

LIONS CLUBS INTERNATIONAL

55th District 105SE Convention

District Governor Chandra Kumar



6th – 8th February 2026

Reigate



Lions Clubs International

International Association of Lions Clubs
District 105 SE

STANDING ORDERS for use at DISTRICT CONVENTION

1. The rules of parliamentary procedure as laid down in Roberts Rules will 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.
3. (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.
- 4 (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 2026

6. District Governor Team

6.1 District Governor – Chandra Kumar

Fellow Lions welcome to this 4th Cabinet meeting and the District Convention being held at the Reigate Manor Hotel.

At this point in time almost half the current Lionistic year has elapsed, and we need to note and take a look at what has been achieved, what is there more to do and more importantly how we need to achieve the rest of our district goals and targets as defined at beginning of the year.

As you all may recall that my theme and motto for the year have been " Change – A way forward. Accept with Pride and Serve". Change fellow Lions in any aspect of life is inevitable. It allows us to move forward in this fast moving technological age, and if we do not accept and falter, we are left behind and get buried in an abyss from which there is no option of progression to keep with the times. During this half year the progress has been slow in that some of our goals are within target whereas others we need to put in more hard work to realise them. Our goals as such are driven by our core values and most important of them all is of course membership, the others being, Service reporting, creating new clubs and support of LCIF. The first one I am pleased say, the membership is on target and achievable, thanks to our, GAT, GMT, GET who have been working hard to that end. The use of Guiding Lions and creating road shows effectively has helped in realising this our goal. Sadly, this cannot be said of our efforts in creating new clubs or in fact increasing our service reporting, which is slightly higher but still nowhere near the target. The support for LCIF too has been there but slow and we certainly need to make most clubs aware of its importance in our role as lions.

Rather than dwell anymore on our achievements and successes which have been far and few in between but nevertheless important, I would first like to remind our members of our core values in detail and what they mean:

1. Commitment to SERVICE: To bring positive 'Change' to whosoever we serve and be responsive to the needs of our communities.
2. Dedication to EXCELLENCE: We strive for excellence and measure this by the impact on every community and are passionate about the causes we serve.
3. Appreciation for DIVERSITY: Diversity is our strength both in membership and service and it starts with fostering understanding, appreciating our differences, and valuing our unique talents and experiences. "Together we can do more".
4. Dynamic COLLABORATION: We live by collaborating with our communities, both locally and globally. We strive to work together as a team, leave our differences behind, learn to solve our problems and meet challenges that affect our communities
5. Personal and professional INTEGRITY: We live by the principles of "Good citizenship", be dependable, trustworthy and accountable for our actions.

6. Spirit of INNOVATION: We seek to embrace new ideas good practices and continual improvement in embracing growth and creativity.

Let us take into account each of these core values which in most parts is what Lions thrive upon and clearly remind ourselves to put it in action.

Our notable successes have been, in two instances, the support of LIBRA and The KSS ambulance service. We shall hear more on this at our Convention where the speakers from both organisations will be there as notable speakers.

The DG team aspires to achieving all targets with a good measure however continued support and help from all involved is not only necessary but mandatory.

Let's hope for a successful Convention and I would like to thank all those involved in organising the event.

I look forward to seeing most of you at the Convention.

6.2 1st Vice District Governor – David Harvey

Introduction & Apologies I must begin by apologizing to all Lions for my absence from Club Visits this year. As some of you may be aware, I have faced health challenges over the last year, alongside the impact of a house move, a company premises relocation, and—the highlight of the year—my wedding. While many things slipped, the situation is now moving in a positive direction. I have the full support of my wife and a great team in Cabinet; so, whilst starting a little late, I am now diving into all things Lions. I am very excited about the coming year.

Training & Development It is an exciting time for my position. I have had extensive VDG training with amazing Lions from around the world and the other eight Districts in MD105. I have arguably learnt more about Lions in the last three months than in the previous ten years, so the journey is certainly worth it.

Club Visits This month, I have spoken to two clubs that I should have visited by now; I hope you do not feel forgotten! I am currently working through my list, but if any club feels missed or would like to move up the priority list, please just ask—I am happy to call and arrange a meeting.

