

WIMBORNE AND FERNDOWN LIONS CLUB

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Celebrating 50 years of service



to the community

1969-2019



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A brief history...

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



Whittle (pictured) who also happened to be a national speed skating champion in his youth (see smaller picture).

Initially known as Wimborne Lions, the club expanded to also cover Ferndown soon afterwards. Since

then we have endeavoured to help the local community in various ways. Funds raised are carefully allocated by our welfare committee who have an unrivalled collective experience of local needs. In conjunction with Lions Clubs international, some of our funds also go to emergency relief after disasters in other countries.



Our funds are often used to help individual cases of hardship, but we also support groups or associations in need. In 1979 we actually replaced the beds in Wimborne hospital after selling one old bed by the inch!

Some of our recipients over the years



Shelters for Holt Junior FC



Julia's House Children's Hospice



Special Wheelchair



Impaired vision



Defibrillators



Riding for the disabled



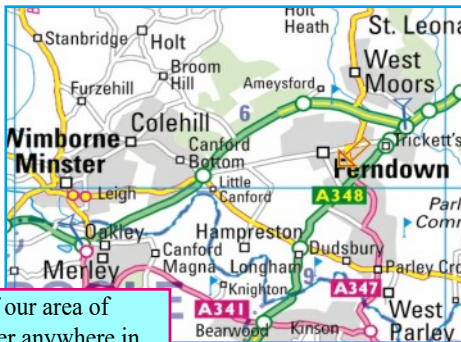
Ferndown School netball kit



Avon Heath country park

About our Club today

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



The map shows most of our area of activity but we also cover anywhere in East Dorset district when needed

Club officers for 2018/19:

President	Anne Lippitt
First Vice President	Frank Fortey
Secretary	Derick Smith
Treasurer	Frank Fortey

This booklet lists a selection of some of the things we did in 2018. Besides the items here, we enjoyed a social side including Charter dinner, games and quiz evenings together with sharing events with other local Lions Clubs

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About Lions Clubs International

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

Message in a bottle (MIAB)

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

The emergency services are aware of the scheme and can find the details, in the fridge, quickly. Bottles are free and can be obtained from your local GP,

Chemist or the Club. Over the years we have distributed thousands of these bottles to the local community.



How we spent some of our funds in 2018

December 2018	£
Donation to Poole Hospital to purchase a Newborn Baby Warming Cot for the Neonatal unit at the Hospital.	3,126
Providing 72 Xmas Parcels, mainly to the Elderly.	1,578
Donation to Lions Sightsavers.	1,000
Donation to the Sturminster Marshall "Tea and Toddlers" group.	250
Donation for a young person with Aspergers to have 15 Piano Lessons.	300
November 2018	£
Donation to the East Dorset Citizens Advice.	1,500
Donation to the Ferndown St. Mary's Church Welfare Fund.	800
October 2018	£
Donation to the "Kids Cancer Charity"	50
Donation to the Ferndown "Bus Stop Club" for Xmas Meals etc.	250
Donation to Purchase "Handy Bar Car Transfer Handles" and "Rotating Seat Cushions" for the Wimborne Area Neighbour Car voluntary Organisation, who provide transport for Elderly/Vulnerable persons.	500
Donation to Milton Abbas "Riding for the Disabled" group.	50
Donation towards the Indonesia Earthquake Appeal.	1,000
Donation to purchase a Hoist for Wimborne Hospital.	4,200
September 2018	£
Donation for 2 children to attend Jujitsu classes.	200
Donation to Oak Tree Park.	100
Donation to Project Hope Dorset to make Quilts for the Youth Cancer Trust.	250
August 2018	£
Donation to Amelia's rainbow Charity.	150
July 2018	
Donation to Hurting2Healing re providing support for Adult survivors of childhood abuse.	500
Donation to Dewlands Park Residents Association towards a purchase of a Defibrillator.	500
May 2018	£
Short Break holiday for a family in Wimborne.	250
April 2018	£
Donation to "My Time" Charity to allow for 5 "Young Carers" to have a holiday from their 'Caring responsibilities'.	1,000
Providing Carpet for Stairs/Landing and possibly Bedroom to a family.	500
Donation to a 17 year old Youth, who will take part in a Community Project expedition, in Peru.	200
March 2018	£
Donation to Lone Pine Park Residents Association towards a purchase of a Defibrillator.	500
Providing a Sofa Bed for a Family.	430
February 2018	£
Donation towards the Poole Hospital Critical Care unit 'Memory Box' scheme.	250
Assistance re payment of Funeral costs.	686
January 2018	£
Purchase of a Sofa Bed for a family in need.	300
Purchase of a Nebuliser for Asthma Relief.	350

Family Fun Run 26th May 2018

Around 100 runners, some young and some not so young, took part in the third annual Wimborne and Ferndown Lions Muddy Fun Run which took place over a 5K obstacle course held at Homelands Farm, Three Legged Cross in lovely weather on the 26th of May. The varied set of 25 obstacles generally survived the onslaught. Organiser Lion Peter Burnett said “we are learning how to improve the course all the time.” Because of the dry

weather the early part of the course was not so muddy this time, that is until they reached the slippery slide (top photo) and the tyre tunnel (bottom photo). The event raised over £600 for the designated charities.



