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NEWSLETTER for 105N District

Fun and Sports Day



The annual **Fun and Sports Day** for people with disabilities is a fantastic piece of service. Held at **Parklands Sports and Social Club in Doncaster**, each year Clubs from far and wide attend with a wide range of games, stalls and fun for all.

Making this year all the more special was the appearance of a **magician, a face painter and dancers (from Precision Art)**. As always, **prizes** were there for the competitors (donated by Ikea), **underpinned and supported by Clubs** from our District and beyond.

This brilliant event couldn't go ahead without the hard work of so many Lions including as those on the organising team such as **Lions Auriol Henton, Brian Ross and James Brownley**. We thank everyone involved for making this event possible!

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Editor's Comments



Dear all,

I hope you are well and have been having an enjoyable time with your exemplary 'Summer Service' (trademark pending). As you will see on **pages 9-14, Clubs from across District 105N have been doing truly extraordinary things** over the last month and it is a pleasure to compile them together.

One thing you will see at the bottom of this page is a **new email address for myself**. At District level, it has been **decided that all Officers should be using a new, standard District-wide email address**. This, is for two sensible reasons - a) **data protection** and b) **so any relevant information can be passed on to their successor upon a change in roles**. I will admit to being a bit reserved to start with (I have lots of email addresses in my professional and voluntary life) but **have come round to it**. Despite the move, **I will accept any stories submitted to my old email address**. I know that it might be a rocky transition especially for anyone new to their media role.

Beyond that, enjoy this month's edition and the variety of reports and news on offer.

Luke Maunsell

District Newsletter Editor



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Competition Corner

Scores on the Door

Travelling Lion:

Thorne Rural - 12

Huddersfield - 10



Don't forget that our District has some **great, creative competitions** which include: **The Photo Comp, The Peter Shaw Award, Scrapbook, Rookie of the Year and the Best Web Page Award**. They are all fun and help build comradeship between us all. If you would like to get involved in any of them, **please contact our new officer Lion Cameron Peel** at: competitions@lions105n.org.uk





DISTRICT 105N COMPETITIONS



TRAVELLING LIONS

VISIT ANOTHER LIONS CLUB OR LIONS EVENT TO EARN POINTS: 1 POINT FOR VISITS WITHIN DISTRICT 105 AND 5 POINTS FOR VISITS OUTSIDE DISTRICT 105. QUALIFYING VISITS INCLUDE MEETINGS, SOCIAL EVENTS AND FUNDRAISING EVENTS. COMPLETE A VISITING LION CARD, GET IT SIGNED AND SUBMIT IT BY THE 15TH OF THE FOLLOWING MONTH. THE CLUB WITH THE MOST POINTS WINS!

SCRAPBOOK COMPETITION

CREATE A CLEARLY LABELLED SCRAPBOOK, NO LARGER THAN 60CM X 90CM, COVERING THE IPP'S YEAR. INCLUDE PHOTOS, PRESS CUTTINGS, CLUB ACTIVITIES, FUNDRAISING, SERVICE AND SOCIAL EVENTS. JUDGING IS 90% CONTENT AND 10% PRESENTATION. ENTRIES MUST BE SUBMITTED BY 9:30AM ON THE SATURDAY OF CONVENTION.

ROOKIE OF THE YEAR

OPEN TO LIONS WITH 18 MONTHS OR LESS MEMBERSHIP (EXCLUDING TRANSFERS). MEMBERS SHOULD REGULARLY ATTEND CLUB MEETINGS AND EVENTS AND TAKE PART IN WELFARE AND FUNDRAISING. ENTRIES MUST BE APPROVED BY THE PRESIDENT AND SECRETARY AND SUBMITTED BY 20TH JANUARY.

PETER H SHAW TROPHY

AWARDED TO THE CLUB WITH THE BEST COMMUNITY-RELATED PROJECT IN THE DISTRICT. ENTRIES MUST BE SUBMITTED TO THE DISTRICT COMPETITIONS OFFICER BY 20TH JANUARY, BEFORE CONVENTION. THE WINNER IS CHOSEN BY A PANEL APPOINTED BY THE DISTRICT GOVERNOR.