6.3 2nd Vice District Governor – Peter Li

Visits and activities

- East Grinstead
- SEBI
- MD Foundation calls
- District Foundation calls

Summary of half year

The half year has been very enjoyable, visiting clubs and seeing how they operate and meeting the members.

I have also enjoyed the SVDG training which I think can be applied outside of my Lions role and in my other volunteering roles too.

Interacting and learning from the other SVDGs in the MD has also been beneficial.

6.4 Forward Planning – David Harvey

Later this month we have our meeting just before Cabinet and Convention, I hope to have much more to report for the next cabinet.

7. GLT (Global Leadership and Training)

7.1 GLT Co Ordinator – Steve Carley

Since taking over the role in July, I have now updated the LCI Portal on the attendance of Club officers who attended the Spring Forum plus the 1st Regional Roadshow held in Sussex. One Lions member in the District attended the MD Symposium and I am catching up with him to mentor and support, where possible his leadership development.

At the time of writing this report, I have approached Lions who may be interested in attending the MD Regional Lions Leadership Institute and waiting for their response.

In November, the first of 3 joint Membership and Training Roadshows happened, which was held in Sussex. This proved to be hailed a success by attendees, and the next one will be held in Region 3 (Kent) on Saturday 16th May 9.30-2pm at Nettlestead Village Hall, 4 Maidstone Road, Maidstone, ME18 5ER. Links for members to sign up who wish to attend will have been sent out to clubs by the time you read this report.

As it is now January, I am waiting to hear if I was successful in being invited to attend the Faculty Development Institute training course in Venice, being held in March, which is paid for at my own expense. If I am and I qualify as an LCI approved Lions trainer, I am hoping to offer and provide more LCI approved courses for our District.

Over the next few months, I will be meeting with 1st VDG David Harvey to discuss Spring Forum arrangements. For a number of years, there have been discussions to have an in-person Spring Forum training, a location still needs to be worked out that's central. But if the locations work for the Regional Roadshows, these could continue next year to allow training locally for clubs and the Club officer training (which is called Spring Forum) could remain online. It would be great to get club responses to what would work for them.

I am always available to offer or arrange any specific training for members. Just let me know.

8. GMT (Membership) Team

8.1 District GMT Lead – Peter Li

Decisions Required

1. None

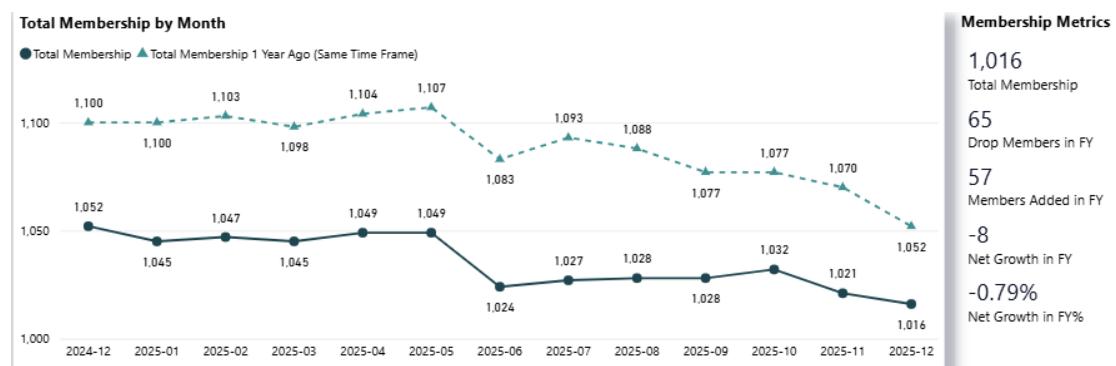
Justification for Decision

1. N/A

Report

Although membership has dipped due to the closure of a club and the usual December drop I am confident that we can bounce back in the new calendar year and finish the Lions year strong and ahead of target.

