

LIONS CLUBS INTERNATIONAL

54th District 105SE Convention

District Governor Steve Carley



14th – 16th February 2025

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District 105 SE
STANDING ORDERS for use at DISTRICT CONVENTION

1. The rules of parliamentary procedure as laid down in Roberts Rules win apply, but the District Governor's decision on any point of order shall be final.
2. The conduct of the Convention Proceedings shall be under the Chairmanship of the District Governor, or, in his absence, such officer as shall act in accordance with the International Constitution. In all cases, should the Chairman not be the District Governor, these standing orders shall nonetheless apply as though the District Governor himself was in the Chair.
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 - (a). The District Governor shall have the absolute discretion for the length of time to be allowed for:
 - i) Presentation of reports
 - ii) Comments and questions from the floor
 - iii) Time allotted for the proposing of a Resolution or Amendment
 - iv) Time allotted for the seconding of a Resolution or Amendment
 - v) Discussion on any Resolution or Amendment.
 - vi) The right of reply by the Proposer of a Resolution or Amendment.

The District Governor will give an indication at the commencement of proceedings of the time which he proposes to allow for each. of the above categories, but may, upon informing Convention, at any time alter the period so allotted.

- (b). The District Governor shall have absolute discretion in terminating discussion on any subject and all speakers shall yield to the Chair when so directed.
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- (a). Written reports presented at Convention will be previously circulated to Club Secretaries and made available to Registered Delegates. District Officers will therefore only speak to their own reports to update information contained therein or to highlight matters as necessary.
 - (b). Any Lion wishing to speak on any Resolution or other matter of relevant business must use a microphone and must announce his name and the name of his Club before commencing to address Convention. Only Registered Delegates (or Registered Alternates) shall have the right to vote.
 - (c). Any Lion wishing to comment or ask questions on a report. may, with the permission of the District Governor, do so before Delegates vote on the adoption of that report.
 - (d). Each speaker must address the Chair only and conform to the time limit laid down by the District Governor at the commencement of proceedings. Other than the Chairman or the Lion moving a Resolution and exercising his right of reply, no Lion shall speak more than once on any one motion or subject, unless it shall be with the consent of the District Governor.
 - (e). Each Resolution or Amendment as circulated, must be formally moved by a representative of the Club which submitted that Resolution or Amendment to the Chairman of the Resolutions Committee. All Resolutions and Amendments must be formally seconded. No Resolution or Amendment may be withdrawn without the consent of a majority of the voting Delegates at Convention.

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- (f). If there is no representative present to move a Resolution or Amendment, then the matter will fail by default.
However, the District Governor may, in his absolute discretion, call for any other Registered Delegate present formally to move and second such Resolution or Amendment so that debate and voting may take place.
- (g). The District Governor shall, in his absolute discretion, be able to accept an Emergency Resolution or Amendment for consideration by Convention if:
 - i) that Emergency Resolution or Amendment is submitted to him in writing before the commencement of the Opening Session of the Convention, AND
 - ii) in his opinion the Emergency Resolution or Amendment could not reasonably have been submitted to the Resolutions Chairman on or before the closing dates published for the receipt of the same, AND
 - iii) a majority of the voting delegates present at Convention consent to the Emergency Resolution or Amendment being so considered.

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- (a) Save as hereinafter provided, voting shall be by a show of Delegate (or where appropriate, Alternate) Cards, of those present and voting. The District Governor shall declare the result or order a count. If ten or more Delegates challenge the District Governor's declaration, the votes shall be counted.
- (b) Any Resolution or Amendment on a Constitutional matter must have the approval of a majority of at least two thirds of the Registered Delegates present in order that such a Resolution or Amendment shall become effective.
- (c) Any other Resolution or Amendment shall require the approval of a simple majority of registered Delegates present, to become effective.
- (d) In the event of a tied vote, the District Governor shall have a casting vote.
- (e) A minimum of thirty-five (35) Delegates in attendance at Convention shall constitute a quorum.
- (f) i) Voting for the election of District Governor shall be by way of secret written ballot amongst the Registered Delegates attending. Likewise, voting for the election to the office of Vice District Governor shall be by the way of secret written ballot amongst the Registered delegates attending.

ii) All elections shall be conducted by the Single Transferable Vote system as recommended from time to time by the Electoral Reform Society.

DISTRICT CONVENTION REPORTS – FEBRUARY 2025

6. District Governor Team

6.1 District Governor – Steve Carley

It is good to reflect on how we both individually and as a Cabinet team started this Lions year with our aims for the year and also to review what we set out to do in their successes. When looking back at my 1st report to Cabinet as District Governor, I wrote “that my aim is for all Cabinet officers to be more visible, feel empowered and be more proactive with clubs and members across our District in their roles. I continued by stating “I firmly believe we as a District are at a stage where we as a Cabinet team need to be seen more by clubs and leading by example”.

I set out the plan that we would have 14 people trained as Guiding Lions, where this group of Lions will be integral to our District Membership Action plan to set up Zone Hubs, where we aim to help support clubs who need help to find new members and to find areas for creating either a branch or a full club. Our Membership team are now actively working on this happening!

At our 2nd Cabinet meeting I asked my Cabinet colleagues for everyone to discuss and write down their responses to 6 questions. This was in response to many clubs saying they are facing challenges in recruiting younger or newer members. Conversely, some clubs were (and some still are) concerned about the increase in membership dues and at the same time are asking us on Cabinet if the increase in subs is worthwhile and if they are getting value for money.

So, 6 questions were asked –

1. Why are new clubs valuable? Why do we invite people to join our clubs?
2. What type of Speciality Clubs or branch clubs would be most successful?
3. Where could a new club (branch or regular) be based (think of locations across our District)
4. How can our district team add value to membership in clubs leading to higher retention? Please list what our Lions Club District, MD and International offers us as members. (THE MOST IMPORTANT QUESTION – please be positive)
5. How can we help our clubs host Membership Growth Events? How? How Often?
6. What training/resources are needed to help us achieve our goals?

All of the table answers have been typed up and were given to our membership team to use in their resources “toolbox” when hosting their meetings and also whenever they are talking to clubs. I now also attach, as a reminder for this Cabinet report as an addendum, the answers provided, so all Cabinet colleagues can use these in their day to day conversations with members.

I have congratulated our Membership team in how they have created stronger and closer relationships with Club Presidents and Club Membership officers through the Membership

Matters monthly Zoom meetings and the newly formed WhatsApp group. I have also sought good news stories from our Cabinet colleagues to reinforce the need to focus on positive activities, rather than negative.

This has been a very enjoyable 6 months of this Lions year – especially when visiting clubs at their club meetings and Charters and I thank all the clubs who have hosted me and the DG team. This is critical in forming relationships with all our clubs where they feel supported with ideas, we gain from all the different meetings and visits we make to share good practice.

So, thank you to everyone I have met so far.

DG Steve

6.2 1st Vice District Governor - Chandra Kumar

The first six months as VDG have been very busy , interesting and informative. Despite struggling to find my feet I have nevertheless found it very enjoyable.

Visiting 14 of the 18 clubs so far allocated to me this year, I enjoyed almost every one of them with the welcome and kind hospitality that was accorded. Visiting clubs and charter events is one of the most fulfilling and enjoyable part of my role, allowing me and the DG team to make new acquaintances connections with club members and share what is going on elsewhere, to ensure we all can benefit from good practices and ideas in fund raising and service. Representing our District is also a great aspect of the role both at club & district events.

These past 20 months (by the time of this Convention) has made me realise how much Lions International invests and promotes the development and training of members across the globe who take on roles from a personal level on the LCI Learn website where there are self- directed modules on skills for everyone, then on a club level, with annual update training for club officers in our Districts to attend Spring Forum; or even at an MD level of individual members being subsidised to attend MD Symposiums which seeks to find future Lions leaders in our MD, or for individuals to attend the MD Regional Lions Leadership Institutes.

In my own development since being on the DG team, it has been an eye opener to see to what extent LCI have invested in online training modules, to in person training both at MD and International sessions. It is no less than perhaps what you would expect for example going in for a CEO interview/Training, very intensive and time consuming, *{Perhaps not a great motivation for new and prospective leaders in my view}*, for a large corporation or multinational company, more especially when you think of it; bearing in mind we are all volunteers, and only contribute a very modest annual membership fee, part of our dues contributes towards the provision of all these resources to be available for us, should we wish to use.

The second half of the Lionistic year will greatly be influenced by my learning esp at St Charles seminar in Feb 25 just before the District Convention returning back on the convention day of 15th Feb hopefully to make it by late afternoon. It will be a busy time of the year to be getting involved in building my DG team primarily focussed at ensuring that all clubs in the District are included and have a voice and looking for potential leaders.

As part of forward planning we will continue to explore fulfilling the District Goals in relation to membership and new club formations and also the possibility once again the launch of spring forums hopefully in-person as opposed to on line giving us an opportunity of personal interactions. I shall be looking to more fruitful input from the GLT and the GAT teams.

The district 105SE 3 year strategic vision plan for recruitment and retention will continue with more service officers trained and developed via training and support with GMT outlining a plan document. The New Voices team will be encouraged to roll out its specific aims and goals to all clubs. Across all zones membership will be a priority with the ZC's setting up teams helped by Guiding Lions.

It is expected that all Presidents and Secretaries will play a leading role helping the ZC's achieve and formulate a decisive and effective plan.

6.3 2nd Vice District Governor – David Harvey

6.4 Forward Planning – Chandra Kumar

See 6.2

7. DGLT (Leadership and Training) Team

7.1 District Leadership/Learning Team – Pete Dilloway & Sandra Miles

So far this year we have continued to focus the delivery of training sessions through the use of virtual sessions run on zoom. This has enabled us to provide a variety of sessions, some of which have been run more than once in a cost-effective manner which has provided the opportunity to arrange sessions on various dates to enable more members to attend

Guiding Lions Certification training

The Guiding Lion Program is designed to assist clubs that are newly chartered, established or rebuilding. Certified Guiding Lions provide support to help strengthen clubs and reactivate those that are experiencing difficulties. The Club Rebuilding Program allows more flexibility for District Governors to focus efforts to support weak clubs and those requiring assistance. Club Rebuilding focus on the areas of rebuilding, recruiting new members, training officers and providing meaningful community service

The first guiding Lions Certification training session was run on Sunday 18th August by District Governor Stu Young at which fourteen members of the district successfully passed the Guiding Lions Certification. A further session was held on the afternoon of Sunday 12th January 2025 to enable additional members to become guiding lions within the district. This will also be delivered via zoom. Details of this second session were circulated to all clubs within the district and sent to members that had expressed interest in the first session but were unable to attend on the date. At the time of writing this report 4 members had registered for the session.

Dementia Friends awareness

Arrangements have been made for the provision of dementia friends awareness training, which will also be delivered by Lion Stu Young who is a dementia friends ambassador. This session will be delivered via zoom on the morning of Sunday 2nd February 2025. This workshop which has been successfully delivered to clubs across the Multiple District provides a valuable awareness raising opportunity to understanding the issues surrounding and supporting people with dementia.

MD Newer Members Symposium

This year 2 members of the district attended the newer members symposium which was run by the MD on 29th Nov – 1st Dec.

Continuity planning for potential future leadership roles

We have been developing a list of individuals that may be potential future leaders, whether that be as a zone or region Chairpersons, District Officers, or DG team members. This list is being maintained and updated by the team for use by future DGE's when putting together their cabinet teams. It should also hopefully be of use when looking for potential nominees for 2VDG. If you or a member of your club or zone may be interested in or suited to taking on a potential future leadership role at district level, please contact the leadership development team to provide details. I am also consulting with individuals identified to

establish forward continuity planning of future leadership roles within clubs and the district. This includes identifying and encouraging district candidates for attendance at MD Leadership training events.

Spring Forum

Finally, we are working on the planning and delivery of Spring Forum. which will be held in Spring 2025, including how and when this will be held and what it should cover this year. This includes identifying the most efficient, cost effective and accessible approaches for delivering the spring forum sessions. Delivery via a series of zoom sessions appears to be the most effective, versatile route which provides the opportunity for members across the district to attend sessions on new officers training and other issues during the spring forum from the comfort of their own home rather than having to travel across the district on a specific day to attend an in-person event. This not only avoids the need for members to incur the time and cost of travel to and from the event, and a significant call on the district training budget, but it enables the sessions to be arranged over the course of a week or two so that those members that wish to attend more than one session are able to do so. It also enables specific sessions to be re-run on alternative dates for those that are unable to attend on the initial date. None of which is possible when the spring forum is held in person over the course of one day.

However, there have been calls from some people for the return of the one day, in person spring forum. We are therefore proposing to consult with clubs to identify the extent to which there is demand for and committed attendance by members to sessions delivered at a one day in person event within the district, or a series of zoom sessions over the course of a week/fortnight, as has been the case in recent years. The decision on which option the Spring Forum will be delivered will be based on the outcome of the consultation with clubs, the availability of a suitable venue and its affordability for such an event and the extent to which clubs are prepared to commit to ensuring attendance by sufficient members, as this will entail making a significant cost commitment from the District Leadership and Training budget, which will be ineffective if insufficient members attend.

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Lion Sandra Miles (District New Voices Leadership Development team contact)

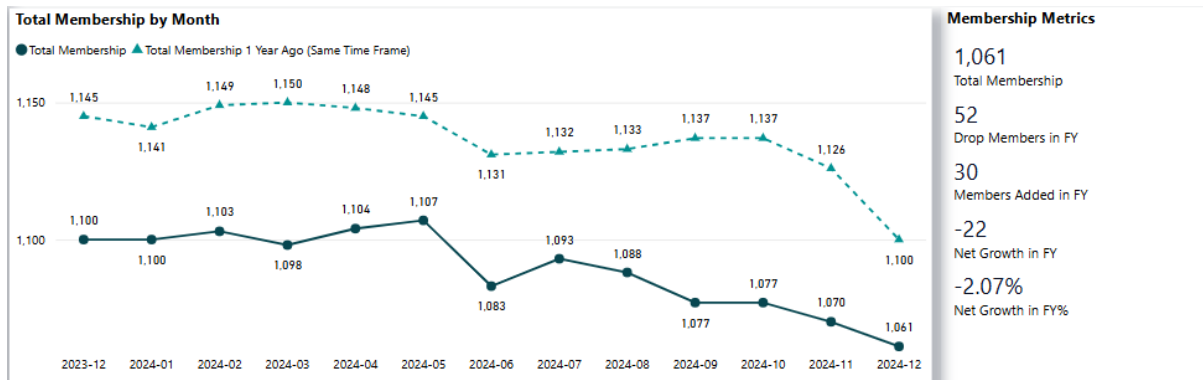
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8. District Membership Team

8.1 District Membership Team Chairman – Peter Li Report

There has been a lot of activity to date, these are summarised below.