BEST HOST CLUB

CLUBS EARN 1 POINT FOR EACH LIONS CLUB THAT VISITS THEIR MEETINGS OR EVENTS, REGARDLESS OF THE NUMBER OF LIONS ATTENDING. THE HOST CLUB SECRETARY MUST RECORD AND SIGN EACH VISIT AND SUBMIT THE REGISTER BY THE 20TH OF THE FOLLOWING MONTH. THE COMPETITION RUNS FROM 1ST JANUARY TO 31ST DECEMBER. N.

BEST WEBSITE

OPEN TO ALL LIONS AND LEO CLUBS IN DISTRICT 105N. WEBSITES ARE JUDGED BEFORE THE FEBRUARY CONVENTION ON CONTENT, RELEVANCE, UP-TO-DATE INFORMATION AND EASE OF USE. THE JUDGES' DECISION IS FINAL.

PHOTO COMPETITION

SUBMIT ONE NATURE PHOTOGRAPH TAKEN IN DISTRICT 105N DURING THE CALENDAR YEAR. NO PEOPLE. INCLUDE A TITLE AND SHORT DESCRIPTION (25 WORDS OR LESS). ENTRIES MUST BE SUBMITTED BY 20TH JANUARY.

ANY QUESTIONS PLEASE CONTACT COMPETITIONS OFFICER: CAMERON PEEL
COMPETITIONS@LIONS105N.ORG.UK

District Governor's Message

Dear fellow Lions, Leos and partners,

It has been a **busy month** since the last newsletter. The first weekend we had our **MD Council of Governors meeting** which included the **Shadow Council** with **Lion Mike Byrne** in attendance. This was a **Zoom meeting** aimed squarely at **reducing costs** to MD (therefore each and every one of us) followed the following Saturday with the most daunting, that being **my very first Cabinet Meeting at Scotch Corner** on the 9th. I hope all who attended felt it went well.



On the 18th, I **visited Rothwell Lions** and was **delighted to award Lions David Wood, Elaine Farrer and Yvonne Beck with 10 year Chevrons**. After this, I **attended the Zone 9 meeting on the 20th** where I had great pleasure in presenting **ZC Lion Tim Lewis with a 20 year Chevron**. **Well done to all the Chevron recipients and thank you for your service!** Both meetings were enjoyable and I would **strongly recommend any Club and its members visiting other Clubs**, it is great for **learning new ideas and sharing stories, plus travelling Lion points** to boot.

I attended the **Doncaster Fun & Sports Day** with my Club and **delighted in watching 1st VDG Mike and Lion Auriel being soaked** in the stocks - many memories of last year! The day was a **great success and we look forward to next year**. Please **consider taking part as a Club or just visiting**, you will be touched and your heart will be well and truly warmed.

I have been **training Lions on the use of the Childsight Vision Cameras** and hope to complete our club by the start of September. So, **if any Club in the West Yorkshire require training** please contact me on districtgovernor@lions105n.org.uk (just starting to use this new email.)

Finally, I **will be visiting the following Clubs** who have given their permission for me to attend: **2nd Sept is Bramley & Wickersley, 9th is Morley, 14th is Rotherham and the 21st is for Castleford & Pontefract**. More have been **booked for October and November**. I will also be **attending Tynedale Charter on 2nd of October** which I am looking forward to.

As mentioned elsewhere, on my visits to Clubs or events, **if you have glasses for the Northern Hub, please feel free to give me them to save costs**. The next **big sort** will take place on 15th September.

Have a great September everyone and remember **IP Lion Mark Lyons Motto 'Rooted in Service'** with more service comes more recognition, comes more interest in what we do, leading to new members.

Lion Allan Clark, MJF

District Governor



districtgovernor@lions105n.org.uk



Vice Governor's Message

Hi to you all, fellow Lions, Leos and Partners,

Another month has passed, and **what a month it has been**. Even the sun worshippers surely could not stand the heat, day in day out. It will **soon be time to pull the sleighs** out for checking, for the 'man in red' will be around soon. I imagine some Clubs have already done this.



The **new Presidents should now be settled in** and the **ones that have stayed on for another year will be looking forward to the year ahead**. Personally, I am **still in training** for the future position that I hope to be elected to.