District membership in numbers as at 22nd December 2025



Activity

- District, MD, LCI video sent to membership leads
- Attended district cabinet
- Created district membership and convention survey and sent to team for comment

Half year summary

- Membership recruitment and retention remain a major focus for the district
- Anecdotally many clubs are engaged actively in the recruitment part, the team will focus on the retention side in the next half year
- It would be good for more clubs to engage with the initiatives and activities that the team are facilitating, I encourage those who haven't to speak to their peers to find out what benefits they can achieve

8.2 New Clubs Coordinator – Ashok Sharma

8.3 New Club Assistant – Paul Dedman

8.4 Clubs Retention Officer – Ravi Vaid

The 'Member Satisfaction Survey' needs a bit of tweaking and will be ready for distribution soon.

The word 'New' from the form needs to be removed so that all members will have access to the form and not only the new.

The form should be completed anonymously, and a committee or Trustees should discuss the findings.

The findings of the Questionnaire should be published.

The next roadshow is in Maidstone on 16th May 2026.

Ravi Vaid
District Member Satisfaction and Retention Officer

8.5 New Member Coordinator and lead of New Voices – Pam Edwards

8.6 Members Wellbeing & Mental Health Officer – Avtar Sandhu

I would like to offer my services to all the clubs in our zone if they would like for me to speak to any member that may be finding any form of health issues.

Please contact me directly in advance so that I may check my availability.

Facts on Wellbeing & Mental Health

- What is Mental Health? It is the state of your overall emotional, psychological, and social well-being, influencing how you think, feel, and behave. It includes resilience and the ability to cope with life's stresses.
- When to be Vigilant: While everyone's mental health fluctuates, we must all be vigilant in noticing changes in other members and supporting them—even if it's just by listening.
- The 6 Steps to Wellbeing: Try these simple, proven actions to feel more positive and get the most out of life:
 1. Connect with and talk to people
 2. Be physically active
 3. Learn new Skills
 4. Give to others

5. Pay attention to the present moment
6. Take up exercising (even just walking)

Lion Avtar Sandhu MBE District Officer for Mental Health & Wellbeing
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8.7 District Lion Tamer (Equipment storage Coordinator) – Pete Dilloway

The main activity of the district equipment for the first half of this lion's 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. 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 – Roger Bluff

I have visited clubs in Zone 1b to attend their Business Meetings. It was good to see the various service and fund-raising activities underway. For example, taking children to a pantomime for an occasion they wouldn't necessarily been able to see, was highly successful.

I will continue with my visits including Zone 1a and 1c as time permits.

Region 1 Chair - Roger Bluff

8.9 Region 2 Chairman – Ian Forbes

8.10 Region 3 Chairman – Rizvi Rawoof

Glad to mention that Clubs in the Region Area 3 are doing quite well generally in terms of membership and conducted so far various programs such as Diabetic awareness, international projects of vision in India and Sri Lanka. Fundraisers of various sorts eg: Tin shakes, Sleigh runs, Vintage car shows, fireworks displays, selling secondhand books etc. has brought in considerable amount of money to the clubs. Many community projects are also actioned by clubs particularly to the homeless, contributing to the food bank, donations to LCIF towards Gaza, Jamaican Disaster relief appeal and Ditwa cyclone which hit South East Asia recently. Clubs also conducted Quiz and musical evenings.

Only concern in membership is the average age of members in the District seems to be 70+. Efforts are being made to bring in younger members, which is very vital to sustain, in terms of numbers in membership and activities.

9. GST (Service) Team

9.1 GST Chairman – Roger Bluff

I am currently compiling contacts for service officers for all clubs in the district. The aim is to provide a means of sharing our service experience and ideas. Any help we can give each other will be welcome too. Thank you to all that have made contact with their details.

As a reminder, we currently don't have a Young Leaders in Service (YLIS) officer. If you know anyone that could be interested in this role, or even yourself, please contact me or the District Governor. It is a rewarding job which involves promoting YLIS to the district.

Our remaining District GST meeting dates have been arranged as follows:

4th February 2026

1st April 2026

13th May 2026

GST Coordinator

Roger Bluff

9.2 Hunger Projects – Graham Illsley

Many clubs in our District continue to support local food banks, thank you and well done. Have you spoken to local schools to see how they are dealing with hunger and do they need support. The same with local groups running the likes of soup kitchens, especially important in cold weather.

Two opportunities to focus on are the Word Hunger Day, 28th May and World Food Day, 16th October. Can your club hook into these.

