **Murder Mystery at the Barrington**

On March 29<sup>th</sup> Wimborne and Ferndown Lions Club hosted an evening of murder and mystery, with a performance by Bournemouth Lions of a play written and produced by Bournemouth's Barrie Haynes.

Some 80 would-be Sherlocks enjoyed an evening of tension and fish and chips but nobody could solve the dastardly crime (the cowgirl did it).

## Christmas Food Parcels



The annual delivery of Christmas food parcels to local people has been made again by Wimborne and Ferndown Lions Club. A parcel is in fact a bag of about 25 different food items

Club members fill bags with items from bulk

supplies purchased from Morrisons of Verwood. In a well established process, stacks comprising units of each food item are assembled on tables. Club members then circulate, filling the bags with one from each stack. The bags are then delivered to people who have been notified to the Lions by local Social Services, CABs and GPs etc.

This year there were 72 bags made up in this way. The Club would like to thank the Verwood Hub for the use of their room for the parcels assembly and Morrisons for supplying the food.



## Message in a bottle (MIAB)

This simple but vital emergency scheme is designed to encourage vulnerable people to keep a form with their medical and other details in a common location - the fridge.



The emergency services will know where to look in the event of being called to your home. The information on the form will enable the Emergency Contacts to be made aware of your situation and help to provide you with prompt treatment.



The emergency services are aware of the scheme and can find the details, in the fridge, quickly. Bottles are free and can be obtained from your local GP, Chemist or the Club. Over the years we have distributed some nineteen thousand of these bottles to the local community.

## Lions Quizzes Record Year

We traditionally hold a general knowledge quiz for teams of up to six players in Spring (Wimborne Allendale Centre) and Autumn (Ferndown



Barrington Theatre). In 2019 both quizzers attracted a record number of teams filling the halls to maximum capacity.

The format is for six rounds of questions plus a picture round interspersed with a little Card Bingo and an interval for refreshments (a cold platter and rolls on each table). Quizmaster Ken Taylor again controlled

proceedings. Thanks to all those who supported the Lions and helped us to raise approximately £1350 for local



## Giant Easter Egg Draw



Every year we run a fund raiser which we call our Giant Easter Egg Draw. This involves placing a large sheet with 60 “slots” or spaces on it which members of the public can choose, for £1 a slot. The

winning owner of the drawn slot is given a giant Easter Egg like the one shown at right. We place these sheets in local pubs, supermarkets etc. Thanks to the generosity of local people, the eggs raised a profit of £1859, which then enabled us to make a donation to the Lewis Manning Hospice of £2000 .



This will help them continue the loving care which they give to patients with life limiting illnesses and support for their families.

Pictured are Mark Elling from Lewis-Manning with Lions Anne Lippitt, Ken Taylor, Joan Budden and Lions’ president Frank Fortey holding the cheque.



## Social activities...

Members enjoyed a number of social functions in 2019 such as skittles and lunches and a Murder Mystery Evening, but the highlight of the year was in November when Wimborne and Ferndown Lions Club celebrated their 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary Charter Dinner at the Dudsbury Golf Club in Ferndown, marking half a century of service to the community raising funds for good causes. The evening, which members paid for themselves, also raised a profit of £372.

The event was attended by a number of guests including International Director Geoff Leeder, District Governor Jarvis Macdonald and visitors from twelve other Lions Clubs.

The evening was marked by a presentation of the Melvin Jones Fellowship award to Lions Robin Hotchkiss and Fred Field by Club President Frank Fortey who is also shown below (right) cutting the cake with Jarvis Macdonald.



## Help for local hospitals

### Warming cot for Poole

A donation of £3125 from the Club has enabled the Neonatal Unit at Poole Hospital to acquire a special “warming cot” which can precisely control the temperature surrounding a new born baby. The unit is used mainly with premature babies. Pictured are staff at the neonatal unit flanked by



Lions President Anne Lippitt, treasurer Frank Fortey and secretary Derick Smith

### Special bed for Wimborne

In 2018 we decided to support Wimborne Community Hospital with £4200 for the provision of a patient hoist which the hospital had requested. However, later that year such a hoist became available elsewhere. As a result the money was used instead to buy a special bed designed to avoid injury to dementia patients falling on the



## **Zone Fun Day**

It was a beautiful sunny day on Sunday September 15<sup>th</sup> when Lions Club members from the Poole/Bournemouth region (“The Zone”) gathered at Avon Heath Country Park, who had kindly allowed us to use the park as the venue for the day.

The object was to put on a day of fun for children with disabilities and their carers. The event was by invitation and 173 (children, carers and Lions) from the Zone area attended.

There were train rides, hoop la, fishing for ducks, musical rods and more. There was an “Aunt Sally” with water pistols and “Hedgehog Hoard”, a nature treasure hunt. Together with a burger barbecue and other refreshments, a good time was had by all.

Clubs taking part were from Wareham, Blandford, Southbourne and Boscombe, Poole, Bournemouth and also Wimborne and Ferndown who hosted the event.

The pictures give a flavour of the day.

## Pictures from the Zone Fun Day



## Work with East Dorset CAB

We work closely with the East Dorset Citizens' Advice Bureau who let us know of deserving cases from time to time which we may help individually.

This year we again donated £1500 to support the work of the CAB generally.

## Once a Lion, always a Lion

In April Wimborne and Ferndown Lions Club held a lunch to celebrate the long service achievement of three of its members.

Frank Fortey (40 years), Robin Hotchkiss (45 years) and Ken Taylor (46 years) have made a huge contribution to the Lions' cause over nearly half a century.

## Fundraising at the Willett Arms

In the summer a generous offer of a free room at the Willett Arms Inn in Wimborne gave us the opportunity of a new way to fundraise for charity.



On three separate occasions we hosted a “fun and games” day including golf and hoopla and a raffle, with drinks literally on tap.

Altogether we raised over £600

from the three events. This was subsequently topped up by the club and sent on to the Lions' Brain Tumour Appeal



## **SPECTREK – recycling your specs**

Wimborne and Ferndown Lions, along with other Lions clubs, have been collecting unwanted pairs of specs which are then refurbished, cleaned and graded and prepared for distribution in third world countries where eye care is often unavailable and lens making facilities are non-existent. Over the years Lions in the UK Southern Region have collected nearly 3 million pairs. Spectacles can be donated by taking them to local opticians. For your nearest one see our website under [welfare>projects](#)

## **Other events**

Since 2013 Lions clubs throughout the UK have teamed up with the Marie Curie Great Daffodil Appeal to raise funds to support people with terminal illness, and their families. Members of the club have again recently helped in the fund raising.

We were also to be found at local carnivals and fetes with our gazebo featuring a tombola and golf game.

## **Dates for your 2020 diary**

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| 20-22 March          | District Convention                     |
| 3rd April            | Spring Quiz at the Allendale, Wimborne  |
| 16th May             | Fun Run at Homelands Farm, Three Cross  |
| 5 <sup>th</sup> July | Zone project                            |
| 15th October         | Autumn Quiz at the Barrington, Ferndown |

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