I did attend the **Fun and Sports Day for the Disabled** in its 46th year - **what a great day for the Clubs and all of the participants**. I have **booked to come and see a lot of you in your Clubs** during the next few months - I am so looking forward to meeting you all.

Until then take care all of you.

Mike Byrne, MJF

Vice District Governor



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Membership News

Since the last newsletter, we have had **17 Lions** join our 105N pride. Unfortunately, we also have had **3 Lions** move to **Higher Service**. We **wish our new joiners all the best** in their future service and remember those who have moved on with the **highest regard and love**.

Bramley & Wickersley Lions

- Thomas McNicholas

Malton Norton Lions

- Lamprini Filippou

Scarborough Lions

- Karen Brown
- David Brown

Doncaster Lions

- PDG Alan Doble
- Edith (Penny) Doble

Morpeth Lions

- Rochelle Groh

Stonehaven Lions

- Andrew McArdle
- Audrey Malcolm
- Megan Douglas

Holderness Lions

- Susan Trueman
- Susan Vigar

Newcastle Lions

- Sukhwinder Kaur
Guraya
- Karnail Singh Guraya

Tickhill & District Lions

- Stephen Atkinson

Knaresborough Lions

- Graham Richards

Ponteland Lions

- Claire Khan



In Memoriam

Always treasured, your actions live on in our hearts.

Dumfries Lions

- Alec Osman

Teesdale Lions

- John Mutum

Minster Lions of York

- Dave Brough

Deepest thanks to **Lion Marilyn Bennett**, MLCY Co-ordinator and **Lion Margaret Wells**, District Almoner for contributing to this page. They can be reached on lions.geomar@gmail.com and almoner@lions105n.org.uk respectfully.



District News

Lions Clubs International District 105N Charitable Foundation

The Lions Clubs International District 105N Charitable Foundation was founded in 2019 and is a registered **Charitable Incorporated Organisation** (Foundation Model). The Foundation is governed by a constitution that states the trustees shall consist of **6 ex-officio trustees** consisting of the DG team, the IP District Governor, District Secretary and Treasurer. There can then be between **2-6 appointed trustees with a term of 4 years**. Trustees are appointed on the basis of the present trustees having regard to the **skills, knowledge and experience needed** for the effective administration of the CIO. Each appointment can only be made by the **prior written approval to the proposed appointments** from the District Governor.

The **Foundation manages all donations from Clubs** towards any charitable purpose, such as LCIF or the Youth Funds. At present no money is raised directly from the public. The role will **involve attending 4 Zoom meetings per year**. We are looking for Lions willing to **bring energy, enthusiasm, and commitment to the role** and who will **broaden the diversity of thinking** of the trustees. Preferably, we are looking for a Lion who has a particular interest in youth, although this is not essential.

The trustees are now seeking **expressions of interest from Lions** who might wish to become a trustee. You **must not be disqualified from holding a trustee role** in any charity and sign a declaration to that effect. Please send your expression of interest in writing, together with a short explanation of why you meet the outlined criteria to the Chairman Lion Andrew Kerr Sutherland on andrew.tilton27@gmail.com
Applications to be submitted by Saturday 12th September 2026.

Glasses Collections

As you will have seen in a recently circulated email from Bridgette at HQ, there is a current **pause in the collection of glasses and other items** in Birmingham.

This is due to a **substantial redecoration and refurbishment** which is taking place and will **prevent the deliveries to site and the volunteers availability to sort**. It is expected that this pause will remain in place **until mid-October**.

It has been made clear that the **Recycle for Sight** is **extremely well regarded** and has made a **massive difference globally**. Clubs across our District were **thanked for their hard work on this important project**. It has also been **confirmed that recycling will return to Birmingham** post-refurb and anyone with any questions is encouraged to get in touch with the **HQ Team**.

WE WOULD LIKE TO REMIND LIONS CLUBS THAT WE PRODUCE EMERGENCY TOILETRY PACKS

ALSO KNOWN AS

HOSPITAL PACKS

These packs comprise a paper towel, tablet of soap, shampoo and shower sachets, comb, dental pack.

The principle of these packs is that they are donated by Lions Clubs for use in hospitals, hospices, nursing and care homes, disaster and flood emergencies, when parents, guardians, friends and colleagues accompany patients who, for instance, are admitted to hospital in an emergency, having had no time or means to provide their own toiletries.

