



# The Lions Club of Chichester

Serving the people of the Chichester area  
since 1966.

Do you feel community spirited?

We are looking for men and women  
of all ages, to join us  
in helping our community.

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[www.chilions.org.uk](http://www.chilions.org.uk)

You can also email [membership@chilions.org](mailto:membership@chilions.org)  
and we will get in touch to answer any  
questions you may have.

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## Who are the Lions

**The Lions Club of Chichester** was formed nearly 60 years ago as part of LIONS CLUBS INTERNATIONAL (LCI), the world's largest network of service clubs.

Originating in 1917 in Chicago, Illinois, clubs were created to help those in need during the Great Depression. This was expanded over many years and now there are Lions Clubs in over 200 countries to support and assist people wherever they might be in the world regardless of colour or creed.

## How do we fit in?

Chichester Lions Club was formed in 1966 to serve the local community of Chichester and the surrounding area. We also support LCI on national and international projects to help those in need, be it from ill-health or natural disasters.

## How do we achieve this?



We meet on the first Tuesday of each month at the Fishbourne Centre, Blackboy Lane at 7.45 pm to talk about our current projects and plan future ones.

You are welcome to join us at any of these meetings to find out more and to meet the members.

A social event is also held each month, usually on the third Tuesday of each month.

The club has a variety of sub committees which help us to manage our projects.

## Sight:

This committee organises the recycling of unwanted spectacles, which are received from all over the UK and then processed at our workshop based at the Apuldram Centre. This part of our activities has international recognition.



The reusable spectacles are forwarded to our fellow Lions at Medico France in Le Havre where spectacles are graded.

We have also shipped spectacles directly to known contacts undertaking eye clinics in Papua New Guinea, Sri Lanka, Ghana, Nigeria, Nepal and Zambia

We support volunteers from the Unite for Sight charity with a supply of spectacles to take with them on missions to countries across the world.

Nothing is wasted - materials from spectacles that are unsuitable for recycling are used to raise funds for the project, as well as supporting sight related research and charitable projects around the world, such as the LCI's eye camps which are set up wherever they are needed to treat cataracts and river blindness.

## Activities:

This is the committee that arranges the many fundraising events in and around Chichester. These are just a few.

We organise a popular **Swimathon**, allowing local organisations to raise money for their own funds.



Father Christmas's Carol Float travels around the city in December.



The Mayor joined us at Sage House to launch the Carol Float and helped to present cheques to local charities.

## Activities cont...



We often organise stalls at local events to raise funds. This picture shows a stall at the Chichester Gala.

Along with other Lions clubs in the area, we supplied enough funds to fit two **Kent, Surrey and Sussex Air Ambulances** with ground breaking technology to enable them to fly at night. Some of the first helicopters in the UK to be fitted with this vital equipment.



Certificate of Appreciation  
Presented to  
**Lions Club of Chichester**  
**£3,011.10**

We would like to thank you on behalf of the staff, crew and over 2,000 patients attended by the Air Ambulance each year. We are here only because of you!  
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We also support other charities such as **Save the Children** and **Macmillan Nurses** to name but two.

## Health & Welfare:

This committee deals with requests for funding or assistance and matters related to health and welfare. They investigate requests and then make recommendations at the monthly business meeting for the whole club to consider.

Lions also support "Message in a Bottle" and "Message in a Wallet", alongside "Medic Alert" which is supported by Lions Clubs within the UK. These can be a great help to the emergency services as they alert them to vital medical information about a casualty.



**Presentation of Defibrillator to Chichester Scout Group.**

**Presentation of a Cheque to The Friends of Chichester Hospital for vital equipment**



## Youth:

Chichester Lions have donated a series of children's books to primary schools in the area to help children learn about the environmental impact of plastics in our seas and other environmental issues, which are endangering our wildlife.



Each book follows the story of a well-loved animal as they encounter ocean plastic and how, through the help of people, the animals are rescued, rehabilitated, and released back to their home.

A total 14 schools each received a set of seven books.



## Social:

A social event is held each month, usually on the third Tuesday of each month, partners are welcome to join us.

The club has a very active social programme, ranging from formal dinners to skittles evenings and BBQs to name a few.



We have links with the Lions Club of Vallée d'Or and we are twinned with The Lions Club of Chartres. We are also represented on the city's Twinning Committee.



Now you know more about us why not  
come along to one of our meetings  
and find out more?

What will be your reason for joining us?

- I want to join a group that is a charity and whose members share my interests.
- I want to put something back into my community.
- The community has helped me and I want to help in return.
- My employer is encouraging me to become more involved with my local community.

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