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<b>Zone Team</b>				
<b>Region 1</b>				
<b>Zone Chairman 1A – Peter Holman</b> No report				
<b>Zone Chairman 1B – Peter Wilson</b> No report				
<b>Zone Chairman 1C – David Bishop</b>				
<b>ZONE: 1C</b>		<b>This report completed by: David Bishop</b>		
<b>Membership</b>				
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Chanctonbury	13	0	0	0
Lancing and Sompting	25	0	0	2
Littlehampton District	19	0	0	3
Worthing	34	0	0	3
<b>RECENT FUNDRAISING EVENTS:</b>				
Chanctonbury are currently not holding any meetings but only sorting books and selling books on Pulborough Station.				
Lancing and Sompting are fundraising via their two shops and have been out with Santa in the local area collecting just under £4000 in buckets (no door knocking)				
Littlehampton have been out in Rustington and Littlehampton centres collecting with our Christmas Chimney during December raising £1740.				
Worthing have been collecting in Worthing Town Centre and out with their Christmas Van collecting £6964 (no door knocking) plus selling donated items in their shop.				

**RECENT COMMUNITY NEEDS ACTIVITY:**

Chanctonbury made donations to Salvation Army, St Barnabas House and Turning Tides.

Lancing and Sompting carried out a house clearance.

Littlehampton delivered 110 Christmas bags to local senior citizens at a cost of £12 per bag, also supporting the Littlehampton Foodbank and four local families in need.

Worthing made donations to British Legion, CASS, Mental Health Counselling in total £775.

**FUTURE EVENTS:**

Very dependent on the current pandemic and the necessary restrictions in place at the time.

**ALL SUBJECT TO THE COVID RESTRICTIONS AT THE TIME****CLUB CHALLENGES (worries, issues, help needed?) Be honest. How can we support each other in the Zone with this?**

Chanctonbury – need more younger members.

Lancing and Sompting – only 7 members attended their last meeting, suggested that they use Zoom to hold meetings in the future.

Littlehampton – also need more younger members, trying to build a club WhatsApp Group.

Worthing – encourage members to become more IT Literate to use Zoom and WhatsApp.

**CLUB HOPES FOR THE FUTURE OR GOOD NEWS STORIES:**

Littlehampton now using the paid version of Zoom called Zoom Pro, so members not online can dial in from their landline telephone. Two members have used this facility. This has been offered to other clubs in our Zone. We have funds for a membership drive after Covid-19.

Both Lancing and Worthing Shops doing well, and both their Christmas Collections did very well despite of Covid-19 Restrictions.

<p><b>TYPE OF ASSISTANCE NEEDED FROM OTHER CLUBS FOR FUTURE EVENTS:</b></p> <p>Nothing at present.</p>
<p><b>DONATIONS TO DISTRICT AND LCIF:</b></p>
<p><b>Date of Club Charters:</b></p> <p>None planned.</p>
<p><b>ZONE MEETING DATES: -</b></p> <p>Next Zone Meeting will be on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> January 2021 at 7.30pm via Zoom.</p>

**Region 2**

**Zone Chairman 2A – Rose Carter**

Despite the ongoing constrains the clubs in Zone 2A are operating effectively and imaginatively. On line meetings have been embraced by each club and some fund raising has been achieved during the run up to Christmas. The main focus for the clubs is service.

I am pleased to report that Lewes Club’s Charter will still be active after January 1st. Lions Wendy Cattaway, Pete Dilloway and Rose Carter are in the process of creating an ‘online/virtual club’. Rose has transferred from Adur East to Lewes Club to take on the role of President and a number of prior members of Lewes are re-joining and will take on other Officer roles. This means we can go ahead with the new club and continue to recruit. The first meeting of the new club will be in January.