Graham Illsley – Hunger

Graham.Illsley@BTInternet.com

9.3 Environment Projects – Graham Illsley

General - Environment

What can we do to help preserve and enhance our environment. The way we are progressing it will not be here for ever.

Cast your mind back a couple of weeks, how full were your bins, what did you do with the Christmas tree that you had no further use for. I do hope everything was recycled, including the tree. There are now many ways to transform old trees into new products, including timber for the building trade. Clubs can be actively involved in collecting old trees, consider getting involved this year, what a great way to engage with your community and promote Lions in your community.

Spring will soon be arriving, hard to believe as I write this report in freezing weather. Consider what you and your club can do to enhance wildlife, especially the bee. Can you plant trees in your community, purchase and distribute wildflower packs. As the saying goes from small acorns grow mighty oaks, being actively involved in your community may attract new members, just a thought.

The Great British Spring Clean will run between the 13th – 29th March this year. The website 'keepbritaintidy.org' has some great ideas and some very interesting ideas. Again. a great opportunity to get involved with your community and promote Lions and Lionism.

Graham Illsley - Environment

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9.4 Prostate Cancer Officer – Graham Baldwin

9.5 Childhood Cancer Officer – Karen Carley

Introduction

Since my appointment as the new Childhood Cancer Officer in August, I am delighted to share the progress and achievements made in collaboration with MD Childhood Cancer Officer, Kelly-Marie Thomas. Together, we have worked to advance the Caps for Courage project, and I am pleased to report significant developments since I took on this role.

Progress with Caps for Courage

The Caps for Courage project has gained considerable momentum over recent months. Personally, I have sent at least 227 caps to the Caps for Courage Team. In addition, other clubs are now sending their caps directly, leading me to estimate that we have collectively sent a minimum of 300 caps so far.

Our efforts have also been well received abroad. The project was warmly welcomed by our twinned District 103 ID est at their District Convention. As a result, the Caps for Courage team has received a request for additional sample packs, demonstrating growing interest and support from our international partners.

LIBRA Appeal and Medical Outreach

During the recent LIBRA appeal visit, a sample pack and an introductory letter was given to the LIBRA medical team. This information was subsequently passed on to their Paediatric Cancer team, who have now requested a supply of caps to distribute to their young patients.

Ongoing Need for Caps

Despite these successes, the need remains great—over 7,000 caps are required to meet demand. I therefore urge clubs to get in touch with me at karen.carley@thanetlions.org.uk if you have local knitting groups or individuals willing to support this worthwhile cause. Please let me know the number of caps you are able to send, and I will provide you with the appropriate address for delivery.

Project Aim and How You Can Help

To remind everyone, the aim of Caps for Courage is straightforward yet impactful: to bring comfort, confidence, and a little joy to children experiencing hair loss as a result of cancer treatment. Each cap is lovingly handmade by volunteer knitters, crocheters, and sewers from across the country. We currently offer three different styles: Knitted, Beanie, and Scarf Hats. Patterns are available from me upon request, or you can find them on the MD Members website.

Ways to Get Involved

- **Donate Materials:** The Caps for Courage Team is always in need of soft, colourful fabrics, sewing supplies, and packaging materials. Any contributions from your club would be greatly appreciated and would help support our mission.
- **Make the Caps:** Caps can be knitted, crocheted, or sewn, and patterns are available for all styles. If you would like to host a Sewing Bee, please contact me or visit the Childhood Cancer section of the MD Members website for guidance and resources.
- **Sponsor a Batch:** You can help cover the cost of producing and distributing a batch of caps—whether it is for a region, a hospital, or a small group of children. Each handmade hat costs around £2 to produce. Payments can be made to MD, who will ensure the funds reach us.
- **Assist with Deliveries:** If you have members who travel regularly, live near hospitals, or already make items for charitable causes, we would welcome their help in delivering finished caps to children in need.

Looking Ahead

I am hopeful that I will be joined by the MD Officer at a display stand at the upcoming convention, where we will have sample packs available for viewing and further information.

Conclusion

Thank you for your continued support and commitment. Together, we can make a meaningful difference in the lives of children facing cancer.