District membership in numbers (as of 16/12/2024)



Activities Summary

- Participation in the MD GMT/GET monthly calls; to learn from each other so we can share to our districts
- Hosting the bi-monthly Membership Executive calls, to discuss plans and strategy
- Hosting the monthly club membership matters calls, covering any subject brought up by members on the call
- Share hints and tips to all club membership chairmen
- Answer queries from club membership chairmen and presidents
- Initiated the Zone Membership Hubs supporting clubs who request help
- Preparing for a speaker slot at the upcoming convention in Canterbury
- Participation in the bi-monthly forward planning calls
- Created the district membership matters WhatsApp group to share information with the club membership chairmen
- Focussing on clubs requesting membership recruitment support, utilizing Lionsvirtual.org to create recruitment plans
- Attended the Global Mission 1.5 training in Oslo

8.2 New Clubs Coordinator (GET Role) – Simon Edwards

I have been in the role of GET Coordinator for the District since the second cabinet meeting on 29 September. As this is part of the larger membership team I have been working closely with Peter Li and Pam Edwards.

It has been an interesting start to my cabinet role. I took part in the certified Guiding lions Course which certainly helps with this role. As part of the Zone Hub scheme myself and Pete Li (GMT) had a worthwhile meeting with the Lion President from NPS Lions Club. Colin reached out to us for ideas for increasing his Clubs membership numbers. A Teams meeting took place after which Colin took many ideas back to his club.

I've taken part in WhatsApp meetings namely 105MD GET/GMT and Membership Matters, this is proving to be a worthwhile and an invaluable resource.

Remotely I was fortunate enough to find a Lions webinar that focussed on using AI, the webinar showed us how to utilise ChatGPT and the Lions specific functions. This has already proved useful.

Work is underway to form a Families Club Branch in Bexhill on Sea. An action plan has been produced, we have a list of interested individuals and a venue booked to promote to initiation of the Branch. We are hoping to sell the idea of families working on events for the local community with the view to eventually forming a Specialty Club if sufficient interest is there.

8.3 New Club Assistant – Andrew Henwood

8.4 DMT Team Advisor – Mike Parker

8.5 New Member Coordinator and New Voices Lead – Pam Edwards

New Voices

Past 6 months

1. Emails were sent to all Club Secretaries for distribution to all their club members explaining what New Voices is.
2. Messages have continued to be sent to new members two months after joining and at four months from their joining month with an introduction to the strategy of New Voices.
3. We continue to participate with WhatsApp New Voices MD105 and Membership Matters in 105SE where there has been lots of chat and discussions and new things learnt.
4. We have had Google teams meetings and a face-to-face meeting with some of the New Voices 105SE team. Lots of discussion and ideas about widening our reach out to new members. We have attended some Cabinet Meetings.
5. We have made a plan for involvement of New Voices at District Convention. We hope to be giving out cards of inspiration to our members.

Next 6 months

6. We have had very little or no response to our letters and feel that a more personal face to face approach would encourage more engagement with New Voices and provide that vital link between clubs and the district. We plan to write to all our clubs in the District asking if a member of their club would take up a new position of New Voices Champion, they would

become a link for their club as a 'go between' members and the District New Voices Team. We plan to write a simple 'job description' that would include catching up with all new members, checking if they need any help/support, finding out how they are feeling about being a member and involvement in their club, etc. We think this might increase engagement between club members and the New Voices team and provide that vital link.

7. Our New Voices Team members have been very busy spreading the word about New Voices in their clubs and any other clubs that they have visited.

8.6 Wellbeing & Mental Health for Members – Avtar Sandhu

1. About 1 in 4 people in England will experience a mental health problem each year.
2. Research shows that adults and young people alike feel their wellbeing is getting worse, with adults also reportedly feeling lonelier. 7.8% of adults in the UK felt lonely 'always or often' in 2024. (Stats from Mind)
3. Loneliness is growing at a very rapid pace and the best cure is talking, often to a stranger as they should never judge you for your issues. This helps to break that thought process that may trigger you into that mode of depression.
4. I have completed the Mental Health First Aider Course and will be very happy to assist in helping and pointing you or a colleague in the right direction for further support.
5. I have leaflets available all year round.
6. Please feel free to contact me on av@sandhu.group or 07951 822015

8.7 Lion Tamer (Equipment storage Coordinator) – Pete Dilloway

The main activity of the district equipment for the first half of this lions year, has been the continued use of the membership gazebo at club events. I would like to thank clubs for their continued interest in using the gazebo at their events. I would also like to thank the members of clubs that assisted with the transport of the gazebo on those occasions when I wasn't able to do so. This was a great help and enabled far greater usage of the equipment. It is encouraging to receive positive feedback from the clubs that are using the equipment at their events, some of which resulted in potential new members. I hope that clubs will continue to utilise the equipment again during the remainder of the year and remind them that bookings are taken on a first come, first served basis, so it is important to contact me as soon as they have identified the date of the event that they wish to use this at, to check the equipment is available and get your event in the diary. In addition to the Gazebo the district has other equipment which clubs can use either with the gazebo or as a standalone item including pop-up display banners focused on membership. If you wish to use these, please contact me direct.

In preparation for the SE Convention, I am working with the convention Chairman to establish which equipment is needed for convention and will organise the transportation and work with the host team to put this in place for the convention weekend.

Finally, the plans for sifting out of the equipment which is defunct and that which is to remain have not moved as quickly as I had hoped but are ongoing. Once I have a clearer idea of how much of the equipment needs storing following the clear out of defunct equipment, I will be better placed to make enquiries regarding other potential options for the storage of the equipment.

Pete Dilloway

8.8 Region 1 Chairman (Sussex) – Paul Webb

During my term this year I have visited clubs within my Region during their monthly meetings. Meeting friends old and new. Membership has fluctuated during this year within my Region.

During this year I have completed my Guiding Lion training and recently become a Trainer for the Eye Screening camera.

I will continue to attend club monthly meetings and also assist with Membership where I can and attend social and charity events through the run up to the end of my term.

8.9 Region 2 Chairman (Surrey) – Ian Forbes

Membership, as we all know, is our number one priority. In this respect, being five months in to the current Lions year, we are down 3. There are six new members with a fair number in the pipeline.

This last quarter is, for all Clubs, their busiest with their focus having been on their Christmas Festivities, primarily with the Annual Sleigh Ride, Christmas Raffles, Advent Calendar etc. I know also that the Senior Citizens within their areas have also been entertained which has been very well received.

Clubs have also helped with supporting their Food Banks as well as being conscious of supporting the elderly following the demise of the winter fuel allowance.

As we go forward, I will be visiting all Clubs falling into my remit to listen to their concerns on any aspect, encouraging their members to take office both at local or MD level as well as encouraging them to attend Conference, enabling them to see the bigger picture.

The Charter Season starts in earnest so, yes, I, along with Susie, will be supporting Clubs, wherever possible.

Very much looking forward to the second half of the year.

Thank you to all Clubs within the Region for their tremendous enthusiasm and commitment with all Clubs certainly operating the words 'WE SERVE'.

8.10 Region 3 Chairman (Kent)

8.11 New Voices Rep DMT - Diana Fletcher

See 8.1

9. District Service Team

9.1 Service Chairman – David Harvey

9.2 Hunger Projects – Graham Illsley

General – Hunger

Sadly, I have not created time to launch the online Gleaning register, I hope to be able to do this in the coming months, in time for this year's season.

Work continues throughout the District in supporting food banks, vitally needed throughout the year, especially during the cold winter months. Schools are also supported to ensure our children, our future, start the day in the best possible way.

World Hunger Day is on Thursday 16th October 2025. Please look at ways your Club can run a project in align to this.

Graham Illsley – email Graham.Illsley@BTInternet.com

9.3 Environment Projects – Graham Illsley

General - Environment

Well, you may think Christmas is over, but it is never too early to start planning for the next one. I would like to ask a question, real or artificial, tree that is, we all have reasons for which we think is best for ourselves, but did you know you can rent a Christmas tree, and yes, it is only for Christmas. Many companies are now renting out Christmas trees, they will take them back after the festive period, some will be shredded down to be used as mulch, though others are potted and will be cared for until next year. If you do have a real tree just for Christmas, please look for opportunities to benefit from the disposal, there are many useful ways in your area, I am sure. Just a thought on our campaign on waste and lowering CO2.

The UK bee population is still in decline, not helped by open spaces being left to decline or built on. I would urge clubs and members to work within your communities to identify ways to enhance our wildlife habitats. The sowing of sun flowers last year will have helped, and we need to build on this during 2025, sadly we do not have any seeds this year, but why not work with your local suppliers to look at ways of making them available for those with space to grow them, a hands-on approach to promote Lionism in our communities. Working with schools opens so many doors.

The Great British Spring Clean is the nation's biggest mass-action environmental campaign. The Great British Spring Clean and Great Big School Clean 2025 return from 21 March - 6 April 2025. In 2024, the army of amazing #LitterHeroes pledged to pick more than 400,000 bags of litter. Where does all the litter come from? I know many Clubs undertake litter picks, please continue the good work.

Graham Illsley - email: Graham.Illsley@BTInternet.com

9.4 Prostate Cancer Officer – Graham Baldwin

In my first year as District Prostate Cancer Officer, the subject of Prostate Cancer has rarely been out of the news. Clubs within 105SE continue to work with specialist charities that offer help when setting up a Prostate Screening Test PSA event. Primarily, in the SE, this has been arranged via PCaSO, a charity for men diagnosed with prostate cancer run by patients diagnosed with prostate cancer. The charity covers Hampshire, Sussex and Dorset. However, due to unprecedented uptake by members of the public seeking tests, the charity appear to be struggling to accommodate all the requests they receive for PSA testing sessions. I am currently investigating the validity, availability and quality of performance of similar charities, so that I can recommend to clubs an alternative provider, when PCaSO are unable to fulfil the club's requirements. At my own club we have offered free PSA testing for several years and I am happy to guide any clubs through the process, should they want to run a testing session.

The annual report from the MD Prostate Officer (Jon Lines) shows that during 2024 the Lions Clubs have been very busy. UK Lions clubs have tested 11,442 men in the year to 31st December 2024. Details of costs can only be approximated, and it is also estimated that all tests have been provided FOC to the members of the public. The estimated cost of the tests is over £280,000.

There have been several high profile cases that have been in the news, including the frank admission by Sir Chris Hoy that he has stage 4 cancer. This has driven the Minister for Health to announce a formal review of the NHS PSA testing policy. Several senior medical personnel have spoken out against the use of the PSA test, as there can be false negatives and false positives. However, in the absence of a more accurate testing procedure, the PSA test still appears to be one of the best methods of mass screening that is currently available. There are regular news items claiming that new tests, such as a 'saliva test' are proving better than the blood sample required for the PSA test. However, the tests are still in the experimental stage and a lot more data is required before the test can be approved and this could take a number of years. Remember that it can take up to ten years for a new vaccine to be approved for use, so the medical validation process moves slowly, to ensure that the results are correct.

Men who are aged in the high risk group should be reminded that they can request a test from their GP at any time, if they are concerned about their health.

Graham Baldwin CMIOSH

9.5 Childhood Cancer Projects – David Sluys

Thank you, once again, to all the clubs that supported the Christmas cards sale, in particular Cranleigh, Worthing and of course my own club Adur East. I am aware that there may other clubs that supported directly and it would be great to hear from you. During this year a number of clubs held events to raise funds for Brain Tumour Research.

In May I attended the Bexhill Dog and horse show. The club kindly donated the proceeds from the dog show. In 2025, I would be delighted to support any event which clubs are prepared to host. The next national event is Wear A Hat Day on Friday March 28th. I have hat pins, three of the event hats, which I can pass on to clubs and also a banner. At Adur East we will be hosting the event at the local Artisans market on Saturday 26th April.

The 2025 Brain Tumour Research Golf Day will be held at Hill Barn Golf Club in Worthing on Thursday 17th July. It would too great to have club teams sign up. The flyer was in the last newsletter, but please contact me for further details. Any individuals can be placed in teams.

We also require items for the auction and raffle. Your past generosity has been greatly appreciated.

The cost of research for one day on Brain Tumours is approximately £2740 and clubs which have donated this sum during the last five years, will be acknowledged in one of the research centres. I have more information, should individual clubs wish to contact me. There have been some important breakthroughs in research during the last year, so please continue to support and host events.

9.6 Diabetes – Debo Kalley

9.7 MIAB and Vision – Rags Sandhu

MIAB - The 'top up' of MIAB continues throughout various locations.

Other community groups, to do with health and wellbeing have shown interest in the MIAB and are now promoting them within their own groups. I purchased some MIAB 2025 Calendars through HQ which were handed out free to some community groups and prime locations, these were received very well by all. The promotion of both MIAB and unwanted Spectacles continues through my own social media channels along with the clubs channels too.

VISION - The unwanted Spectacles continue to thrive, we have collected a large number of spectacles from within the district. I am now in a position to send at least one (maybe two) pallets up to HQ for them to process.

REQUEST - Sadly, I do not have the time to drive around the entire district looking for suitable locations for the MIAB/Spectacles. If members know of locations, please let me know and I can have these sent out to you.