Summary of Club activities November and December 2020

**Adur East**

Activites

- 24 November – Business Meeting (Zoom)
- 5 December – Fundraising Stall & Street Collection in Southwick Square
- 12 December – Street Collection in Shoreham
- 15 – 18 December – Sleigh Street Collections around Southwick
- 18 – 22 December – Distribution of Christmas card and gift to regular attendees at our social teas for single, elderly residents
- 21 December – Zoom Social Meeting

## **Donations**

- £100 per month for purchase of items for Shoreham Food Bank
- £300 pledged to Apron Creative in connection with their community garden project

## **Brighton**

### Activities

- No online quizzes since November.
- We delivered toys to the R. A. Children's Hospital so that every child in the hospital at Christmas could have a present.
- We gave £200 and some small toys to the Sussex Prisoners Families Assoc., for Christmas.
- We sent 50 hampers to senior citizens who would normally be invited to a Christmas Party which was cancelled because of Covid
- We are continuing with the Wenceslas project helping people who cannot pay their gas or electricity bills.
- Still planning an online Murder Mystery Play in the New Year to raise money.

## **Newhaven, Peacehaven and Seaford**

### Activities

Beach Clean at Seaford Sailing Club

Use of mini bus for Food Banks deliveries

## **Donations**

- £150 to assist two elderly Peacehaven clients with rehoming costs.
- £675 to assist single mother and baby needing urgent housing necessities.

## **Rottingdean and Saltdean**

### Activities

- More structured monthly Zoom Club meetings continue. All voting still carried out by email to ensure all members have the opportunity to vote on all issues.
- Monthly Zoom Trustees' meetings continue, in particular, to monitor spending of reducing funds. All Trustees are taking part.
- We have initiated an Appeal for funds via social media, posters and local magazine articles. Donations can be made by cheque, Virgin Money Giving (via a QR code if preferred) and with a text giving service. To date this has raised £243.
- One of our members donated several bottles of wine as prizes for a members Christmas raffle, which this year went to our Charity account rather than our usual raffle for Admin. It raised £210.
- We received a donation of £410 from a supporter we know favours sight projects.
- £98 received from HMRC for gift aid adding to the Virtual New York Marathon sponsorship.

**Donations:**

- £450 to Lions Sight Savers
- £100 to support a disadvantaged Woodingdean Family with their heating costs. They were too early to apply to the Brighton Wenceslas project for help.
- 44 Christmas packages were delivered through local schools and churches for a total of 56 adults and 73 children, including 13 single lonely seniors. The total cost to the Club was £736

Higher service - Lion Dave Coldman

**Zone Chairman 2B – Paul Webb**

What a year like others all that was planned mainly had to be postponed.

Zone 2B have had regular Zone meetings all by zoom of course. These have been fairly well attended, at the first meeting of the year we had 33 Lions online. Fran Starry was our guest at this meeting.

Clubs in Zone 2B met by Zoom, although some Clubs did manage a few meetings face to face in the summer when the restrictions on meeting were relaxed. Clubs are also having social gatherings virtually.

Whilst most of the fund-raising activities that Clubs had planned had to be put on hold some Clubs did manage to raise funds, Bexhill's pink Flamingos being one, if you have not seen them then a visit to their Facebook page is a must.

Christmas a busy time for Clubs with fund raising was either postponed or changed to fit the requirements/rules due to the pandemic. Clubs did manage to take out their sleighs using them for PR and having a 'Just giving page' for donations, some Clubs did well and raised a few thousand pounds.

Most Clubs in Zone 2B are managing well and some have managed to attract and badge new members. It is though with regret that I have to report that Eastbourne Club closed on 31<sup>st</sup> December 2020 despite efforts by myself, The District Governor, Club Liaison Wendy and others from the membership team to keep them open.

Plans for the rest of the year. We will continue to meet as a Zone by Zoom until we can meet face to face, which hopefully will not be too long. I will attend Clubs meetings whenever possible and I will help Clubs in any way I can.

Clubs know that I am here for whatever they may want, even if a member just wants a chat.

Finally, I would like to thank District Governor Ian for the opportunity to serve as Zone 2B Chairman.

## **Zone Chairman 2C – Neal Charlesworth**

What a testing but interesting 6 months! I would like to record my congratulations to all the clubs in 2c, both large and small for the way they have risen to the challenges met and resolutely soldiered on in such a positive way.