Karen Carley

9.6 Diabetes Officer – Debo Kalley

9.7 Vision and MIAB – Rags Sandhu

MIAB - The Message in A Bottle continues to circulate throughout the district. Following on from the success of Sidcup Rotary Club coming onboard with this project, a very short video was uploaded onto my social media account, and I am pleased to report that in excess of 1800 people have viewed the video.

VISION - Following on from my talk at Sidcup Rotary Club, Brigitte (MD) has agreed that their logo can also be added to their collection bins (in addition to ours) with a view to this being the start of some serious collaboration in terms of community benefits for all! I will be making a visit to see the bins with the new logos.

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 to you.

VISION SCREENING UPDATE - Generally, I have nothing new to report from my previous report. Clubs continue to raise funds and support the project; I hope to have a confirmed update regarding LCIF match funding by our convention. I would like to take this opportunity to thank **all** the clubs within the district who continue to support the project. As a steering group, we continue to 'get things in place' ready for when the project goes live! These include a video, forms and procedures - all of which will need to be 'signed off' by MD.

Rags Sandhu - MIAB & Vision Officer

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9.8 Speech & Hearing Officer – Avtar Sandhu

I would like to offer my services to all the clubs in our zone if they would like me to attend and set up a stall at their local events, please contact me directly in advance so that I may check my availability.

Since the 1st January I have been running a survey and I hope that every club in all the zones helps with the promotion of this and taking part.

Results shall be published in March after the end of the consultation which ends on 28th February.

Lion Avtar Sandhu MBE District Officer for Speech & Hearing

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9.9 Young Ambassador – Val Roberts

9.10 ROAR Officer – David Skinner

The ROAR programme for 2025 has been successfully completed with 17 District SE Lions Clubs supporting 52 schools out of a national total of 133 supported schools. This was an excellent improvement in the numbers of schools- 20%- by our District which continues to lead the MD in this rewarding youth programme. Each school was supported by its local 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 Chandra chose our overall winner.

The winning SE school was again Westham and Pevensey Primary, for the second consecutive year, supported by Hailsham Lions. The other selected schools were Our Lady at Lourdes School supported by Rottingdean and Saltdean LC and Rudgwick School supported by Billingshurst LC. Uckfield LC also ran its 'Mini-ROAR' event for 9 schools attended by the High Sheriff of East Sussex and the Uckfield Mayor bringing public attention to our Lions youth work

The ROAR programme engaged over 25,000 children of which over 9000 children were in the South-East. Evidence continues to increase that involvement in ROAR facilitates greater community integration and brings big advantages to children, to schools and to Lions. SE Lions Clubs are clearly recognising this, and we encourage all Clubs to participate and appreciate the benefits for themselves.

9.11 Young Leaders in Service (YLIS)

9.12 and 9.13 Leos and Youth Camps and Exchange Officer - Paolo Furlan

Last December communications have been sent out to Clubs about the Youth Camps and Exchange with a request to contribute to the program by sponsoring UK students to take part and to go abroad during summer 2026-2027. The clubs that are invited to select the candidates and the district Officer will provide the application form to share with the MD. However so far no request of information or further details has been received from the Clubs. More information on how to select students for the program can be asked from paolofurlan@105se.org.

- Request has been spread around about the hosting families for the Youth Exchange. Between the 5th of August 2026 and the 10th August 2026 after the staying in the Camp in Loughborough, a staying in local families is foreseen for the young participants. 2-3 hosting families are requested from the MD to our district. Being a hosting family is a Lions' Service since the '60s and its importance for reaching our statutory goal of promoting a spirit of understanding among the people of the world is understated. More information can be requested to paolofurlan@105se.org

- From 2026 a monthly reminder about both the sponsorship of a UK student to go abroad and providing a hosting family will be sent to clubs.

So far, no enquiries received.

Paolo Furlan Leo Club Officer

Only one Club has shown desire of moving towards the constitution of a Leo Club in its area and is trying to establish the necessary link with local schools. Peer to peer support and introductory material are available through the Leo club officer who can visit your Club and have a conversation about it with all your club members. The District encourages the Clubs to take on this service because it is not as impossible as it seems, plenty of support is available.