The packs are priced to Lions Clubs at £1.50 per pack in quantities of 100 (£150.00) plus carriage

Also available is a Shaving Pack priced at £1.90 per pack in quantities of 10 (£19.00) plus carriage

They are available to order from

Minster Lions Club of York CIO

Lion Rob James, Hospital Pack Co-ordinator, Minster Lions Club of York CIO

Please make contact in the first instance before payment by either

Email: robert.james@zen.co.uk

Telephone: WhatsApp Robert James 07767 358754



Calendar Dates

Teesdale Lions

Rock & Indie Cover Concert, from 7:30pm

Friday 11th September 2026

Glaxo Sports & Social Club, Barnard Castle, DL12 8DS

Thorne Rural Lions

Charity Golf Day

Friday 18th September 2026

Town Moor Golf Club

Email Lion Miles: keeileymiles.thornerural@gmail.com

Huddersfield Lions

Doggie Racenight supporting the RSPCA

Friday 25th September from 7pm

Lindley Liberal Club, 36 Occupation Road,

Huddersfield HD3 3EQ

More info:

www.rspcahalifaxhuddersfieldbradford.org.uk

Durham Lions

Relaunch Event

Monday 28th September 2026, from 7pm

Alington House, 4 North Bailey, DH1 3ET

Find out more: secretarydurhamlions@gmail.com

Elmet Lions

PSA Testing

Thursday 24th September 2026

The Motorist, Sherburn in Elmet, LS25 6JE

Tynedale Lions

Charter Dinner

Friday 2nd October 2026, 7pm for 7:30pm

Tynedale Rugby Club, Corbridge, NE45 5AY

Elmet Lions

Charity Golf Day

Friday 2nd October 2026, from 11am

Tadcaster Golf Club, Scarthingwell, LS24 9PF

Find out more: elmetlions.golf@gmail.com

Filey Lions

Charter Night

Friday 16th October 2026, from 7pm

White Lodge Hotel, The Crescent, YO14 9JX

Derwent Lions

PSA Testing

Tuesday 20th October 2026 from 5:30pm

Stamford Bridge Village Hall, 4 Low Catton Road,

YO41 1DY

Pocklington Lions

Charter Dinner

Saturday 24th October 2026 from 7pm

Pocklington Cricket Club, Burnby Lane, YO42 2QB

Email Lion Mel: melstork68@gmail.com

Dumfries Lions Club

Charter Lunch

Sunday 1st November 2026

Casa Mia Restaurant, 53 Nunholm Road, DG1 1JW

Find out more: 07702 436478

Tickhill & District Lions

Charity Christmas Night

Saturday 28th November 2026

Rossington Welfare, West End Lane, DN11 0DU

Contact Lions Mandy or Carol on: 07970 298959 or

01302 865396

Zone N12

Burns Night

Saturday 31st January 2027

Wheatley Golf Club, Doncaster, DN2 5QB

Contact 1VDG Lion Mike Byrne on: 07957144034 or

Lion Elaine Prime on: 07816272081

District 105N

District Convention

Saturday 6th February 2027

Holiday Inn (Scotch Corner) Darlington,

Richmond, DL10 6NR

Doncaster Went Valley Lions

Charter Dinner

Saturday 17th April 2027

Wheatley Golf Club, Doncaster, DN2 5QB

Young Lives Versus Cancer

Yorkshire Wetherspoons Charity Run

Saturday 24th April - **Friday** 30th April 2027

Find out more: eliott@howdencoffee.co.uk

Have an upcoming event or Charter Dinner?

If you have a date for the next issue,
please email me on:

newslettereditor@lions105n.org.uk



Tales from our Clubs

Elmet Lions



Whilst the weather has been exceptionally hot, it has provided ample opportunities for community events and get-togethers. In Elmet, the Lions attended the **Picnic in the Park** which is a free event run by Sherburn Town Council and involves live music (excellent tribute bands – this year Boy Band, Soul and Oasis) and the opportunity **for villagers and friends to get together and eat, drink, dance and enjoy the superb weather**. There was a **free funfair for children** – a climbing wall for teenagers and adults – plus axe throwing and archery. Elmet Lions were asked if they would **like to collect at the event** and were there in force and armed with buckets and card readers. They heard some lovely compliments about what they do and were chuffed to have **collected just over £1000** - all of which will be **fed back into the community over the next few weeks**.