**CROWBOROUGH.** L.P. Ron offered very gratifying news stating that they had managed to set up a Christmas cheer table in the town, which brought in donations and, more significantly, he was very happy to report that the owner of a local taxi firm, on hearing that members were unable to tow their sleigh around the town, offered to help with the sleigh using his truck. Since the start of this “Lions’ year”, despite all the restrictions placed upon us and the fact that they are a small club with the majority of their members being in the elderly and therefore more vulnerable health classifications, they have soldiered on and managed several welfare donations. Zoom meetings, often involving the great majority of their members, have continued with the occasional quizzes to entertain the members.

**PADDOCK WOOD.** L.P. Alan has reported that they have managed to complete the majority of their sleigh routes whilst conforming to the COVID 19 regulations that have beset us all. (Remember in my last report they reported the theft of their generator thankfully replaced by the loan of another by a supportive resident). Since the start of this “Lions’ year” they have been working on new strategies for recruitment and operational practices across their very widespread village orientated area and this continues. Business meetings have continued on “zoom” and the club has also been able to fulfil welfare support in their area.

**SOUTHBOROUGH.** L.P. Christine reported that they were able to overcome the problems raised by their local council and managed to run the majority of their sleigh routes. They are already considering alternative “versions of deployment” for their sleigh as they cannot guarantee the loan of transport next year. They have made their usual delivery of Christmas hampers. Christine has also reported that they have potentially two new members.

**SEVENOAKS.** L.P. Oliver reported that they have successfully delivered Christmas hampers again this year and supported two of their “regular” local charity worthy causes. They have continued to hold “zoom” business / social meetings and Oliver thanks his club officials for carrying out their tasks in a very competent way.

**TONBRIDGE.** L.P. Keith has been happy to report that their club’s “Christmas” activities have proceeded, with appropriate modifications to suit the times, very well. The “president’s drinks” event presented” on line” with all members having been given a bottle of wine (for mulling) before hand was well received! The “Christmas barrel organ” operated on all but the last two scheduled days and raised a goodly sum of money. Many members of the public thanked the lions in attendance for bringing a bit of Christmas cheer to town.

We are now considering possible zone projects for 2021 and I wish to thank the club presidents for their willingness to pass on snippets of interest when we chat on the 'phone or exchange Emails. **Here's to a better 2021**

### Region 3

#### Zone Chairman 3A – Malcolm Luxton

Sadly, the SE moving into tier4 has meant that even clubs who had Christmas activities arranged had to cancel them in the end. We hope clubs can resume normal activities soon.

#### Zone Chairman 3B – Steve Carley

<b>ZONE:</b>	<b>3B</b>	<b>This report completed by: Steve Carley</b>
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#### Membership

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DEAL-	10	0	0	0
THANET -	21	0	0	1
WHITSTABLE & HERNE BAY -	27	0	0	1 ?

#### ZONE FUNDRAISING ACTIVITY:

As with a lot of clubs in our District –this past Lions year has greatly affected fundraising activities in our Zone with 2 clubs in our Zone being unable to meet in person and fundraise. BUT all clubs have managed to do some; of which here is a summary of activities –

#### CANTERBURY

The members of the University of Kent Lions Club held an online quiz just before Christmas which was supported by Canterbury & Thanet Lions club members plus PDG Mike Parker. Those proceeds went to East Kent Mind.

## **DEAL**

A table top sale was held under COVID safe rules.

## **THANET**

Lions club masks were sold

Grants had been applied for to supermarkets and successful

Club members and the public were encouraged to link their Amazon A/c to Amazon smile when shopping and the club receives 0.5% on every purchase.

A Christmas tin shake happened briefly at local Tesco before being put in to Tier 4

An online pumpkin carving competition was trialled via clubs Facebook page using PayPal

Christmas baskets were placed in local care homes to raffle amongst residents which proved successful

A village Christmas Advent calendar in people's windows was hosted in Birchington and Bob & Jacquie Prebble joined in and all proceeds from event were donated to the club online

## **WHITSTABLE & HERNE BAY**

Easter baskets were raffled in pubs when they reopened.