VISION SCREENING UPDATE - Recently, I and other members from the district attended a two-hour training session at Lions HQ in Birmingham. The training was on the use of the new vision cameras. These cameras are extremely easy to use and now that I've had the training, I have a great deal more knowledge and understanding of how we can help support our younger community in schools. I will be putting forward a resolution at the Convention which if approved, will allow the district to buy cameras for use throughout the entire district assisting with the identification of any abnormalities found in the vision of our next generation. Going forward, we now have a team of trained lions throughout the district. At the convention I will have a Vision Stand where I am looking forward to speaking to individual clubs/members to ensure that everyone understands the huge advantage to the district of us having the Vision Screening approved as a District Project. Convention is the ideal opportunity for you to register your interest with me, whilst we all move forward together on this project. I urge all clubs to support the resolution and raise funds to make this project possible.

Rags Sandhu rs@sandhu.group **0750 6689067**

9.8 Speech & Hearing – Avtar Sandhu

1. I have attended all my Lions Clubs within the Zone.
2. The Royal National Institute for Deaf People (RNID) estimates that 1 in 5 people in the UK are deaf or hard of hearing. This is about 12 million people.
3. I am working closely with Hi Kent, East Sussex Hearing Resource Centre, Hearing Dogs, Hi Kent, Royal National Institute for Deaf People (RNID), Kent and East Sussex Fire & Rescue Service. As all these amazing organisations provide a great service throughout our District.
4. I have leaflets available all year round.
5. I will be very happy to assist in helping and pointing you or a colleague in the right direction for further support.
6. Please feel free to contact me on av@sandhu.group or 07951 822015

9.9 & 9.10 Young Ambassador (YA) - Val Roberts

Our SE candidate Danny is preparing a video to go with his presentation to convention His speech about his work with hedgehogs and litter gathering links with the Lions environmental aims. He will be available at Convention on the Environmental display at lunchtime helping to promote the Wild Tribes Hero's books.

9.11 ROAR Officer – David Skinner

The ROAR programme for 2024 has been successfully completed with 17 District SE Lions Clubs supporting 43 schools out of a national total of 146 supported schools. Each school divided into teams of 3-4 pupils and each team developed their innovative idea to improve the world. Each school was supported by its Lions Club which, in most cases, helped with the launch and the judging of the ideas to find each school winners. Three judging teams were appointed to identify the best ideas from the school winners and DG Steve chose our overall winner.

The winning SE school was Westham and Pevensey Primary, entering for the first time, supported by Hailsham Lions. The other selected schools were Woodlands Meed School supported by Burgess Hill Lions and Framfield School supported by Uckfield Lions and Uckfield also ran a 'Mini-ROAR' event for 9 schools.

The ROAR programme engaged over 25,000 children of which over 8000 children were in the South-East. The ROAR Team is helping Clubs to engage more schools in 2024 as ROAR has been clearly shown itself to be a programme which brings big advantages to children, to schools and to Lions. Lions Clubs are clearly appreciating this as, already, we have more registrations than at this stage last year.

9.12 Young Leaders in Service (YLIS) – Cathy Morgan

9.13 District Leo Officer – Paolo Furlan

Emailed Lions Presidents with the invite to connect, to share their eventual Leo story and to discuss the future of the Leo Club service within their club.

Emailed Adur East to get news about their ongoing attempt to establish a Leo Club within the local school. The club through the candidate Leo Advisor is compliant and periodically contact the School to learn if they decided to take part in the project but there is no advancement. I shared the scanned version of the current youth services brochures to add to the school offer file, so that we can provide a more comprehensive offer.

Future initiative will be:

Contact Zone Chairman to present the project of the Leo Club to Zone clubs.

Launch a Zoom meeting with club presidents or their representative to explain once again the program.

9.14 Youth Exchange Officer – Paolo Furlan

Emailed Lions Clubs Presidents with brief presentation, launched 2 appeals one for hosting families and one for club sponsors. Shared the Program official Handbooks for Hosting families and Clubs Sponsors.

Discussed the Youth Camps and Exchanges with Bromley Club, no decision has been taken as time is needed to consider the two appeals. However detailed description of the camp program and sponsoring condition has been requested as well as more information on how to become hosting families. I shared the Handbooks provided by the Program and might discuss again the details in the next Club cabinet which will take place in February.

Attended a MD of the YECs end of November in Birmingham to discuss current needs.

Future initiatives will be:

a zoom call will be organised with Club Presidents to introduce better the Program and its needs for summer 2025. We basically still need hosting families that can host foreign students for 10 days from 1 to 11 August 2025. The applications should arrive before the end of March.

A second request is to sponsor one or two students going abroad.

Ideal is the collaboration at zone level to share the relative burden of hospitality and activities to organise and for this reason I will attend the closest zone meetings or those of the most interested zone to promote collaboration.

9.15 Lions International Blood Research Appeal (LIBRA) – Andrew Lodge

Going for Gold Campaign - we are over 2/3 of the way through meeting our target of £300,000 so we hope the final push this year will help us reach our target.

Dame Kelly Holmes continues to support LIBRA as our Ambassador.

Katie Whelpdale is our new PR Manager. Her email address is Katie@katievs.co.uk for promotional contact.

The new Derek Mitchell ward, which was refurbished and opened by Dame Kelly Holmes on 3rd May 2023, has been a great success for patient care, and the new environment for patients enhances their recovery through the treatments they undertake.

Dr Stephan Menzel joined us at a recent Trustees meeting to outline to us the recent Sickle Cell research updates. There have been superb advances in genetics of foetal haemoglobin linked with his joint research with Professor Thein, now in the USA. This exciting research has now led to enhanced treatments which greatly assist patients in their recovery.

We saw in 2024 our first Clubs visit to Kings since covid and we have another Club visit to Kings planned for Wednesday 30th April 2025 at 2.30pm. PDG Eddy Warn will be pleased to hear from Clubs wishing to visit the haematology department.

Chairman attended an excellent nursing conference at Kings and a further celebration of the previous Head of Haematology, Professor Ghulam Mufti, of his career.

We are pleased to welcome Head of Nursing for the Haematology department, Carole Cobain Patel, to our Convention along with some of her colleagues to present an update on patient care and nursing within the department.

My thanks for all the Trustees' support this year and for our Lions Clubs in SE for their generous donations to help us support this amazing haematology department with their equipment needs, ward refurbishments, research and patient care.

Andrew Lodge - Chairman of LIBRA

Research at King's leads to a new treatment for sickle cell disease

As recently reported by the [BBC](#), a new form of therapy for beta haemoglobinopathies has recently been made available through the NHS. Patients' own bone marrow is stimulated by gene editing (CRISPR/Cas9 technology) to activate a form of haemoglobin ('foetal haemoglobin') that is unaffected by the sickle mutation, thus protecting patient's red blood cells and preventing or reducing painful episodes for those treated.

This new therapy is based on the discovery of a molecular 'off switch' for foetal haemoglobin, a transcription factor called BCL11, by international researchers, with the team from King's being the first to publish this in 2007. The work was led by Swee Lay Thein, Professor of Molecular Haematology at King's at the time, and is presently continued here by Stephan Menzel, working closely with an informal grouping of KCL and KHP academics, John Strouboulis, David Rees, Ghulam Mufti, John Brewin, Kate Gardner and others.

Cost to the NHS currently exceeds £ 1.6 million per treatment and will therefore be available to a small group of carefully selected patients only. Thus, the search for additional therapeutic strategies continues, here at King's and internationally. KCL researchers are working together with colleagues in Nigeria, Tanzania, Brazil and the US.

Stephan Menzel's research is presently funded by the Medical Research Council (-> link to new KHP pages) and he and John Strouboulis have recently been awarded a grant by the Foetal Medicine Foundation (-> link) to work with a London Biotech start-up, MiNA Therapeutics, to investigate new ways of activating foetal haemoglobin. Other support is being received from King's College Hospital Charity (-> link) and from LIBRA (Lions International Blood Research Appeal -> link).

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/articles/c4gzldll44lo> -<https://fetalmedicine.org/>

<https://supportkings.org.uk/>

<https://libralionscharity.org/>

Helen Rooks was part of the original team that discovered the role of BCL11A. She is presently employing cutting edge genomic technology (single-cell transcriptomics) to understand how foetal haemoglobin is produced.

9.16 Air Ambulance – Howard Lee

Milestones for KSS and for Lions Air Ambulance Appeal

2024 was another busy year for Kent Surrey and Sussex Air Ambulance (KSS) as they celebrated 35 years of service to our community. During 2024, they undertook over 3,000 missions and attended around 1,700 of the most seriously injured people in the Southeast. This equates to nine missions each day across the region. We Lions can be justly proud of the part we are playing in helping KSS to save lives, and an update from KSS is given below

And 2024 was also a milestone for the Lions Air Ambulance Appeal, as we reached a massive £500,000 raised for join projects with KSS since the appeal started in 2012.

Since our last Convention, we have provided seven new video laryngoscopes and eleven sets of newly designed medical kit bags. We are also well in the way to providing another rapid response vehicle due for purchase during 2025. All these projects have been described in detail in previous reports and newsletters.

Since 2012, our wonderful partnership with KSS has achieved the following:

Night flying equipment	200,000
Three rapid response vehicles	95,000
Head scanner and trials	36,000
Video laryngoscopes	31,500
Tempus ALS defib/monitor systems	38,000
VScan ultrasound units	25,000
Medical kit bags	35,000
Medical kit bag development reserve	12,500
Rapid response vehicle 2025 (to date)	35,000
	£ 508,000

I cannot give enough thanks to all those Lions and Clubs across the District who have provided such great support to bring about these achievements. In particular at this time, I would thank all those involved in the Bluebell Walk that has raised over £32,000 in the last 10 years. I would also thank the Hastings Lions Club for its recent very generous pledge of £25,000 towards the rapid response vehicle for 2025.

Our Work with the Air Ambulance Continues to Grow

As referred to above, we are now working to provide KSS with a new much-needed rapid response vehicle. This will cost around £52,000, and we have around £35,000 so far. So please keep those donations coming in.

I make no apology for repeating the reasons for our support for KSS. The life-saving service they provide is vital to the well-being of all people in our area, and its objectives are in total alignment with our own. Through our partnership with KSS, we can identify exactly what wonderful results our support produces, and how many lives it saves. We can truly say:

Lions helping in the fight to save lives

I thank all the Steering Group members (see list below) for their dedication and hard work, and I would entreat all Lions Clubs in SE to continue to support this life-saving initiative by sending donations to the District Charities Treasurer through the normal channels.

Kent Surrey and Sussex Air Ambulance (KSS)

Going from Strength to Strength

KSS medical emergencies have continued to grow and are now the largest mission type at 29%, in comparison with road traffic collisions (RTCs) that have fallen to 26%. This can be attributed to a number of reasons, one being an aging population, but also there are now more people within the community with more complex medical needs owing to either the effects of Covid or through missed medical appointments to maintain necessary treatment.

In its quest to provide the best service possible, last year KSS live-streamed CPR awareness training to 17,000 people, including 8,000 school children in 60 schools. South East Coast Ambulance Service receives approximately 3,800 calls for out of hospital cardiac arrest every year. For such incidents, survival rates nationally is just 11% with chances of survival decreasing by 10% with every minute without defibrillation, from 90% after one minute to just 10% after 10 minutes. Bystander CPR and defibrillation can make a huge difference, doubling chances of survival.

Restart a Heart Day 2024 took place in October, and KSS reached over 80,000 people through a week of activities both online and face to face in multiple shopping centres, Gatwick Airport and other public places. We Lions were also given our own chance of learning this lifesaving skill at Lions Day with KSS in September.

Using technology to save lives, and KSS is now testing if drones can deliver defibrillators to people in cardiac arrest. KSS was recently approved to join the Civil Aviation Authority's "Beyond Visual Line of Sight (BVLOS) Sandbox", one of just six providers from across the charity and commercial world approved to test drone use in UK airspace. They will begin testing south of Gatwick in 2025.

KSS is also taking steps towards flight in lower visibility. Currently, visual flight rules mean that pilots must be able to see 3,000m and clouds must be above 500ft for them to fly. At night these criteria increase. KSS helicopters have the technology to fly when these criteria are not met and we are working to do so safely, which could reach 150 more patients a year by air.

KSS Patient and Family Aftercare Service (PFAS) provides continuation of care. As well as providing a vital element of their care giving to former patients and bereaved families, the KSS team recently completed some cutting-edge research measuring their impact which will be used to guide their future work. One paper focused on anxiety levels experienced by the crew before a patient meeting and how this reduced after the experience, highlighting the importance of the protection measures put in place by the team. Other research focused on a patient's perspective of their rehabilitation experience and how the ongoing engagement from PFAS is vital to their journey and enhanced quality of life.

**PID Howard Lee,
Chairman, Lions Air Ambulance Appeal Steering Group**

Steering Group Members:

PID Howard Lee	Chairman	07802 629989
PDG Paul Withers	Secretary & KSS Liaison	01483 273680
PDG Tom Berry	PR	01303 892064
DG Steve Carley	Kent	07817 950629
PCC Rod Weale	Surrey	01483 898006
Lion David Skinner	East Sussex	01323 767656
PDG Paul Dedman	West Sussex	01903 814178



9.17 New Voices Rep (DST) - Catherine Bridges

10. District Administration Team

10.1 District Secretary – Jackie Robinson

Thanks

I would like to thank District Governor Steve for the opportunity to undertake the role of District Secretary. A role I enjoy very much, filled with challenging problems and frustrations, but I love it!

This role is made easier due to the support of Club Secretaries and District Officers during the year.

I hope I have been able to answer your many questions accurately and promptly.

Monthly Membership and Monthly Activity Reporting

I would also like to thank the majority of club secretaries for trying to run with the new Portal, it has been a challenge for us all.

It is important that these details are correct as it is these figures are used by International, District and Multiple District for the dues. It also enables the District to track membership information and trends.

Communications

We do have quite a lot of email exchanges and DO Appeals. I thank the secretaries for sending these out promptly to their club members.

Assistant District Secretary

Last but not least I must thank Lion Wendy Cattaway who has been very efficient in getting our cabinet minutes to me, so that they can then be distributed promptly by myself to the DG, the Cabinet and all Club Secretaries.