9.14 LIBRA – Andrew Lodge

A successful Club's Visit to Kings on Wednesday 29th October, organised by PDG Eddy Warn. We had updates from Professor Roopen Arya and Michelle Kenyon with an emphasis on nursing and holistic care with a combination of mind and body nursing to enhance patient's wellbeing. There was a tour of the refurbished wards assisted by LIBRA. All in all a great success. We had good feedback from the Clubs who came along on the visit.

In regard to Sickle Cell Research:

The Trustees agreed to fund Dr Stephan Menzel on two issues:

1. Gene discovery. Our previous discovery has resulted in the first gene-editing therapy for the disease (Casgevy, editing the gene BCL11A). Additional discovery will be based on an analysis of UK Biobank, containing data for 1 million human subjects. Continuing our access would cost £3,500 per year, i.e. £7,000 for two years' access.
2. Dissecting the biology of 'F' cells. This type of red blood cells is protected from the effects of sickle mutation. We want to know how and when they arise. I would like to ask LIBRA to fund reagent and research service cost for a researcher joining our lab for a year from Italy, Dr Daniele Panzieri. Presently, only his salary is covered. £13,000 research funds for Daniele would cover his lab expenses here. This would be for: - £2,000 for magnetic beads and other reagents to isolate cells from human samples. - £8,000 generating two single-cell transcriptome datasets (microfluidic cartridges, kits, next generation sequencing cost). - £3,000 for reagents (flow cytometry, antibodies, gene probes, reagent kits) to develop a new method (FISH-FLOW) to measure F cells in patients. A total of £20,000 was agreed.

We still await Rob Lewis's costings for a further ward refurbishment and essential equipment needed.

Professor Ghulam Mufti request:

We agreed £4,500 for research support for 2 young scientists in regard to aplastic anaemia for one year to do lab testing on the blood of patients treated with expanded TREG cells.

The current newsletter has been circulated.

PR support is being given to Lion Trevor Hull who is our LIBRA representative for District CE for his fundraising walk at CE's convention in March at Worksop.

We are delighted to welcome Consultant Nurse Michelle Kenyon to Convention who will be giving us a talk on her holistic emphasis on healthcare within the haematology unit.

Our PR consultant Katie has gained 2 patient stories which will be reported in the next newsletter.

On behalf of the Trustees, we thank all the Clubs for their wonderful support as we have now reached our goal for the *Going for Gold* appeal.

As soon as we have detail of the next ward refurbishment project, we will announce the new LIBRA appeal project.

Andrew Lodge

9.15 Lions Air Ambulance Appeal – Howard Lee

Report to 105SE Convention February 2026

A Message from Air Ambulance Kent Surrey and Sussex (KSS)

“Thank you to all the members of the South East Lions for all of the support that you have given to KSS over the last year. Through the fundraising efforts of the local clubs, you have generously funded seven new video laryngoscopes, 13 new kit bag systems and have recently completed your fundraising for our new Rapid Response Vehicle.

Your support has allowed our crew to have access to the most up to date and high spec equipment to give our patients the best possible care at scene. Your members have also kindly succeeded in raising the £53K needed to purchase our next Rapid Response Vehicle (RRV) meaning when circumstances prevent us from flying, we can still provide lifesaving care by road.

Last year we were called to 3,126 missions and treated 1,801 patients across our communities. We continue to see an increase in medical emergencies (32%) as the leading type of mission we’re called to, followed by road traffic collisions (29%) and accidental emergencies (18%). You not only enable us to be there for patients in their darkest hour but also help us to innovate for the good of our future patients. We can’t

do it without the South East Lions and hope you take pride in being a part of the KSS family.”

Our Achievements so far

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

Night flying equipment	200,000
Four rapid response vehicles	148,000
Head scanner and trials	36,500
Video laryngoscopes	31,500
Tempus ALS defib/monitor systems	38,000
VScan ultrasound units	25,000
Helicopter purchase	3,200
Medical kit bags	33,000
Medical kit bag development reserve	12,500
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	£ 527,700

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.