Our boot fairs resumed briefly and provided greatly needed funds

## **ZONE COMMUNITY NEEDS ACTIVITY:**

Luckily all 4 clubs in the Zone were still able to have community needs activities – Here is a summary

### **CANTERBURY**

Donations were made to LCIF Lebanon appeal, local cricket club and MS Therapy centre. Christmas parcels were paid for and our annual Community Award winners.

### **DEAL**

A 3D printer was supplied to an individual for the production of Full Facial Masks for frontline workers and local businesses. Furniture and white goods (With PAT testing done) have been donated to the club, refurbished and then passed on to individuals. A BT phone box was been purchased for a £1 and turned into the space for a defibrillator in the local community. The club has also

### **THANET**

With an MD grant, donations were made for PPE Visors to be made and given out free plus microwaves & kettles were purchased in staff areas at the local hospital. Many individuals have been given support for clothing and furniture throughout the year and a local Under 12 football club had their kit sponsored. Unfortunately our annual Christmas Hamper packing couldn't occur at Tesco's so we purchased over



260 Tesco vouchers which went out to the community via our agency referrals and individual nominations.

### **WHITSTABLE & HERNE BAY**

Play equipment for families facing a difficult time in lockdown. We donated money to SERV Blood runners, Canterbury Food Bank, local schools, churches, Air Ambulance, Message in a Wallet plus others and to companies making visors for front line workers. Donations to the local refuge were also made for Christmas along with shopping vouchers donated to a local school.

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

All clubs are experiencing restrictions (obviously) in meeting physically and 2 clubs in our Zone have been unable to meet via Zoom or otherwise BUT they still keep in contact by phone and email

### **CLUB HOPES FOR THE FUTURE OR GOOD NEWS STORIES:**

All clubs are hoping to get back fundraising in person

### **Date of Club Charters:**

**CANTERBURY – planned for October 2021**

**DEAL – planned for May 2021**

**THANET - tba**

**WHITSTABLE & HERNE BAY – intention is to have a combined hand over and charter in June**

**ZONE MEETING DATES:- Meetings start at 7.30pm. Wednesday following Cabinet meeting. All are welcome**

Meeting 5 - 21<sup>st</sup> April 2021 Venue -

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/8546474931?pwd=K1hXWnN>

Meeting 6 - 16<sup>th</sup> June 2021 Venue - tba

**Zone Chairman 3C – David Harvey**

**No report**

**Region 4**

**Zone Chairman 4A – Ranjit Deogun**

**No report**

**Zone Chairman 4B – Michael Ryan**

What started as a normal calendar year rapidly turned, from March 2020, into a unique and ongoing period of unprecedented challenge which, looking on the bright side, may

have unwittingly released opportunity for future organisational advancement in the digital age.

As has been the case with all Clubs, those in Zone 4B have, out of necessity, adjusted to life on-line with the majority of Business and social meetings now taking place via Zoom or similar forums. This would have been unthinkable pre-COVID-19. Arguably, one positive outcome is that meetings are more streamlined and focused, but a downside has been the exclusion of those who, for whatever reason, are unable to partake on-line. As might be expected the personal welfare of individual Lion members has been at the forefront of every Club's actions and some Clubs have, when circumstances have permitted, met in person, enhancing individual relationships in the process. In addition, Clubs have developed both formal and informal systems of ensuring members keep in regular contact in commendable efforts to maintain cohesion and morale.

Conscious of the fact that since July 2020 there has been no active Lions Club presence in Godalming and the surrounding villages, each Club is very mindful of the need, particularly in the short term, to preserve existing membership until we emerge from the pandemic. To date, membership levels have been relatively stable and, as of October 2020, the Zone had 198 members. As identified last year the age profile is not reducing, and the filling of Officer roles can often be problematic. Interestingly, Guildford have established a focus group to examine how the Club might wish to adjust its approach to recruitment against a background of seismic change in the service and voluntary sector in the last decade or so.