Meanwhile, the Lions also popped by to the **legendary Filey Lions' Golf Day** as one of the 32 teams in attendance. They were **very impressed with the raffle ticket prizes, afternoon tea and sponsors**. The Club is now keen to get enough golfers for their own **Golf Day (to be held on the 2nd of October)**. Anyone interested should email: elmetlions.golf@gmail.com - **let's make it a success!**

Easingwold District Lions

Further events have been going ahead in Easingwold. The **Club's Summer Fayre** was a roaring success again this year with a **host of other local charity stall holders in attendance** to raise their profiles and funds. The free games **created fun for children and adults alike** with many entries in the **'Guess how many balloons in the tractor'** competition. The **Lions thank everyone** who supported the event including: all **the local traders** for their support and for providing prizes for the tombola, **Easingwold Town Council** for allowing the use of the marketplace and to the **stall holders and all those who visited** for their **generous donations which totalled over £700**.



Further to this, Easingwold District Lions held their annual **Grants' Presentation Evening at Alne Cricket Club**. On the night, **16 local worthy causes** attended to receive a share of the **£5,515** available. The evening also coincided with the **Changeover of Presidents** which saw **incoming President John Sutherland take over from IPP Shelagh Kenny**. The Grants' programme has been held for the past 3 years and invites **local voluntary organisations to apply for a grant of up to £500** for a specific project.

Coming up for the Club is a brilliant, musical evening called **'Time after Time'** to take place at the Galtres Centre, Market Place, YO61 3AD on **Saturday 26 September 2026 from 19:30**. Anyone interested can **buy tickets online at: www.galtrescentre.org.uk/events/time-after-time-easingwold-lions-easingwold-players** - with **hits from the Blitz, Les Mis and films** - it should be a great night!



Garforth and District Lions



In the sizzling weather, there is nothing better than something **cold and crisp** and our Lions in Garforth have been providing this in pint form at **their 4th Beer Festival**. In partnership with **Garforth Country Club**, this initially small community idea has grown into one of the **most anticipated summer gatherings**. This year was no exception as it attracted around **450 attendees and raised over £8000** (to be shared between the Club and the Country Club for future community initiatives).

With **14 unique beers on tap**, festival-goers had plenty to explore from local favourites to new discoveries. Alongside the beer selection, **guests enjoyed great food, live music, and the warm, welcoming atmosphere** that has become the hallmark of this event. The Club is now looking forward to the **next Festival which is already scheduled for the 10th July 2027**. The Club naturally couldn't do this without the **generosity of the local sponsors** as well as all those who **attended, volunteered or supported the event in anyway - all are thanked deeply and immensely for their service**.

Maltby and Rother Valley Lions

In Maltby and Rother Valley, the Lions have been **extremely busy with a high volume of great events**. The Club has had a great time at both **Aston Carnival and at Travfest** which saw 2 very popular stalls being held. At the former, their **very enjoyable stocks** (although not for the person in them) proved very popular as did their **Children's Tombola and their games**. At the latter, the Club also had a fun time especially with the very catchy music on offer.



The Lions also wish a **Happy Birthday to Annie Parker from Dinnington who is 90 years old this year!** Lion **President Lynn** and Lion **Margaret** visited **Annie** with a **special card** made by Lion **Karen** and a **bouquet of flowers**. They were thrilled to learn that **Annie** had helped by **volunteering with the Lions Christmas Sleigh collections** on many occasions in years gone by and this was very much appreciated by the Club. **What a fantastic lady - thank you for your service!**

Also celebrating are **Lions Janice and Lynn** who went to watch **Janice's Granddaughter, Paralympian Poppy Maskill** win a **Silver Medal** in the S14 200m freestyle swim at the Commonwealth Games. **A brilliant result - well done!**

Finally, Lions **Janice, Jean, Jim and Ralph** were proud to attend the **Maltby Memorial** to mark the **anniversary of an underground explosion** which killed 27 workers on the 28th of July 1923. They attended a **service at St Bart's Church** and then laid a wreath at the **Limekiln Memorial** above the blast site.