Also, Wendy has assisted in preparing the Cabinet & Convention Reports, which I thank her for.

Wendy also works hard at keeping our Necrology list and new member's details up to date.

I look forward to continuing to work with you all during the coming months, and I am always on the end of an email or the telephone if I can provide you with any assistance.

Jackie

10.2 Assistant District Secretary – Wendy Cattaway

This year I have done my best to assist the District Secretary in every way that I can and will continue to do what I can to help.

I would like to wish Steve and Karen a successful and happy Convention.

Wendy

10.3 District Treasurer – David Butler

My fellow Lions, once again, I have been happy to serve as your District Treasurer and hope that the following summarises what has happened during the year together with what is planned for the Lions year 2025-26.

2023-2024 District Administration Accounts

As District Treasurer, I have prepared the accounts for the administration funds held by the District for the year ended 30 June 2024. These accounts have been independently examined and were approved by our District Cabinet on 1st December 2024.

I am, again, indebted to our Independent Examiner Lion Roger Hope from Sevenoaks, who has signed the accounts as being satisfactory.

The Administration Accounts are attached as Appendix 1.

Accounts for the District's Charity Foundation and the Convention Fund are reported on by District Charity Treasurer PID Howard Lee and District Convention Chairman David Burstow respectively. These accounts are presented separately.

2024-25 International, MD and District Dues

Members' dues payments for the first half of this Lions' year have been received from all Clubs and the appropriate amounts forwarded on to LCI and MD.

Requests for payments for District and MD dues together with details of the amounts requested by LCI for the second half of the Lions' year were sent to all clubs during week commencing 6th January. I am pleased to report that, as I write, a number of Clubs have already paid their dues and I expect that by the time Convention starts all Clubs will have paid their dues and therefore be in Good Standing.

Proposed Budget for 2025-26

I have prepared a budget which reflects the District's current membership position and the potential for a further small decline by the end of the year. The budget also includes a reduction in DG and admin team allowances which should follow a planned reorganisation of financial administration. The resultant budget, although it includes a small reduction in overall expenditure, still forecasts a deficit for the year. As a result, the current dependency on a draw down from reserves will need to continue.

The budget is set out in Appendix 2 and was reviewed and approved by Cabinet at its meeting on 1st December 2024, ready for adoption at Convention.

Proposed Dues Resolution for Convention 2025

Despite the dependency on reserves to create a balanced budget, I have recommended that the current level of District dues continues in 2025-26. Members have faced increases in District, Multiple District and International dues in the current year so are unlikely to welcome yet more increases in the level of District dues when we still hold significant reserves.

On 1st December 2024, Cabinet gave their agreement to the following resolution to be proposed and seconded by the District Cabinet:

This Convention resolves that the District per capita dues for the Lions fiscal year 2025-26 shall be £12.50 per member per annum and that the dues shall be invoiced in two equal instalments being 1st July 2025 (based on the membership numbers recorded on the International website as of 1st July 2025) and 1st January 2026 (based on the membership numbers recorded on the International website as of 1st January 2026.)

Club Accounts for the Lions year 2023-24

Lions Clubs' accounts for 2023-24 can be submitted in hard copy or electronically to treasurer@105se.org I am duty bound to remind Clubs that, if registered with the Charity Commission, their Annual Return should be submitted in a timely fashion (normally by the end of April) to the Charity Commission.

The reason for me wishing to see club accounts and TARs is not to check a Club's viability or financial status but rather for the District to have the comfort that all Clubs are complying with their obligations under the Charities Acts and in so doing maintaining the good name of Lions Clubs International. The requirement for all Lions Clubs to submit copies of their independently examined accounts to their District Treasurer was carried by resolution at MD Convention.

Forthcoming Changes to District Financial Administration

For many years, District 105SE has operated with both a District Treasurer and a District Charities Treasurer. We are the only District within our Multiple District to favour such a structure – the others have a District Treasurer who looks after both the District's administration finances as well as those relating to the District's charitable activities.

Having advised the DG and our District Charities Treasurer at the beginning of this Lions year that it would be my last as District Treasurer, we are taking the opportunity to reorganise the administration of the District's finances. Work has already begun and following the approval given by the DG we will, by the end of the current year, have combined the activities of the two current finance roles into a new single role of District Treasurer which will be taken on by PID Howard Lee. Howard and I will continue to liaise in the coming months to ensure a smooth transition, any additional adjustments to bank mandates which may be needed, a handover of files and the construction of new District Financial Procedures.

PDG David Butler

District Treasurer 105SE

treasurer@105se.org

LIONS CLUBS INTERNATIONAL DISTRICT 105SE

ADMINISTRATION ACCOUNT

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2024

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LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

District Governor	Lion Paul Dedman 14 Towers Road Steving BN44 3JL		
District Treasurer	Lion David Butler 23 Richmond Grove Bexhill-on-Sea TN39 3EQ		
Bankers	Barclays Bank PLC Octagon House Gadbrook Park Northwich CW9 7RB	NatWest PLC 1 Croydon Road Caterham CR3 6XB	Hampshire Trust Bank PO Box 74003 London EC2P 2QR
Independent Examiner	Lion Roger Hope 71 Sydney Gardens Oxford Sevenoaks TN14 5PX		

**LIONS CLUBS INTERNATIONAL DISTRICT 105SE
ADMINISTRATION ACCOUNT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2024**

	<u>Notes</u>	<u>2023-24</u> £	<u>2022-23</u> £
INCOME			
District dues	1	11,155	11,475
Bank interest	2	397	412
Sundry Income		20	21
TOTAL INCOME		11,572	11,908
EXPENDITURE			
District Governor's Team Allowances		2,450	2,450
District Secretary		173	309
District International Relations Officer		609	951
District Officers' expenses		786	524
District badges and regalia		314	635
District Convention	3	8,500	7,650
District GST Team		0	263
Cabinet and committee meetings		73	135
Leadership training	4	225	474
Membership Development		95	815
International Convention Draw expenses & prizes	5	0	0
Event booking software		144	138
Sundry expenditure		608	566
Bank Charges		94	102
Donations from Closure of PDG Account			161
TOTAL EXPENDITURE		14,071	15,173
SURPLUS (DEFICIT) FOR THE YEAR		(2,499)	(3,265)
CASH HELD AT BANK ON 30th JUNE 2024			
Barclays General Account		540	417
Barclays Reserve Fund Account	6	24,945	27,606
Barclays Cabinet Members' Account	2	2,526	2,487
Barclays Event Payment Account	2	0	0
Hampshire Trust Bank 90 Day Account	6	7,314	7,314
Nat West Admin Collections Account	7	0	0
TOTAL ADMIN CURRENT ASSETS		35,325	37,824
TOTAL ASSETS SURPLUS (DEFECIT) FOR THE YEAR		(2,499)	(3,265)

**LIONS CLUBS INTERNATIONAL DISTRICT 105SE
ADMINISTRATION ACCOUNT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2024**

District Treasurer's notes to the accounts:

1. The level of the annual District per capita membership dues was maintained at £10 in 2023-24. Dues income received was as follows:
 - District Dues £11,155
 - Multiple District Dues and Insurance Payments £41,246.75
 - International Dues £41,624.06Multiple District dues and insurance payments together with International dues were forwarded, in full, to MD105 and LCI respectively.
2. The District maintains two accounts (Cabinet Members and Event Payment) for Cabinet events such as lunches following Cabinet meetings. The accounts are funded entirely by payments from Cabinet members. Any surplus generated if venue invoices are slightly lower than members' payments are credited to the Cabinet Members Account and has been added to interest earned.
3. The amount shown was transferred to the Convention Account during the year. The Accounts for the Convention are presented separately.
4. Once again, greater investment was dedicated to leadership training via courses organised by Multiple District.
5. There was no International Draw Competition during the year.
6. The balances of the District's Administration Reserves accounts can be seen on page 2. The total of the Reserve Fund balances stood at £32,259 at the year-end.
7. The NatWest collections account is used to receive deposits from Clubs both for dues and payments to settle LCI invoices, for example for new members. Once payments are identified they are transferred to the relevant Barclays account or paid to MD105 or LCI.

**LIONS CLUBS INTERNATIONAL DISTRICT 105SE
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FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2024**

FIXED ASSETS

The District has several items of Fixed Assets. These are either Lions specific items which are relevant only to Lions International and District 105SE which have no resale or intrinsic value. Other IT items, because of their relatively low initial cost and current age are similarly of no resaleable worth or asset value.

DISTRICT FINANCIAL REGULATIONS

The District's Financial Regulations, the "Procedures for Financial Governance" are reviewed each year by the District Finance Committee. A copy of the current version is available and can be provided upon request to the District Treasurer.

DISTRICT CONVENTION ACCOUNT

The District maintains a separate Convention Account which is reported on and accounted for separately. The Administration accounts above record only the total funds transferred to the Convention Account.

Lion David Butler



**District Treasurer - District 105SE
105SE**

Lion Paul Dedman

District Governor - District

**LIONS CLUBS INTERNATIONAL DISTRICT 105SE
ADMINISTRATION ACCOUNT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2024**

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

I report on the financial statements of the Lions Clubs International District 105SE for the year ended 30 June 2024, which are set out on pages 2 to 4.

Respective responsibilities of the Treasurer and Examiner

The District Treasurer is responsible for the preparation of financial statements in accordance with the District Constitution and United Kingdom Accounting Standards. In accordance with resolution 3 of the 36th District Convention these financial statements do not require an audit. It is my responsibility to state, on the basis of my examination, whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of the Independent Examiner's report

My examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the District and a comparison of the financial statements presented with those records. It also included consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the financial statements and seeking explanations from the Treasurer concerning any such matters. I do not express an audit opinion on the view given by the accounts.

Independent Examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

- 1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the following requirements have not been kept:
 - to keep accounting records in accordance with section 41 of the Act; and
 - to prepare financial statements which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Act.

or

- 2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts

Signed



Date. 17th November 2024

Independent Examiner

Lion Roger Hope
71 Sydney Gardens
Oxford
Sevenoaks
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Lions International District 105SE
Proposed Administration Budget 2025 – 2026

	2025-26	2024-25	2023-24
	Budget	Budget	Actual
Income			
Dues (1,050 @ £12.50)	£13,125	£14,188	£11,155
District Leadership			
Forum / Training	£1,000	£1,000	£225
Zone / Region Meetings	£200	£200	£0
	£1,200	£1,200	£225
District Membership			
Small Club Development	£500	£500	£0
District Membership Development	£1,000	£1,000	£95
	£1,500	£1,500	£95
District Service			
Service Team Administration	£500	£500	£0
Communications			
Communications, Media & PR	£1,000	£1,000	£0
District Secretary			
Secretary	£400	£500	£173
Treasurer			
DG & Admin Team Allowances	£2,000	£2,450	£2,450
DG Project Budget	£1,000	£1,000	-
International Relations Officer	£1,000	£1,000	£609
District Officers' Expenses	£750	£750	£786
District Equipment Store	£600	£600	£608
Sundry Expenses	£750	£750	£0
Bank Charges and Closure of PDG Account	-	-	£94
	£6,100	£6,550	£4,547
Convention			
District Convention Costs	£8,000	£8,000	£8,500
Sergeant at Arms			
Badges & Regalia	£300	£300	£314
Cabinet Meeting expenses	£200	£200	£217
	£500	£500	£531
Total Expenditure	£19,200	£19,750	£14,071
Surplus / (Deficit)	(£6,075)	(£5,562)	(£3,698)

Notes

Income

1. At the time of preparing the budget, membership in the District was 1,077. It is likely we may lose members during the year, but as we are still aiming to recruit new members a membership base of 1,050 has been suggested for 2025-26.
2. Income from dues has been calculated at £12.50 per member in anticipation that Cabinet's proposed resolution for Dues in 2025-26 is adopted by Convention.
3. The level of District Dues will continue to be reviewed annually.

Notes on Expenditure Proposals

4. The Forum/Training budget has been set at £1,000, which is higher than expenditure in 2023-4 in anticipation of greater forum costs in the future.
5. The overall Membership Development budget has been retained at £1,500, despite low levels of historic spending, in view of the desire to increase membership.
6. The District Service budget line has been retained at £500.
7. The communications budget has been maintained at £1,000 reflecting the higher levels of District web expenditure.
8. The budget line "DG Project Budget" added for the current year has been maintained to facilitate action on projects which may arise during the year.
9. The DG and admin allowances budget has been reduced in anticipation of lower costs resulting from some admin reorganisation.
10. The budget for Convention has been maintained at the current year's budget figure.

Dependency on Reserves

Dues income is again reducing following the trend in membership. Although budgeted expenditure is slightly lower than the current year it is still significantly higher than projected income. Consequently, there will still be a need to draw down from reserves to balance the budget.

10.4 District Charities Treasurer – Howard Lee

At the time of writing this report, the Financial Statements of the Lions Clubs International District 105SE Foundation (“the Foundation”) for the year to 30 June 2024 are undergoing independent examination by a professional firm of chartered accountants. I will let Club Treasurers know when they are available.

Thank you for all your support for our Lions projects in the District and Multiple District, and Internationally through LCIF. The movements of funds through the Foundation bank accounts for the six months to 31 December 2024 are set out in the attached schedule.

Since the last Convention, the Trustees of the Foundation have made two grants of £3,000 each for projects of the Dartford Lions Club and the Cranleigh Lions Clubs for the support of Ukrainian refugees and displaced persons.

They have further pledged £300 each to diabetes screening programmes to be held during 2025 by Uckfield Lions Club and Tonbridge Lions Club.

The Foundation has funds available for grant applications from Clubs in the district:

- to provide aid to those in need in or from the countries around Belarus,
- for diabetes screening and awareness in the community, and
- for the relief of distress within the District caused by natural disasters.

If your Club has need of assistance from these funds, please contact me for details.

During the last year, the Trustees also pledged to support up to six schools wishing to enter the ROAR 2024 competition, but without individual Club sponsorship. This pledge was not called upon.