Pandemic triggered cancellation of many of our traditional public fundraising events has resulted in huge reductions to customary income. However, all Clubs were in good fiscal health at the onset of the pandemic and, through good management, have remained so with spends adjusted accordingly. Clubs have also risen to the challenge of the pandemic by creatively identifying other opportunities to raise funds through, for example, plant sales, on-line fee-paying talks, small lotteries, market stalls, survival football and more. Clubs have also maintained limited public visibility by reaching out to their communities offering voluntary service in simple but effective ways such as marshalling at COVID-19 test stations and Remembrance Day Parades and interacting with other charities to deliver food / gifts to vulnerable clients. Some Clubs have maintained an excellent on-line and social media presence, promoting Lions work and linking to vital services.

All Clubs have continued to receive applications for assistance, with each diligently responding in the most appropriate manner. Food Bank demand has increased and again Clubs have, whenever possible, responded favourably with donations and / or practical help. The current vacuum at Godalming has been filled by surrounding Clubs. In addition, the Zone identified and responded to a need for recycling and distributing donated laptops to individuals and families in need, thereby reducing isolation and increasing educational opportunities.

In conclusion, I consider the combined efforts of the Clubs in Zone 4B to be outstanding in these extraordinary times, particularly when one considers that a great number of

members were, by definition of age and personal circumstances, classed a “vulnerable” under HMG guidelines.

**Zone Chairman 4C – Ian Macauley**

**Zone 4C Clubs, Bromley, Caterham, Oxted and Godstone (COGS) East Grinstead and Horley**

It is pleasing to report that all clubs in Zone 4C regularly take an active part in all Zone Meetings which are all very well attended. As Zone Chairman, I have undertaken half of my Zone Meeting visits to Club Business Meetings which have been very positive and interesting in spite of the difficult unprecedented times we are going through. I am in discussion with Bromley club to attend their next Business Meeting on Zoom and will also be talking to East Grinstead to arrange theirs. It is also good to see that all clubs in the zone are continuing to support their communities. They are actively seeking new members as three of the four clubs have either inducted new members or have potential members in the pipeline. It was very pleasing to see that on my Zoom meeting at a Horley club Business Meeting that two prospective members were active in the discussions and eager to become involved in Club projects. It was also mentioned that there are a couple of other potential new members in the background.

Also, on the subject of potential new members clubs are interested in participating in a link with Young Farmers locally and hope that the new vaccines will enable face to face meetings to take place in due course.

Our first Zone Meeting was attended by Lion Frank Lees who gave an excellent talk on the management of people aspects of Lions Clubs. His professional experience in leadership shone through and provided guidance and food for thought.

At our second Zone Meeting, Lion Deric Quaile gave an interesting talk with slides on the setting up of a Leo Club in Guildford which also involved students at the University Campus.

The next Zone Meeting will be held in the first week of January when we look forward to welcoming Lion Mike Parker to address us. This is very relevant at the current time in view of plans to reform a Lions club in Crawley. The previous club folded a couple of years ago and the town has suffered massively as the pandemic has hit nearby Gatwick Airport which is only a few miles away and has caused a large number of redundancies. Mike is very keen to work with us on this project and it is very pleasing to have received an offer from District Governor Ian for the assistance of his own club of East Grinstead., the previous Crawley club being the mother club of East Grinstead.

Club Projects around the Zone.

**Bromley Club**

Unable to do their usual annual Christmas Collection outside Bromley Station as their request was declined due to pandemic. However, they have continued their ongoing project of delivering “Cream Teas to the Elderly” in aid of Macmillan Nurses.

**Caterham Oxted and Godstone Club**

Santa’s Socially Distanced Tour of Caterham Village, Bletchingley, Godstone and South Godstone,

Very recently received a request to assist with car parking marshalling at a local Covid19 vaccination hub in Caterham which some members have volunteered for.

**East Grinstead Club**

Car Park marshalling for flu vaccination clinics.

Static Booksale’s at East Grinstead and Lingfield Stations

Christmas Raffle 4<sup>th</sup> to 11<sup>th</sup> December

**Horley Club**

Manufacture and sale of Christmas items made from pallets.

Booksale at Gatwick Airport Station

Christmas parcels to those in need

Father Christmas Collections around Horley streets.

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