Filey Lions



Hill with the first 6 balls entering the ball trap winning a cash prize.

Over the last month, the Club also held a book hiding event in local gardens in partnership with **The National Literacy Trust-Yorkshire Coast**. 50 books were hidden for children and young people to find; the books found could be kept by the child/young person. Their **Charity Golf day** was successful despite the scorching hot day and they were joined by teams (including some Lions) from all over the country. The Lions attended the **Emergency Service Day** with their 'Coconut Shy', 'Mystery Tombola' and 'Teddy Tombola'. They had a stall at the **August food Festival** with a 'Prize Every Time Bottle Tombola' which was sold out by 3pm. Finally, their **minibus has been used** by several local organisations to: **enable social outings, assist with boat towing** for the Sea Cadets and **facilitate regular 'Friendship Runs'** for the Methodist Church. Filey Lions are now focused on their **2nd PSA testing event** on Friday 16th October and their **Bonfire event** will take place on Saturday 1st November.

Denby Dale District Lions

In Denby Dale, the Club had another brilliant day at the **Emley Show** with glorious weather and large crowds. In particular, the Lions were swamped with lots of people trying out their skills on the Club's popular **Coconut Shy!** As you can imagine, the Lions really did love attending, finding it a fantastic event. This year **all monies that they raised** went to **The Kirkwood** - a local hospice based in Kirklees - a very worthy cause and one that they are happy to support. To find out more, please visit - www.thekirkwood.org.uk



Ryedale Lions



Meanwhile, **Ryedale Lions** have had a **busy summer helping out at local events** alongside running their **tombola, stewarding or parking cars** at **Ryedale, Rosedale and Farndale Shows** and **Pickering's Picnic in the Park**.

Raising awareness of Lions **generates interest and potential new members with 1 induction** at the August Meeting and others in the pipeline. **Very worthwhile work in Ryedale - keep up the great promotional work!**



As we have seen, our Clubs are **very much getting into the swing of Golf Tournaments** over the hot summer and the same has been going ahead in **Dumfries with 16 teams competing earlier this year at the Moffat course**. The **proceeds from the event will be distributed** to various local organisations and groups. The winning team are pictured in the Clubhouse with their trophy along with **Lions Club President Stewart McCutcheon**.



Another winner is **Declan Wood who recently graduated** from the Primary Education Programme at the University of Glasgow Graduation Ceremony. As a result, he has been awarded the **Dumfries Lions Club Centenary Bowl by the University for his outstanding academic achievement** during the last year. Declan was delighted to have **received the prestigious award from President Stewart McCutcheon** as an ongoing, yearly tradition of the Lions.

Allendale Lions



One of the quirkiest games played during the Summer by our Clubs comes from Allendale. As part of the **Allendale Agricultural Show** on August 15th, Allendale Lions staged their **3rd 'Cowgate' event**.

During this game, a show field is marked into **100 one metre squares** where **punters buy squares for £3 each**. Whichever square wins is where their cow Daisy poos! This year, **the Club sold 5 games (500 squares) with 5 winners earning £100 each**.

In the picture, **Lion Peter Aldcroft is seen leading Daisy** (Lions **David Humes and Doug Ness** are in costume). Whilst a great deal of fun was had, it is all for a good cause as all the proceeds went to the **Allendale Playpark appeal and other local charities. Moosic to our ears!**

A great example of Lions working together comes from our friends at **Thorne Rural**. Alongside members from **Doncaster Went Valley and Tickhill & District**, the team organised and planned a wonderful **Balloon Festival** to serve as a unique membership and promotional event. Making this possible was almost **20 Lions who volunteered over the 24th and 25th July** - all committed to truly showcasing the fantastic work Lions do within their local communities.



At the festival, **families enjoyed free games for the children**, while **friendly mascot Leo** made a popular appearance. Over the course of the weekend, **almost 300 bottles of water were given away free of charge**. Although the weather had other ideas and the hot air balloons remained firmly on the ground, it certainly **didn't stop the Lions from making the most of the event**. It was a **fantastic opportunity to meet members of the public, promote Lions, and hopefully inspire a few future members** along the way. The Clubs issue a **huge thank you to everyone who volunteered their time** and helped **make the weekend another successful example of Lions serving their community together**.