PDG Lion Tom Berry and his team continue to do great work developing the facilities and use of the Lions Giving website. No doubt Tom will report in more detail elsewhere. However, there are costs involved, and the Trustees of the Foundation are now exercised in the consideration of how best to meet the costs concerned. The best way for Clubs in the District to support this excellent work is to make full use of the facilities offered by Lions Giving, so please contact Tom for full details.

PID Howard Lee

District 105SE Charities Treasurer

2 January 2025

District 105SE Foundation Restricted Fund Movements					
1 July 2024 to 31 December 2024					
	01/07/24	Receipts	Payments	Transfers	31/12/24
South-East Programmes					
023 LIBRA	-	2,825	(2,825)		-
025 Countries Around Belarus	14,046	-	(3,000)	(347)	10,699
026 Belarus Appeals	3,151	-	-		3,151
027 Belarus Projects	2,901	-	-		2,901
094 Lions Air Ambulance Appeal - General	21,328	25,051	(20,540)	(16,000)	9,839
094B Lions Air Ambulance Appeal - Kit Bags	31,500	-	-	16,000	47,500
	72,926	27,876	(26,365)	(347)	74,090
Health & Disability Programmes					
019 Message in a Bottle	73	-	-		73
036 Activity Alliance	-	-	-		-
043 Lions International Eye Centre, Korle Bu	-	10,245	(10,245)		-
062 Brain Tumour and Prostate Cancer Research	-	100	(100)		-
067 MedicAlert Easy Start	-	-	-		-
068 MedicAlert	-	500	(500)		-
070 Diabetes	3,437	400	(300)		3,537
	3,510	11,245	(11,145)	-	3,610
Youth Programmes					
014 Youth Fund District 105SE	10,286	3,200	-		13,486
015 Youth Fund MD105	-	1,940	(1,940)		-
018 Roar	1,530	850	(2,380)		-
	11,816	5,990	(4,320)	-	13,486
Humanitarian Aid					
022 Sightsavers International	-	-	-		-
024 Gift for Living	-	-	-		-
064 Water Aid	-	1,000	(1,000)		-
085 UNICEF School in a Box	-	-	-		-
098 Support for the Homeless	21	-	-		21
103 Displaced Persons and Refugees	2,653	66	(3,000)	347	66
	2,674	1,066	(4,000)	347	87
Community Relief Funds					
102 105SE Disaster Relief Fund	3,724	-	-		3,724
	3,724	-	-	-	3,724
Lions Clubs International Foundation					
044 LCIF Ukraine Winter Stoves	-	1,320	-		1,320
045 LCIF Humanitarian	-	1,610	(1,610)		-
047 LCIF Disasters	250	10,425	(10,675)		-
	250	13,355	(12,285)	-	1,320
Grand Total	94,900	59,532	(58,115)	-	96,317

10.5 Sergeant at Arms – Jackie Robinson

It has been an honour to serve the District this year and I would like to thank the Governor for giving me the opportunity.

The handover/first meeting was held in Reigate as have been the rest of our Cabinet meetings. The Reigate Manor Hotel, in Reigate have been very accommodating of our needs.

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We all understand that we are all volunteers & sometimes absence from a meeting will be unavoidable but we should recognise that good communications are essential.

Many times, I have to chase Cabinet members for replies as to their attendance, please reply sooner rather than later to Cabinet Call and book your lunch online and advise me of apologies. I have also requested now that Lions pay for their lunch in advance by BACS. Venues request final numbers at least 14 days in advance of the meeting, which also means we have to pay for non-attendeess after this deadline.

I just ask you all to please make David's and my lives a little easier by adhering to these requests. Thank you.

David Burstow and his Convention team have been working tirelessly to make this Convention a memorable one and I thank them for their hard work. Please make your bookings online for your social events very soon.

So, on a last note I wish DG Steve and Karen a very happy Convention and please be ready to enjoy yourselves at "Your Convention".

10.6 & 10.7 Convention Team
Chairperson and Treasurer – David Burstow
Vice Chairperson – Lynne Ireland



53rd Annual District Convention - February 2024 – Arundel

Our District Convention was held at The Avisford Park Hotel near Arundel in February last year. Many 105SE Lions attended along with good friends from our twinned Districts in France & Germany.

We were also very pleased to have visiting Lions from the US including International Director Anthony Paradiso from New York.

On the Friday evening nearly 90 of us enjoyed a “Red, White and Blue” themed party night and we were brilliantly entertained by Tom Fitzpatrick - one of the UK's most exciting Swing/Jazz and Big Band singers.

On the Saturday, whilst Lions were in Convention, many of our partners went either on a trip to Chichester or to Arundel – with the former including a guided tour of the Cathedral.

The Convention was formally opened by the Mayor of Littlehampton, Councillor Freddie Tandy, and this was followed by an address by ID Anthony Paradiso.

Convention continued with formal business, varied presentations and interesting speakers.

After Convention closed there was a Banquet & Ball that 105 attended – a dinner followed by dancing to a group that are now good friends - ‘The Revivals’ !

None of these arrangements can happen without a great deal of work behind the scenes – e-mails, WhatsApp groups, meetings and messages - so I am extremely grateful to all on the Convention Committee - especially my Vice-Chairman Lynne, DS Jackie, Lion Phil Robinson and for all the help received from local Lions in Zone 1A.

This all helped to create a very successful Convention for our DG Paul.

54th District Convention – 14th – 16th February 2025 – Canterbury



The venue for Convention '25 is the Canterbury Cathedral Lodge – a stunning venue inside the grounds of the Cathedral.

This venue has superb stage and conference facilities, a large auditorium and other rooms and areas that we can use for Cabinet meetings and our social events.

For those wishing to stay over, there is a range of accommodation available –

some in the venue and some nearby. Canterbury has a wide range of hotels to fit all budgets.

As I write this report, preparatory work continues and we have updated the Convention web-site www.lions105se.uk with useful information on the hotels, trains, parking and Canterbury's Park and Ride buses. There are also details of the Lions' Shuttle Bus that will operate between Canterbury West Station and the Convention venue.

On the 'Meal Booking' page Lions can book for the social occasions, Cabinet lunch, the Partners' Outing, Saturday sandwich lunch and order Convention Pins.

The web-site also has pages to register Club Delegates and Alternates and to read Nominations for Office and the Resolutions submitted.

Our International guest will be International 2nd Vice-President Mark Lyon who, along with his wife Lion Lyn Lyon, will be with us for the weekend and will address Convention.

Our friends from our twinned districts in Germany and France have confirmed they will be attending - together with Lions from other Districts and Countries.

The Friday is, of course, a special day as it will be the 14th of February and Valentine's Day, so naturally the party night will have a "Love" theme and will be coupled with an 80's disco.

Saturday evening will be our traditional end-of-Convention Banquet and Ball – with the venue's full 'Archbishop's Menu' ! We are to be entertained by a high quality six-piece band named "Plastic Orange".

If any Lions or organisations wish to book a Display Stand at Convention a booking form is available now from my Vice-Chairman Lynne :

lynne.ireland68@gmail.com

72nd MD 105 Annual Convention – 3rd – 5th May 2024 – Weston-super-Mare

MD Convention was held at the Winter Gardens Pavilion at Weston-super-Mare in May last year.

Lions had their opportunity to have their say and have fun along the way with friends old and new. There were great social events on the Friday and Saturday nights.

International speakers were - PID and LCIF Board of Trustees Appointee Lion Teresa Dineen and David Evangelista - Regional President & Managing Director, Europe Eurasia.

73rd MD 105 Annual Convention – 9th-11th May 2025 – Llandudno

The 2025 MD Convention is to be held at Llandudno. The webpage is :

<https://www.md105convention.uk/team.html>

Past International President Brian E.Sheehan, will be attending – so do visit the website for all the details and to book your place.

106th International Convention – 21st – 25th June 2024 – Melbourne

Set on the shores of picturesque Port Phillip Bay, the southern-most city of mainland Australia is Melbourne; the city that hosted the International Convention in 2024.

107th International Convention - 13th- 17th July 2025 – Orlando, Florida

The venue for the International Convention is Orlando in Florida and the website is open for registrations:

<https://lionscon.lionsclubs.org/>

Orlando, Florida, welcomes Lions and Leos from around the world for sun, fun, service and the 107th Lions International Convention.

Famous for its theme parks, exciting attractions and vacation vibes, Orlando is a top global destination and an exciting site for our biggest Lions event of the year.

The Convention Accounts for 2023-24 have now been prepared and examined and they follow on the pages below.

The accounts show the costs of the convention and cabinet meeting, the social functions and the hosting of our international guests.

LIONS CLUBS INTERNATIONAL DISTRICT 105SE
DISTRICT CONVENTION ACCOUNT
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
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LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

District Governor	Lion Paul Dedman
District Convention Chairman & Treasurer	Lion David Burstow
Bankers	Barclays Bank plc
Independent Examiner	George Coleman 32 Glenleigh Park Road Bexhill-on-Sea East Sussex TN39 4EH

DISTRICT CONVENTION ACCOUNT
INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

1st JULY 2023 to 30th JUNE 2024

DISTRICT CONVENTION & CABINET MEETING

Venue hire	£750
Audio Visual and IT hire	£1,800
Sundry – including stationery and welcome tea/coffee	£238
DG accommodation	£315
Event booking software and card commission	£208
Convention chair and vice-chair expenses	£300
Cabinet lunch	£980
Cabinet lunch – receipts and complimentaries	-£1,250
Delegate packed lunches	£800
Delegate packed lunches – receipts and complimentaries	-£650
Convention pins – cost less sales	£45
MDHQ sales surplus	-£47
Net expenditure	<u>£3,489</u>

FRIDAY - RED, WHITE & BLUE PARTY NIGHT

Venue hire	£300
Musician expenses	£675
Catering costs	£2,365
Decorations	£136
Less ticket sales	-£2,538
Less guest complimentaries	-£488
Less raffle surplus	-£460
Net income	<u>-£10</u>

SATURDAY - PARTNERS' OUTING

Chichester and Arundel guided tours	£172
Less ticket sales and complimentaries	-£237
Net income	<u>-£65</u>

DISTRICT CONVENTION ACCOUNT
INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

1st JULY 2023 to 30th JUNE 2024

SATURDAY – BANQUET & BALL

	£200
Venue hire	£4,006
Catering costs	£625
Musicians	£136
Decorations	
	-£4,170
Less ticket sales	-£638
Less guest complimentaries	

Net expenditure £159

INTERNATIONAL GUESTS HOSTING

Accommodation	£1,050
Social function tickets and refreshments	£1,708
Cabinet & convention	£515
Transport and airport parking	£96
Gifts	£113

Net expenditure £3,482

Total of net expenditure as above **£7,055**

Less contribution received from District Budget **-£8,500**

Convention net income **-£1,445**

Bank balance at 1.7.2023 **£599**

Plus Convention net income **£1,445**

Add-back hotel deposit paid in previous year (2022-23) **£1,039**

Less hotel deposits paid in advance for 2024-25 **-£2,600**

Bank balance at 30.6.2024 **£483**

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Note - in 2023-24 a deposit of £2,600 was paid to the Canterbury Cathedral Lodge for the February 2025 Convention.

Independent Examiner Report

I have examined this Income and Expenditure account, together with the books and records of the 2024 District Convention and I confirm it has been prepared in accordance therewith.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "G. Coleman". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'G'.

G W Coleman

7 November 2024

10.8 Constitution Nominations and Resolutions officer - Phil Robinson

Update on Convention 2024 Arundel.

At 2024 Convention we had two resolutions, one for the annual Dues to £12.50 pa for 24-25 Lions year and one to give 105se clubs the opportunity to use a more modern version of the Lions Ethics. Both resolutions were accepted.

Convention 2025 Canterbury

For convention 2025, I can advise we have two candidates, one each for the posts of District Governor and 1st vice. All have been correctly nominated by their respective clubs. We did not receive a nomination for 2nd Vice Governor by the due date, so nominations will be requested from the floor.

We also have four resolutions.

District Dues from District Treasurer David Butler

Retirement of International Draw Competition

International Convention Costs

Sight Project – Vision Screening for School Children

Full details of the nominations and Resolutions can be found on the Convention website www.Lions105se.uk

Delegates and Alternates.

The new booking system for Delegates and Alternates is performing well and I can report provisionally as at 9th January we are already quorate for Convention provided they all turn up!



Lion Chandra Kumar – Nominee for MD105SE

District Governor 2025-2026

PERSONAL:

My name is Chandra Kumar, and I am married to Renu, a Chartered Accountant in the Civil service now retired. I have one daughter working as a doctor with NHS and married to a teacher. My early education was in India and at 19 I moved to England, studied at the University of London, graduated with an Engineering degree, followed by a PGD in Industrial (Business) Admin and PG Cert in Education from University of London. I have had a varied career particularly in the computer industry both as an engineer and a consultant. I also had my own business for nearly 29 years in the electrical sector and finally retired as a teacher. Now as retired I can bring this vast richness of skills and experience to the post.

CLUB MEMBER:

Over the years I have been involved in various community and service organisations helping to raise large funds for a variety of charities both local and international.

I was introduced to Lionism at an early age, whereby my father was the Chartered member of New Delhi South Lions club, India, in the late fifties and I can remember receiving the then LCI President at Delhi Airport. However, a number of years passed until the year 2000 when I joined the Woolwich Lions.

MY LIONS CAREER:

Soon on joining I got involved in the club activities and took on various responsibilities. I have been the club President four times, been a treasurer, membership chair, health and Safety officer, Vulnerable Persons Officer, Lion Tamer and still continuing as the club secretary since last five years. I have also been a Zone Chairman and A Speech and hearing officer with a second term as Zone Chairman this current year. I have also been a guiding Lion for the club and was primarily responsible for the club achieving a CIO status. Before being nominated for 2VDG in 2023 I had been the secretary of the club for over 5 years and now as 1st VDG since year 24-25 and looking forward to my year as DG in 25-26. My VDG training has been in earnest with LCI and will be completing this and MD sessions in the coming months leading to joining the training session in Feb in Chicago. All along as VDG it has been a climbing learning curve as part of the DG team.