Christmas Food Parcels

The annual delivery of Christmas food parcels to local people has been made again by the club. Club members fill bags with about 25 food items from bulk supplies purchased from Morrisons of Verwood. In a well established process, stacks comprising units of each food item are assembled



on tables . Club members then circulate, filling the bags with one from each stack. The bags are then delivered to people who have been notified to the



Lions by local Social Services, CABs and GPs etc.

This year some Lions also assisted at a similar parcel venture at the Bus Stop Club in Heatherlands, Ferndown

Lions Day at Paultons Park

On Sunday 17th June, our club, along with other clubs in the District was once again involved in this initiative to allow disabled youngsters and their carers to enjoy a day at this local theme park. Many Lions were busy providing transport and escort duties for the day.

Race Night in Ferndown

We again held a fund raising event in the form of a Race Night, held at the Royal British Legion in Ferndown. Some 50 or so eager punters enjoyed a noisy fun evening watching 8 video races and either “buying a horse” or betting on the tote. Every race was also sponsored by local businesses or organisations and the club would like to thank all sponsors for their support.

The evening was again beautifully managed and controlled by Nigel Hodder from Blandford Lions Club. The event could not have been run without him.

The evening was a definite success resulting in a profit of approximately £500 for our charity funds.

Donations to international disasters

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

Lions Quizzes

We traditionally hold a general knowledge quiz for teams of up to six players in Spring (Wimborne Allendale Centre) and Autumn (Ferndown Barrington Theatre) and 2018 was no exception.

The format is for six rounds of questions plus a picture round interspersed with a little Card Bingo and an interval for refreshments (a cold platter and rolls on each table). Quizmaster Ken Taylor controlled proceedings more or less. Thanks to all those who



supported the Lions and helped us to raise approximately £1000 for local good causes.



Giant Easter Egg Draw



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

the sheet is full a draw is made and the winning owner of the drawn slot is given a giant Easter Egg like the one shown at right.

We usually place 50-60 of these sheets in local pubs, supermarkets etc. Thanks to the generosity of local people, the eggs raised a profit of £1839 in 2018.



Work with East Dorset CAB

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

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

Social activities...

Whilst the club's main aim is to help people in need we do find time for a bit of self-indulgence too. The club maintained an active social program in 2018 including the Annual Charter Anniversary Dinner. This was held at the Broadstone Golf Club, Woodlands, for members and guests. Guests included Lions from several neighbouring clubs. The evening was marked by a presentation of the Melvin Jones Fellowship to MD chairman and past District Governor Peter Burnett.

Caravan Holidays

For 20 years the club has provided holidays by the sea for disabled or disadvantaged families in our region. Our caravan at Weymouth proved popular with families who would otherwise find it very difficult to get away.

Sadly the club has come to the conclusion that after 2018 the caravan will have reached the end of its useful life.



Choir Concert

When in 2014 the Romsey Male Voice Choir, who are well known in Hampshire, wanted to reach a Dorset audience, they contacted the Wimborne and Ferndown Lions Club. A concert was subsequently held on March 29th in Wimborne Minster promoted by the Lions with the proceeds going to Julia's House hospice.



This year we held a repeat concert on 10th March at the Minster featuring the choir with their soloist Annie Tatnall (in red), in aid of Wimborne Hospital .

WW1 Centenary

On Remembrance Sunday, in common with many local organisations, we laid wreaths to commemorate the fallen, including one at West Moors pictured here.



SPECTREK – recycling your specs

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

Great Daffodil Appeal and other events

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



recently helped in the fund raising. We were also to be found at local carnivals and fetes with our gazebo featuring a tombola or apparently a collection of cuddly pups.

Full Circle

2018 saw the enrolment of new members which brought the total of new members enrolled recently to four and the club membership to 22.



The picture shows new members Lena Garrett and her partner Daniel Whittle, with other Lions watching as Daniel is “badged up” by Lion Ken Taylor. It is worth noting that all four new members have helped

to bring the club average age down significantly.

This enrolment was a very special occasion as Daniel is the son of Albert Whittle who was a founder of the club in 1969 and served as a Lion for 48 years until his death in October 2016

Dates for your 2019 diary

29 th March	Murder Mystery Evening
March	Marie Curie collection
5 th April	Spring Quiz at the Allendale, Wimborne
26 th May	Fun Run at Homelands Farm, Three Cross
October	Autumn Quiz at the Barrington, Ferndown

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