Keighley Lions and Bradford Lions



Working together is something which all Clubs should be seeking to do. This can **help ensure that our service reaches as many people** as possible and can be vital especially if a Club is struggling with its membership. In **Keighley**, for example, both the local Club and Bradford Lions came together for a special **'Meet the Lions'** event held in the Airedale Centre.

During a very productive session, the members spoke to the public about **all things Lionism** from **'Messages in a Bottle'** to **environmental projects to Santa Sleighs** and beyond. Lots of **positive interactions** were had and a **few prospective members/volunteers identified**. Above anything else, the **Clubs had a great time, strengthened friendships and spread the word** about how brilliant our Lions are. Both Clubs **hope that this event can be repeated** in the very near future with a similar session in Bradford.

Darlington Lions

In Darlington, the Lions have been **serving their community** by **donating £5,000 to St Teresa's Hospice**. The Club is a long-term supporter of the work which the Hospice does via their provision of **palliative and end of life care**. Denis Pinnegar (IPP) said, **St Teresa's does a wonderful job** in Darlington, caring for end of life patients and their families. Like all hospices they are facing a funding crisis, so Darlington Lions are **very pleased to make this donation.**"



Yarm Lions



Meanwhile, Yarm District Lions have **successfully raised £3,350** at the **Club's Ingleby Barwick Fun Run**, thanks to a **record number of runners** taking part. Along with money raised by the Yarm Fun Run, **the funds will be used at Christmas to make donations to local charities and food banks** to provide food vouchers for local people in need.

Durham Lions

For Durham Lions, they have been **enjoying some environmental service** after taking up an **enjoyable litterpick** in the town.

On a lovely Saturday morning, their **team cleaned up near the River Wear into the City Centre**. They were also heartened to have been **stopped by a number of people who thanked them** for their work and had **great fun to taking part in Lion Ely's dance video!**



The Club is also **encouraging people to help them with their upcoming relaunch** by encouraging people who they might know locally to attend their **Open Evening at Alington House, 4 North Bailey, Durham, DH1 3ET at 7pm on Monday 28 September - all are welcome!** The Lions are on social media and can be found on: **Facebook** (Durham Lions UK) and **Instagram** at [@DurhamLionsUK](https://www.instagram.com/DurhamLionsUK). More information about Durham Lions can be requested by emailing: secretarydurhamlions@gmail.com.



Thirsk and Northallerton Lions



Donations come in many forms in Lionism and many different acts can make a positive difference to those we serve. For example, the local Lions have donated a brand-new garden bench to support Holy Rood House, a wonderful retreat and counselling centre based in Thirsk.

Holy Rood House has been providing a peaceful haven for guests and clients since 1993, many of whom are recovering from tough times and trauma. This was the original house for Mrs Pumphrey and her dog Tricki Woo, as featured in the James Herriot books and on All Creatures Great

and Small.

With several of their old garden benches no longer fit for purpose, the Club was more than happy to step in and help ensure visitors have a comfortable, peaceful place to rest and reflect in their beautiful gardens. As we can see, it was very comfortable indeed as Lion President David and Vice President John tested out the seat after assembling it.

Huddersfield Lions

In Huddersfield, Lion President Cameron Peel along with DG Lion Allan Clark proudly presented Former Lion Nivin Milne with a well deserved **Melvin Jones Fellowship award**, This recognised the fact that at the time the Club was closing, Nivin took on the role of President and Treasurer to try and keep it open. At this time, if she had declined, there would not be a Club in Huddersfield. A true Lion hero - well done Nivin!



At the same time, the Club has also been engaged in a **Youth Exchange visit**, when three girls (1 from USA, Japan and Hong Kong) were invited by Nivin and Lion Ray Milne to stay with them. During a very enjoyable visit, the girls have had a fun time including a visit to Liverpool and the Bronte Parsonage in Haworth.



Finally, the Club will be doing their next big recycling sort on **September 15th**. So if any Clubs wish to send their spectacles to the Hub, please contact them on 07903044060. You will also be able to send them back with DG Allan when visiting Clubs.

Upcoming POTN Deadline

Thank you all for your contributions this month. The next deadline is the **18th September 2026**. I look forward to seeing what your Clubs have been doing so email me on: newslettereditor@lions105n.org.uk