CANDIDATE STATEMENT:

I am fortunate to have the total support of my family and the Club members, whom I call my family of Lions. I am totally committed to the cause of Lionism and ready for any challenges that my role can throw at me. I believe in leadership with consensus and teamwork and can

motivate and encourage all Lions to join with me to build on our past and create a good and formidable future for the District 105SE.

Over the last two years I have been continually amazed at the dedication of the lions and the impact this has had on our communities as a whole. My priorities will be, once again, to formulate a forward-thinking policy and listen to the concerns of the of the members and ways of motivating them.

I would focus on visiting clubs hopefully in the District and identify best practices to “Serve” the community and discover emerging leaders. On progressing to DG, I shall learn good practices from my predecessors and use their knowledge and experience to take the District to new heights.

So far, I have been fulfilling my obligations and learning and importantly enjoying meeting new faces. It is daunting at times but a responsible and a challenging position and will continue to meet any new requirements and responsibilities. Motivating myself and the district to be serving with passion, driving the goals of the district into the future and “ Making a difference”

My Motto for my year as DG will be:

“ Change- a way forward” Accept with Pride and Serve.

I look forward to your support in this, my mission, for Lionism.



LION DAVID HARVEY

Folkestone Hythe & District Lions have pleasure in unanimously nominating Lion David Harvey as candidate for the post of 1st Vice District Governor 2024-2025

David has been a Lion since 2015 when he was invited to join the former Folkestone Lions Club (now Folkestone Hythe & District Lions Club) and has since held the position of President on two occasions, latterly for a two-year tenure during the very trying lockdown period. David is the Club's longstanding Activity Chair and holds a position in Cabinet as Region Chair (Kent) Lions International 105SE having completed his tenure as Zone Chair. Since becoming the 2nd Vice District Governor in July 2024 David is now one of the districts Health & Safety advisors having completed the IOSH run by Multi-District.

Since becoming 2nd VDG David has passed the reins of Activity Chair to his deputy Ann McGovern and currently acts as an Activity Consultant particularly when it comes to his club's largest events being the Family Fun Day (formerly Donkey Derby) and Boxing Day Dip.

David is certainly a person who devotes his spare time to helping others being Chair of Trustee of Folkestone Rescue, a Trustee (Treasurer) of the National Independent Lifeboat Association, the Boating Officer for Ashford Sea Cadets and Governor of RNLI. David is also the First Responder in Emergency Care Level 3 Trained to provide help and support to the Southeast Ambulance Service as a volunteer and when requested, responding to 999 emergency calls. When invited to take the position of Chair of Trustees of Touch Base Care, (a charity that encourages members with mental health issues to become involved with activities such as (inter alia) painting, singing, working a small farm plot, growing flowers/vegetables, David accepted immediately having been involved on the periphery, and felt this was such a worthwhile appointment. David also provides First Aid cover for events from Boot Fairs to the International Sambo Competition

Previously David has held positions of Operations Director for Norman House (Carers Support), a 10-year tenure as Treasurer for the Ashford Air Cadets and Chairman of Ashford Air Cadets.

David's education: Electronics & Technical Design – HND, Mechanical Engineering – Diploma, Computer Science – City & Guilds, O'Levels in Computer Studies, Electronics, English, Maths, Physics.

Unsurprisingly David was invited as the first child in Rotherham to have a home computer to tour and spend time at CBM when they launched the PET computer. David installed his first IBM PC in MEG Instrumentation the first private company in Sheffield to have an IBM PC.

Until 2000 David's working life had been in I.T., working as a civilian contractor to Bae Systems – Saudi Arabia Tornado Project and as a specialist contractor employed by companies such as Lombard North Central, Dresdner Bank, Bankers Trust, Texaco, Asda,

Kleinwort Benson, RBS, ABN, System House, Bank of America, Robertson Stephens (as Head of European Networks).

It was in the year 2000 that David met his now ex-wife Sarah and decided to leave the world of I.T. behind. David and Sarah moved to Folkestone from Ashford in 2010 having first opened their new venture, a toy shop in 2003 which has since evolved and become Frizbee Ltd, which provides (inter alia) embroidery, garment printing, paper printing, large format printing, cartoons and Kent School Uniforms.

David met his new partner Joanna this year and having proposed at sunset on the island of Kos, they are now happily engaged to be married. David has two children Jake and Kirstie from his first marriage and

As can be gleaned from the aforementioned, David has worked across the world during his I.T. career Tel Aviv being his favourite.

David's claim to fame is his Great Great Uncle, Lord Ernest Rutherford, "The Father of Nuclear Physics" who won the Nobel Prize for Chemistry in 1908 and David's Grandfather held the Chair of Electronic Engineering at Birmingham University.

David is very much "hands on" and is a very involved member of our Club. David promotes not just the Club but the Lions generally at every opportunity. David is the first to volunteer his time, to help whenever and wherever possible, and not just the community at large but also his fellow Lions. David will be exceptional in representing all Lions in the District and we have no doubt that he will be a great asset to Cabinet in the role of 1st Vice District Governor.

David has had a busy first six months as 2nd Vice District Governor meeting with as many Clubs as possible and embracing the role and is looking forward to continuing his journey with Lions.

10.9 Health, Safety & Insurance Adviser – Simon Edwards

The approved MD health and safety presentation has now been finalised is now available in the MD library along with all the insurance documents. Other H&S trained lions from all over the MD meet regularly on Zoom to discuss how things are progressing. A WhatsApp group is very active and allows us to share ideas and best practice.

I have made a slow start in cascading the training due to a few technical issues. The idea is to present this health and safety message remotely to zones. As previously stated, the presentation consists of risk assessment awareness and culminates in an exercise of drawing up a risk assessment from a series of photographic scenarios. I am currently planning on covering Zones 1a, 1b, 1c 2a and 2b.

I was generously provided with a projector which gives me the option to present face to face when possible.

It is planned to complete the rolling out of this training in the next 6 months

10.10 Members Welfare Officer – Jacquie Prebble

It has been a pleasure to have served South East District again this year under DG Steve Carley.

During the year from February 2024 to date of this report, we have lost 15 Lions to higher service.

New members accounted for 59. Dropped members was, again, staggeringly high at 95.

Please may I politely remind all Lions Clubs to request and return the drape to me so that I may always know their whereabouts! Please also remember that if a condolence card is required, I need a name and address. I also have another duty – pleasant this time – births, special birthdays, weddings, and wedding anniversaries. Again, please let me have the names and addresses.

Thank you to all Clubs who have been in touch this year and please remember “keep reporting”.

PCC Lion Jacquie Prebble

31st December 2024

10.11 Vulnerable Persons Advisor – Gwen Kennedy

10.12 Data Protection Officer – Lion/Lioness Robyn Banks

WORK UNDERTAKEN: I continue to provide assistance to Clubs and the District as required. This has been with the ICO fee process and the reasoning behind my advice, but this year has mainly revolved around other aspects of compliance such as Privacy Notices. I am happy to assist all clubs in the District with this matter.

With regard to Privacy Notices and the other required documentation, Convention should note that I provide these services through my business free of charge to Lions – this means that I have effectively donated my fees to the District. I would normally charge a discounted fee of £150 to charitable organisations such as Lions.

I am happy to continue with this as I am approached by Clubs.

I must stress that my recommendations are only ADVICE based upon 25 years of experience professionally in this field – a Club gains nothing by trying to argue the points of compliance with me.

TRAINING:

I am still happy to provide training sessions for the District if the interest is there. A training workshop has been provided in the past and I am happy to do so again in conjunction with the GLT lead. I am attending the Faculty Development Institute at the end of January to ensure my skills in this area are accurate and up to date.

PORTAL:

I have provided, through the DG team, an article about the Portal and access restrictions to personal information. I am happy to answer any resultant queries, especially if any Lion is concerned about the privacy of their information.

LEGAL ACCESS: The International Data Transfer Agreement (IDTA) with LCI Oak Brook is in final stages of draft. This will allow each Lion to access the Portal in line with UK law. The previous Agreement required a re-draft after the law changes in 2018, but it took a long while to get finalised guidance from the UK Supervisory Authority on data protection/UK GDPR, the Information Commissioner's Office (ICO) to ensure the finalised document will be appropriate. At the time of drafting, the final text is with Oak Brook for approval, which I am hoping will be before Convention itself.

11. District Communications and Competitions Team

11.1 Communications Team Leader – Tom Berry

Communications Team Leader and District Webmaster.

As a result of recent policy decisions of your Cabinet there is now a section specifically for you Lions Club to share your fun and service to your local community, this section you can share your contact details, and news. Lions Giving is a website designed for charities -it is the communications and or donations site for the Lions clubs of South-East England.

Lions Giving aims and objectives:

The Main Goals of the website are:

- ◆ Public Awareness of Lions District 105SE and the Lions clubs in our District
- ◆ Assist in the promotion of membership and volunteers for Lions
- ◆ How we Serve the community including our Service Projects
- ◆ Awareness of up-coming events
- ◆ To Our projects, Appeals and events to social media
- ◆ To raise funds for club and District Appeals (Total to date £120,322)
- ◆ Donation we have made

Lions Giving is a website designed for charities -it is the communications and or donations site for the Lions clubs of South-East England.

Thank you for all the Good -news stories you have shared on your District website, you are showing how Lions serve your communities

There is a lot more we can do to make Lions Giving serve our PR and communications to the general public and Lions clubs we over the next few months need to:

- ◆ Increase The number of clubs using the donate section s with links to their local websites
- ◆ Investigate the opening of the shop built into Lions Giving to provide clothing and other fundraising equipment at competitive prices

PDG Tom Berry Communications Team Lead

District 105SE Lions Giving

The communications and donations site for the Lions clubs of South-East England

If you wish to set up your club's home page Graham Illsley (graham.illsley@btinternet.com) or I will be pleased to help you

To set up your Clubs Home page on Lions Giving

It will help us to set up your site if you can prepare in advance to accompany the request for a club site these are:

For the Clubs Home Page

1. A picture that is of your area - highlights key landmark or location (Landscape) separate from the text we can resize as necessary
2. A headline text of your Lions Club name
3. A few phrases that will sell who you are to the public (max of 250 words)
4. Some pictures of service or fund raising but not of cheque presenting or behind tables - ideally fun appealing pictures telling a story of who you are and what you do.
5. Your ways of being contacted:
 - a) A telephone number preferably not a member's personal number or address Lions MD can provide a generic telephone number
 - b) Our District can offer you a generic email address if you do not have one

For the appeal/event/information page

1. A landscape photograph* or artwork (jpeg in preference) that can be used as a banner
2. A summary that is the information that describes the page, used alongside the banner and is picked up by the web search engines
3. The text of the appeal/event to inspire support
4. Any other photographs that may be inserted in the text of the club page (A word Document ideally) – ideally about three paragraphs
5. Please note that the landscape pictures must be less than 1600 x 700 pixels and be a high-quality jpeg for use in banners this allows the website to be properly displayed on a smart mobile phone, tablet, lap-top or home computer. All pictures must be less than 5MB in size
6. There are charges for using some of these pages which are detailed in the terms of business on the site

11.2 SE News – Edward Boyling

11.3-6 Lions Giving Webmaster – Tom Berry

Lions Giving Deputy Webmaster – Graham Illsley

Lions Giving Assistant Webmaster – Colin Ready

Lions Financial Controller – Kim Harty

11.7 Competitions Officer - Baldev Bahra

1.1 Competitions:

- International **Peace Poster** ages 11 to 13yrs, subject “**Peace Without Limits**” - District deadline 15.11.2024
- **Poster for Peace** ages 8 to 10 yrs, subject “**Road to Peace**” - District deadline 28.3.2025
- **Best Club Website** - District deadline 30.12.2024
- **Environmental Photographic Competition** - District deadline 19.12.2024
- **Travelling Lion** - deadline 31.1.2025
- International Draw - TBA
- **IPP Scrapbook** - deadline 31.1.2025

1.2 The Competition entry and rules have been notified via SE News, Circulars and at Meetings. Competitions Officer available to clarify any queries 07990550731 / bbahra@live.co.uk

2.0 Progress Update:

Most of the Competitions will be concluded by the time of the Convention, where the results will be announced with presentations of trophies and award certificates.

2.1 **Travelling Lions** - Entries are for the Feb 2024 - Jan 2025 period with current (9.1.2025) standings:

Folkestone & Hythe	37pts
Caterham, Oxsted & Godstone	34pts
Bexhill on Sea	80pts
Whitstable, Herne Bay & Canterbury	15pts

Personally, I do consider announcing the above in the Cabinet Reports, as is required, may deter some Clubs to continue as the competitiveness is readily seen.

Competition for 2025-26 commences 1st February 2025.

2.2 **Peace Poster** - 2024-25 competition with the subject of “**Peace Without Limits**” was concluded in December 2024. Winning entry was sponsored by Bexhill on Sea Lions, 2nd place by Southborough & District and 3rd place by Bexhill on Sea. The winning entry was forwarded to MD for the national level judging.

Entries are coming in from the same Clubs every year and whilst there is a fair amount of

service work involved in setting up, District could do with several more Clubs taking an interest.

2025-26 Peace Poster Competition packs will be available direct from MD from Feb 2025.

2.3 Junior Poster for Peace - this years subject is “**Road to Peace**” and there is a good amount of interest by 6 Clubs entering the competition, which does not conclude until end of March 2025. Hence plenty of time to get involved.

2.4 Best Website from a Club. Chance to improve the Club Web Site. After a bit of encouragement, nominations have been received and judged with the winners announced at the Convention.

2.5 Environmental Photography - a good response this year from 9 Lions and 122 photographs of which some had to be disqualified as they do not follow the rules. For the remaining 104 photographs, judges arrived at category winners and then the overall winner. Not easy, but got there in the end, as each individual has a preference and sees the photographs differently from each other.

Winners of the categories and the overall winner will be announced at Convention. The overall winning photograph is forwarded to MD for the national judging.

Potential entrants for the 2025-26 Competition can start snapping away any time they like. Just follow the rules.

2.6 IPP Scrapbook - After some encouraging, have some entries were nominated. The Scrapbooks will be on display at Convention on the Competitions Table. Judging will be by Convention guests selected by DG Steve Carley.

A big thank you to all the judges who enthusiastically participated in the selection process of the various winning entries. These were Lions Graham Illsely, Peter Li, Tom Berry, Diana Fletcher, Pam Edwards, Chandra Kumar, Catherine Bridges, Paolo Furlan, Cathy Morgan and Steve Carley.

It is obvious that more Lions and Clubs could show interest and progress entries into all or some of the Competitions. Certainly, seen more enthusiasm for the Environmental Photographic and the Junior Poster for Peace.

At Conventions, there always seems to be more interest shown as Lions see what the Competitions entail and can do for their Clubs. Just need following through, especially if encouraged by Lion Presidents and Lion Secretaries.

12. International Team

12.1 International Relations officer - Phil Robinson

New for our visits to France and Germany this year was a Youth speech competition

Six young people took part during the German Convention in June from Germany, Austria, Belgium, France, Holland and the UK.

Young people aged 16-19 in each country are judged on a five-minute speech on 'How we can protect the environment'.

Our candidate Ben Colley (16) did very well and came third. If anyone has a potential candidate for this next year, please let me know.

The October 24 French visit has been postponed until April 25 when they celebrate their 40th District anniversary. If anyone is interested in attending, please let me know.

At the German Convention, a new proposal was made about how we work together as Districts. It has the catchy title of MDL (METROPOLITAN DISTRICTS LIONS) DISTRICT TWINNING ALLIANCE. The proposal seeks to find a new way for Districts across Europe to work together on projects.

This is being actively looked at by DG Steve who will be looking to involve the rest of the DG Team, to determine if the proposal is something they wish to consider.

This will be my last year as IRO, a position I have enjoyed immensely, and I would thank successive Governors for the opportunity. I wish my successor the very best of luck possibly taking the role in a new direction.

12.2 District LCIF Coordinator – Rod Weale

General

It seems that LCIF are still considering the request for the individual balances for donations to be recorded and presented in different files. Watch this space.

For those not au-fait with my reasoning; At present I get a list of balances / credits for Clubs and included in that are the individual balances for member of that Club. This means that I cannot send this document as a round-robin to Clubs as some private individuals may not wish their contributions to be noted in public.

Donations

The appeal in December produced excellent results with over £7000 being donated (correct to 16/12/2024)

Overall, we remain behind the curve YTD from 10/23 to 10/24 (last available figures) but this perhaps highlights another problem; that we respond to appeals either locally, nationally or from LCIF but do not consider a "simple donation" on a regular basis (annual) or, having built up credits for MJF's do not need to donate when and as a recognition is being considered.

Convention

I have asked LCIF (twice) for material to have at Convention. Hopefully it will arrive in time!!
Happy Convention

13. Zone Chairmen Team.

13.1 Zone 1A – Report by District Governor Steve Carley

Membership

CLUBS	Total current membership	Change in Membership since last report (-or+)	New members inducted since last report	No. of prospective New Members
Bognor Regis	8	-	-	-
Chichester	19	-	-	-
Midhurst	8	-	-	-
Selsey and District	21	-	-	1
Southbourne	21	-1	-	1
Lancing and Sompting	21	-1		
Littlehampton and District	22	-3	-	4
Worthing	33	+3	3	1

ZONE OVERVIEW / COMMENTS FOR THE PAST YEAR

Unfortunately, a Zone Chairman couldn't be found for this new Lions year even though clubs were asked for any volunteers. It is hoped that there may be a President or Past President who may be willing to take on the role 2025-26. Please let DG Steve or Vice DG Chandra if you can take up the role.

Bognor – The Club albeit small in number have provided marshalling for a 3 day music festival which went well and a static 3 day Christmas collection. They have run many tombola stalls at local events and a book case. They have asked the District for help and the GMT Chair has created a membership plan that has been sent to local Guiding Lions to support Bognor.

Chichester – The club are still sorting specs and launched their Carol float throughout the city. They had a successful Swim Marathon and It's a Knockout community service event. They attend regular fetes for fundraising.

Lancing & Sompting – The club have continued to support LCIF & responded to disaster appeals. They have attended local events fundraising and did a Santa tour throughout December. They are running 2 charity shops which generates a good source of income to donate to others. They run PSA testing, regularly donate to a foodbank and picking up surplus food and distributing locally.

Littlehampton – The club are actively visiting other clubs in their zone. They ran their Santa tour for the whole of December and grottos. They have had 2 successful membership events which got them new members and their "How to run a Membership evening has been

distributed across the District through the Membership matters group via the GMT team. They have run many fundraisers and made many

Midhurst - Whilst they state they have not actively been fundraising, they have been very involved in community events raising monies for local charities and have continued to maintain a high profile in Midhurst. They provided a Father Christmas and helpers at their local garden centre in the grotto. They hosted 2 young people from Mexico and Brazil as part of the Youth Camp. They are very active in providing community service at local events and have a good profile.

Selsey – They sold 4 mobility Scooters, and 16 scooters went out on loan to needy people. Their Golf Day 2024 was cancelled due to problems at the Golf Club with a new date in the diary for 2025. Santa collections happened 6 nights a week through to Christmas Eve. They are also working closely with local schools. They regularly repair mobility scooters and have recruited 9 new members in the last 5 years.

Southbourne – They are very active locally and have run many successful fundraising events such as their car rally, cheese and wine and Carol float. They have been very successful in finding Peace Poster entries.

Worthing – They have had successful fundraising events such as their Summer Festival, Party in the Park and they had a successful PSA Prostate testing event. Their charity shop and selling of mobility scooters is going well.

Combined answers on how clubs got new members (if applicable)

Worthing – Husband of a new member asked to join at the service at Canadian War Memorial

CLUB HOPES FOR THE FUTURE OR GOOD NEWS STORIES:

Littlehampton – Had successful membership evenings. To continue to grow the club and maintain enthusiasm within the membership. To get more involved with the local community. The zoom membership meetings are really good for contacting other lions clubs as well as info shared on membership recruitment ideas

Midhurst - : They are delighted to say we have 5 volunteers helping us at events who are all very keen to volunteer and help us in any way they can,

Date of future Club Charters:

Bognor 8th March at Bognor Golf Club

Littlehampton – proposed only date 25th April 2025

Southbourne – June 2025

Midhurst - Perhaps we will be able to join forces with another club in our Zone to hold a joint event.

13.2 Zone Chairman 1B - Claudine Rogers

Clubs in Zone 1B include Adur East, Billingshurst, Brighton, Burgess Hill, Haywards Heath, Horsham and Rottingdean & Saltdean. Club visits are continuing into 2025, and a Zone Social is currently being organised for 2025 which will encompass Members attending a Quiz in Haywards Heath (with the added benefit of it being used as a potential membership

event). It is anticipated that Members from each Club will attend, strengthening Zone relationships. The total number of Members across all Clubs is 159.

Adur East continues to be a very active Club. With an extensive array of social activities, Members continue to run annual events such as Senior's Tea Socials, Car Boot, a monthly Market Stall and their hugely popular Family Fun Day. Monthly donations are made to two local Foodbanks, who also benefit from Wencelas payments (the latter most notably are able to continue, thanks to a £5,000 grant obtained by their Treasurer, Richard Behling). In most recent weeks they have run numerous festive community activities, such as a static street collection (with Santa giving out free toys), a week of Sleigh street collecting (with Santa giving out free sweets), and also a Santa's Grotto over 5 days. Their largest event for 2025 will once again be their annual Family Fun Day, to be held on 8th June (31 Members).

R&S continue to run, and be involved in large annual events, such as the Rottingdean Fayre (on 14th June), & the Saltdean Gala (on 19th July). Christmas activities included their famous Highway Robbery on 14th & 21st December, Senior's Christmas Lunches on 2nd & 10th December and also a Christmas Fair on 7th December (which luckily was held indoors during storm Darragh). Despite having to manage with reduced funds (as a result of losing two key fundraising events last year), they continue to provide extensive support to their local community. Their Christmas parcels, for example, (made up of food and gifts) helped support 154 children & 132 adults. R&S Lions will also be supporting the Zone by running their fabulous Bar at Adur East's Family Fun Day (17 Members).

Brighton Lions continue to run a whole host of regular activities, covering events such as bingo, book fairs, crafting sessions and donations/deliveries to local foodbanks. December also saw their annual Christmas toy delivery to the Royal Alexandra Children's Hospital, and food delivery to a new Food bank based at a local primary school. Brighton also donated 50 boxes of biscuits to the area's MS Society for their Christmas party. (15 Members)

Sadly, Haywards Heath continues to struggle with low Membership. Dispute this, they are busy planning their annual Swimathon event on Good Friday 2025, where Members from across the Zone will once again be asked to assist in the hopes that a Membership stall will attract new Friends and/or potential Lions. Most recently, Haywards Heath Lions were able to help local families over the Christmas period by providing much needed Sainsbury vouchers. The Club also undertook a bucket collection at Waitrose Supermarket on 14th December. As they will not be holding a Charter (due to their low numbers), Members, Friends and Family attended a Christmas meal at Lindfield Golf Club instead. (5 Members)

Horsham continue to run a wide variety of events covering service and fundraising. They recently ran MIAB events at Waitrose and Tesco. Notably, fundraising at the Roffey Club, where their Business Meeting is held, also raised £2,800 for the KSS Air Ambulance. Several Christmas (Santa) Collections were also held at Waitrose, Tesco and the Newbridge Garden Centre. Raising money for Horsham's Phoenix Stroke Club, they are also now busy planning for their annual Swimathon, being held on 23rd March 2025 at the Pavilions In The Park. (19 Members).

Billingshurst Lions are a very healthy Club, with excellent links to their community. Their bookshop is now open an extra day (making it 5 days a week), due to the increased amount of volunteers (which in turn, helps provide a continual stream of potential new-members (not to mention income)). Since commencing almost forty years ago, it has now exceeded £800k in sales! Billingshurst Lions have once again been busy with ROAR and also local schoolbook-giveaways. Most recently, Members were busy on their annual Santa Tours & the Club also provided Christmas Hampers to local families in need. (34 Members).

Burgess Hill, as the largest Club in the Zone, continue to make great strides in serving their community. Their most recent PSA testing event resulted in 1,186 men being screened for prostate cancer. They routinely partner with local business and the Town Council in their annual Search for a Star Competition. At Christmas, in conjunction with Rotary, the Town Council and Market Place Shopping Centre, they ran a free Santa's Grotto, giving out sweets and gifts to children in need. The Club also provided £3,000 towards Christmas hampers, which they help pack and distribute. This year, to celebrate 70 years of service, Burgess Hill Lions were also recognised by the Town Council for the community support they provide, showing what an impact their Club and its Members have. (38 Members).

13.3 Zone Chairman 1C – Roger Bluff

2024 – 2025 Interim Report:

Bexhill have held lighting up event with mulled wine at Christmas. They also had Christmas hampers around town, along with a Santa's grotto. They have held Tesco collections over 3 days.

In the future they plan to help with a Dementia group assisting them with a music event.

Hailsham has the good news that they can continue to use the book shop premises for the next 18 months. This is an important fundraiser for them. They have held quizzes, tombola, Christmas events and recruitment stands for their club.

Hastings has ongoing processing of Community Services grants to local community good causes and individuals. They have supported the Salvation Army Christmas events providing goody bags for 52 individuals and helping with services at their Christmas lunch for the elderly.

NP&S have given £500 towards a Christmas lunch for "Sea friends" at St James Trust. They also held a Minibus excursion for Mencap to a Panto including £250 for ice creams, etc.

SEBI have held coffee mornings for LIBRA, both in person and virtually. They also attended a networking lunch at Hastings College to give a short talk on LIBRA. They raised just short of £100 which was made up to £100. With this and the coffee mornings the Club sent £300 to LIBRA.

SEBI are still collecting used Spectacles. Their members helped other Clubs and organisations over the Christmas period.

SEBI also has been raising funds for Brain Tumour Research with a 'Quiz Booklet' that they sold online, with a suggested donation of £3.

Uckfield have been busy spending 14 nights out with their Santa Sleigh with a hopeful profit of £6,000.00. They have donated to 4th Uckfield Rangers, a £1,000 donation to groups for a trip to Switzerland.

Uckfield have given to LCIF Spanish Floods Appeal the sum of £2,000. They also gave to LCIF Ukraine Wood Burning Stove Appeal of £1,000.

In the future Bexhill plans to help with a Dementia group assisting them with a music event.

Hailsham have booked a stall at 'What can you join in Hailsham' event.

Hastings will be holding their Half Marathon on 23rd March 2025. They are also hoping to host a Prostate Cancer screening day sometime in 2025.

NP&S will have a visit to a Christmas Panto at Eastbourne on 5th January. They are also planning a Street collection at Morrisons for Marie Curie on 28th February.

SEBI will be holding a Zone Olympic event that will be 'The Crystal Maze' on 28th February 2025. SEBI has an Easter Eggs event planned with an Online Treasure Hunt.

Uckfield are planning DIABETES screening in early March. They have started the training for vision camera for schools.

At the beginning of our year before a Zone meeting was started, we held a presentation with Kent Sussex Surrey Air Ambulance presentation with Helene Pousine, Lion Howard Lee & District Governor Steve Carley thanked members of the Zone for all their significant contributions to the Bluebell Walk over the years. Certificates were presented to some members of the Zone who have played a big role in this hugely successful event which is planned to be repeated in May this year.

Hastings will be looking for a great deal of help at their Half Marathon in March. This is a good example of clubs helping each other. This is something it is felt we should do more often.

Overall, the Zone is busy with recruitment campaigns. We have unfortunately lost members recently due to changes in personal circumstances for some and a rise to higher service for others. The hard work of the Zone continues.

13.4 Zone Chairman 2A - Andrew Henwood

Membership

Cranleigh 55

Farnham 44

Guildford 42

Leatherhead 12

Woking 16

The topic of Membership is being discussed at all the Zone meetings. All Clubs building Friends/Supporters Groups to help at fundraising events.

Fundraising and Community Service

All Clubs in the Zone putting on a variety of fundraising events.

All were very active over the Christmas period with Supermarket Collections and Santa Sleighs and then the distribution of Bags of food or Supermarket Gift Vouchers.

Clubs are supporting their local Food Banks and local refuges and charities.

Via social media requests, Leatherhead & District Lions managed to recruit 34 volunteers, and almost 100 Scouts and Guides from six different troops to help 6 Lions with 19 outings of Santa and his sleigh raising £8,828.

Guildford Lions held another successful Firework Fiesta in November and raised almost £30,000.

Farnham Lions sold Advent Calendars again and have taken Young Carers to a Christmas Show.

Lions Projects

Clubs are making donations to LCIF and District projects such as LIBRA and KSSAA.

Some members attended the Lions Open Day for LIBRA at Kings College Hospital and the KSSAA Open Day at Redhill Aerodrome.

Guildford Lions had a stand at the KSSAA Fun Day at Loseley Park and assisted at the KSSAA Carol Concert at Guildford Cathedral.

Clubs are collecting spectacles for recycling and distributing Message in a Bottle.

Zone Meetings

Six Zone meetings were planned for the year, but with Christmas Collections etc, the December one was cancelled.

Attendance at Zone Meetings continues to decline with the same core of members attending meetings and newer members not attending.

13.5 Zone Chairman 2B – John Dancer

Membership

CLUBS	Total current membership	Change in Membership since last report (-or+)	New members inducted since last report	No. of prospective New Members
Bromley	23	-1/+2		
COGs	21	-1		
East Grinstead	29	-1		
Horley	32			

ZONE CHAIRMAN OVERVIEW / COMMENTS

Zone 2B has had a very successful year. Each of the Clubs has been active in raising funds to continue to help their communities and associated organisations. The next few months until June are no different culminating with the Zone 2B Fun Day, formerly "It's A Knockout".

One matter which will be addressed over the coming few months is the appointment of a new Zone 2B Chair.

Unfortunately, Bromley Lions lost Lion Jill Thomas on 18th December. She was a huge stalwart of the Club organising quizzes and the Bromley Charter. The Club and Zone will really miss her.

Combined answers on how clubs got new members (if applicable)

Transfer

Combined answers on why members left a club (if applicable)

Transfer, move.

CLUB CHALLENGES (worries, issues, help needed?) Be honest. How can we support each other in the Zone with this?

COGs: COGs are still an ageing Club that is sorely in need of an influx of members in order to survive.

CLUB HOPES FOR THE FUTURE OR GOOD NEWS STORIES:

Bromley: We are hoping to try & get a youth project established but despite sponsoring a local school's girls' rugby team by donating towards their new kit, we are finding it a struggle to get them to engage with us, but we will continue to try.

COGs: To survive at least to our 50th anniversary in 2028.

EG: Increase membership

DATE OF CLUB CHARTERS:

Bromley: Sat 29th March 2025 at Bromley Court Hotel

COGs: Sun 19th October 2025 (TBC)

East Grinstead: TBA

Horley: Sun 23rd March 2025 at Langshott Manor

ZONE MEETING DATES: Meetings start at 8pm

Meeting 4 - No meeting as follows Convention

Meeting 5 – 16th April

Meeting 6 – 11th June

13.6 Zone Chairman 3A – Ashok Sarma

The following is my report for the last 6 months of our current Lionistic year till 30th December 2024.

1. 4 out of the 5 Clubs in the Zone are very active and all have had an increase in membership with prospective new members waiting to join.
2. Darent Valley Lions Club is the only club in the Zone that does not appear to have any activity and will need help especially after the demise of their President Lion Dev Sharma on the 08th December 2024. I am pleased to report that I have now received their first report and am sure that I shall be more communicative with the club in the months to come.
3. All remaining Clubs have increased social & fund-raising activities and have been very fruitful in the last 6 months of the year for their fund-raising activities.
4. Record collections have been achieved and a lot of very needy and worthy donations been granted.
5. We started last month "Diabetes Awareness" as our Zone Project and under the safe hands of Lion Debo Kelly we shall have good news of screening throughout the Zone.

The following is my report for the actions in the next 6 months of our Lionistic year ending 31st July 2025.

1. I am together with the other clubs in our Zone looking to start a new or a branch Lions Club possibly in the Lewisham area of South East London. I am currently in discussion with all the clubs in the Zone and shall be looking for guidance and help from our DGE, Lion Chandra.
2. New club will boost the Zone membership hopefully by 15 plus new members.
3. We shall all in the Zone give our support to the Darent Valley Club for the next 6 months to support them during their difficult period.
4. I shall encourage all clubs to visit clubs in the Zone and help each other in their social and fund-raising activities. I shall also encourage all clubs to try and attend the Club Charter Night celebrations.

5. I shall explore ideas as to ensure that in addition of sustaining the current membership we have intake of new and younger members in our Zone.

Membership

CLUBS	Total current membership	Change in Membership since last report (-or+)	New members inducted since last report	No. of prospective New Members
Bexley & Sidcup	20	None	None	03
Northfleet & Ebbsfleet	13	None	None	01
Woolwich & Greenwich	19	None	None	01
Dartford Lions Club	36	None	None	03
Darent Valley	04	-01	None	02

ZONE CHAIRMAN OVERVIEW / COMMENTS –

I am pleased to have received reports from all the Clubs in time and would like to thank all the Club Secretaries for the same. I am also pleased to inform that all the Clubs have had a good Festive Season with their activities both on their social & fund-raising events. It is indeed with deep sorrow that I must report sudden and unexpected demise of Lion Dev Sharma our respected President of the Darent Valley Club on the 08 December 2024. I am grateful to all the fellow Lions who attended the funeral on the 30 December 2024, including our honoured DG Lion Steve Caeley. It was much appreciated by the Sharma family.

Combined answers on how clubs got new members

After our last Zone meeting, we had a few new ideas explored to start a drive within each club to attract new members from their social circle of friends and connections.

Combined answers on why members left a club

Since my last report our Zone has lost only one member through demise.

CLUB CHALLENGES (worries, issues, help needed?) Be honest. How can we support each other in the Zone with this? –

All the Clubs in the Zone except Darent Valley are very active and are not only maintaining but also improving on their previous year's activities especially for their fund raising events.

CLUB HOPES FOR THE FUTURE OR GOOD NEWS STORIES: -

I am encouraging club visits amongst all clubs in the Zone to exchange ideas and help and support each other's functions. My visit to Dartford Club on 07 January was indeed a very pleasant experience.

QUESTIONS OR INFO FOR THE DISTRICT OR MULTIPLE DISTRICT FROM CLUB?

We have Diabetes Awareness as our Zone Project approved and shall be getting all the clubs in the Zone to participate in this project. Lion Debo Kelly will oversee the project and shall report the progress by the next Zone report. We are planning a Zone Social - Date & Venue will be notified in due course.

Date of Club Charters: -

Bexley – 17th May 2025.

Northfleet – 09th March 2025.

Woolwich – 24th May 2025.

Dartford – 21st February 2025.

ZONE MEETING DATES: -

Meeting 3 – 14th February 2025.

Meeting 4 – 10th April 2025,

13.7 Zone 3B - Report by District Governor Steve Carley

Membership

CLUBS	Total current membership	Change in Membership since last report (-or+)	New members inducted since last report	No. of prospective New Members
Gillingham	13	-2		
Maidstone	19			1
Malling District	13	+1		
Swale	13			
Paddock Wood and District	17			0
Sevenoaks	26	-1		
Southborough	13			
Tonbridge	42			

ZONE OVERVIEW FOR THE PAST 12 MONTHS. Unfortunately, a Zone Chairman couldn't be found for this new Lions year even though clubs were asked for any volunteers. It is hoped that there may be a President or Past President who may be willing to take on the role 2025-26. Please let DG Steve or Vice DG Chandra if you can take up the role.

Gillingham – The club have attended other events to raise their funds with tombolas. They have worked with 10 local schools for their annual Young Citizenship awards. They are

struggling to get their members to take on club leadership roles and activities. They celebrate their 55th Charter this Spring.

Maidstone – Have had some successful fundraising events at fetes and in running regular quizzes. They are very active in sharing their work on 17 other Facebook community sites. They have good connections with many schools around the Maidstone area.

Malling – The club are regular contributors to Korle Bu Eye Centre and to LCIF appeals. They have helped at Sevenoaks Lions Heavy Horse show and are keen to get new members. They run regular tin shakes and offer marshalling at other local events.

Paddock Wood – The club is very busy with their local carnival each summer, their Santa sleighs and duck race. They are keen to get more members as well as having a good number of Friends of Lions who support them. They regularly offer marshalling at the East Peckham 10k run.

Sevenoaks – They have run a successful beer and wine festival along with their annual Heavy Horse show but rely on volunteers to be on team. They are working closely with many primary schools with the donation of books.

Southborough – The club have been successful in finding a candidate for the Young Ambassador Award who is presenting at Convention.

Swale – Members have been attending local fetes and events to fundraise, plus tin shakes at local supermarkets. They are heavily involved in recycling a wide range of small items. They do litter picks and support local food banks.

Tonbridge – The club have been very successful in their fundraising events such as their Triathlon, fete, classic car tour and their annual Dragon boat racing day with 28 teams competing. In addition to their twice monthly Musical Memories Choir sessions, they held a Musical Memories Concert (for the Dementia Community)

CLUB CHALLENGES (worries, issues, help needed?) Be honest. How can we support each other in the Zone with this?

Paddock Wood - Resources for events with limited numbers although we do have a good pool of "Friends of Lions" to call on. Storage Space, particularly for our Santas Sleigh for which we need to have dry storage throughout the year.

Tonbridge – Membership

CLUB HOPES FOR THE FUTURE OR GOOD NEWS STORIES:

Paddock Wood - To get some new fundraising events established. Increase membership.

Tonbridge - The results from the PSA & Diabetes testing days enabled us to advise a number of people to seek further medical advice. (not necessarily a good news story but an important one nevertheless)! : Most successful Tonbridge Lions Club, in association with Tonbridge Rotary, Half Marathon plus 5k & 10k run event. This was from both a financial and goodwill standpoint.

Date of Club Charters:**Gillingham** – 55th Charter lunch 18th May 2025**Maidstone** – 63rd Charter lunch, Tovil Masonic Hall, 23rd February 2025**Paddock Wood** – 25th Jan 2025**Swale** – 27th April 2025**Tonbridge** – 15th March 24. Our 75th Charter lunch at High Rocks, Tunbridge Wells**13.8 Zone 3C - Report by District Governor Steve Carley****Membership**

CLUBS	Total current membership	Change in Membership since last report (-or+)	New members inducted since last report	No. of prospective New Members
Ashford	8	-	-	-
Dover and District	14	-1	-	2
Folkestone	20	-	-	1
Tenterden	17	-	-	-
Thanet	18	-1	-	-
Whitstable, Herne Bay & Canterbury	27	1	-	2

ZONE SUMMARY FOR PAST 12 MONTHS

Unfortunately, a Zone Chairman couldn't be found for this new Lions year even though clubs were asked for any volunteers. It is hoped that there may be a President or Past President who may be willing to take on the role 2025-26. Please let DG Steve or Vice DG Chandra if you can take up the role.

Ashford – The club hosted a Zone Funday Day with 100 participants (the maximum possible) and 17 Lions from neighbouring Clubs and approximately 40 carers. It was a very successful day and they appreciate all the help given from the Zone and others who made this happen.

Dover – The club held their annual Publicans walk, their Santa float. 3 Members volunteered at the Zone Fun day. They are supporting local causes and groups plus sponsoring a child in Malawi.

Folkestone & Hythe - 3 Members volunteered at Zone Fun day. Lots of planned events were held such as Santa sleigh static and mobile. Boxing day dip, Annual Donkey derby (now called Family fun day) Hythe Venetian Fair and kids parties.

Tenterden – The club have held some successful events such as their annual Piston and Paws day, sponsored dog walk, Christmas float. They have responded to LCIF Disaster appeals such as Brazil floods and supported many local causes.

Thanet – The clubs quiz nights and fortnightly boot fairs have gone well this year. £1000 was donated to the school from the Boot Fairs. 50 high viz jackets given to local Scout group. Christmas baskets went out again. The club ran some Diabetes awareness stands in partnership with Diabetes UK. The club purchased special footballs for a partially sighted football group. Two members of the club completed their 'Going For Gold' activities (X50 events) for LIBRA, raising some £5939.19. The Club agreed to round this up to £6000 and this has now been formally presented to the LIBRA team. Many white goods and items for families are regularly donated from requests received and donations to LCIF appeals have continued.

Whitstable, Herne Bay Canterbury – The club have continued their boot fairs and charity car parking at a local school. Lots of donations have been made locally and the Santa grotto at a local garden centre and Punch Tavern pub went well. The club also focuses a lot on supporting local groups and individuals and to Korle Bu and MD and District Youth appeals.

CLUB CHALLENGES (worries, issues, help needed?) Be honest. How can we support each other in the Zone with this?

Folkestone and Hythe – Help needed with volunteers for some fund raising events .

Whitstable HB & Canterbury – Aging membership, so help from younger Lions is needed for physical work at funding raising events which is one reason we have stopped our boot fairs. Help needed for our May Day fair please

CLUB HOPES FOR THE FUTURE OR GOOD NEWS STORIES:

Ashford - A membership event is being planned. The Club has been contacted by two individuals seeking more information about becoming a Lion and joining Ashford Lions. The club is looking forward to connecting with them further.

Dover - Club's conversion to CIO now completed. Set of Wild Tribe environmental books presented to local school. Club continues to sponsor the education of a child in Malawi via ActionAid

Folkestone & Hythe - Building on new recruits and changing the way we do things to make the club more exciting. On track for working more closely with the local authority supporting events and possibly recruiting more members.

Date of Club Charters:

Folkestone & Hythe – 26th April 2025

Thanet – NEW DATE 15th March 2025 Afternoon tea North Foreland Golf club, Broadstairs.

Whitstable Herne Bay & Canterbury – 17th May Sunday lunch Howfield Manor Canterbury