Our Next Joint Project with KSS

All Weather Flying by Point In Space Navigation (PinS)

A vital addition to the KSS AW169 helicopter that will help KSS fly more and help save more lives

We started our formal partnership with KSS in 2012 by providing the funding to act as a catalyst to the creation of the KSS night flying capability, and many of our joint projects since have also been significantly innovative. Now we have the chance to support KSS's next big innovation to introduce all weather flying by Point in Space (PinS) navigation to fly when they currently cannot.

Why PinS is Needed

KSS helicopters are equipped with a top-of-the-range digital cockpit containing advanced GPS and autopilot, enabling them to fly when visibility is near zero. However, regulatory visual flight rules mean pilots must currently be able to see 3,000m and clouds must be above 500ft. Last year, poor weather affected the aircraft availability by around 15%, and in such poor weather KSS must use the much slower service offered by their rapid response vehicles (RRVs) to get the medical crews to patients and then the patients to hospital.

All weather flying will be a hugely important development for the KSS service. With PinS they could reach 150 more patients a year by air, thus giving those patients the best care at the very earliest opportunity.

RRVs will remain essential for local missions, those within 10 minutes from base in the day and 25 minutes at night, and those in the most severe weather conditions such as freezing rain and thick fog.

How All Weather Flying Will Work

PinS is utilised by KSS's peers at the Norsk Luftambulanse in Norway but would be a first in the UK. To fly using PinS, the aircraft's GPS and autopilot need to follow pre-set routes in the sky to navigate safely in and out of key locations, such as hospital helipads, airports or other carefully selected locations. These routes are being designed by working alongside aviation technology experts at PildoLabs Wessex, who have extensive experience implementing this type of flight. The KSS helicopter will use its GPS safely to identify and follow the pre-set flight path into a specific site. This could be the intended final destination, or it could be a point at which the weather is clear, allowing onward flight by conventional means.

As you can imagine, all such routes require approval from both the Civil Aviation Authority (CAA) and Department for Transport, and KSS has worked extensively with both agencies on a comprehensive plan to use PinS. They have mapped precise routes into key locations at Ashford, Rochester Airport, Redhill Aerodrome, King's College Hospital London and the Royal County Hospital Brighton. These sites are currently being assessed via the CAA's seven-stage Airspace Change Process. Once approved, KSS will comprehensively test each approach to ensure it is safe. They intend to be transporting their first patients using PinS very soon now, and further routes will be developed over time as proves necessary.

Looking ahead, the KSS goal is to extend all weather flying by PinS across our entire service area, including the longest route to Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother Hospital in Margate, Kent. The aircraft modifications proposed below is essential to achieving this goal and to the envisioned advancement in KSS's lifesaving work.

Where We Lions Come In

PinS flying can mean longer journey distances. Therefore, in order to meet CAA requirements as to maximum flight time capabilities, a modification is required to the aircraft. We have been asked to fund this modification to one of the helicopters at a cost of £120,000, spread over two years, extending flying time by more than 30 minutes and advancing KSS flying capabilities by up to 15%. This would enable KSS to reach an extra 150 patients per year by helicopter and greatly increasing their ability to give the best possible patient care.

Please Support this Project All You Can

Without us, KSS cannot achieve all weather flying and be there for more patients when every second counts. So, to recognise such a significant contribution, KSS will include our Lions logo on the helicopter.

Please support this latest initiative all you can by sending donations to the District Charities Treasurer in the normal way, clearly marked "Air Ambulance".

Our Work with the Air Ambulance Continues to Grow

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.

**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



10. District Administration Team

10. District Secretary – Jackie Robinson

Thanks

I would like to thank District Governor Chandra 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.

I thank you for your patience following the sad loss of my Mum, just before Christmas.

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 is important that we try and make sure that we are entering Club Service on the Portal.

I thank those secretaries who have attended Trainings we have held to help you achieve this.

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 Phil Robinson for recording our Cabinet meetings and undertaking the preparation of the minutes for those meetings. All information is now stored on-line so that any Lion can access this material.

Lion Wendy Cattaway has been very efficient in getting our cabinet reports together for me, so I thank her very much for her assistance.

Also, Wendy has assisted in preparing the Cabinet & Convention Reports, which I thank her for, and she will also be taking the minutes for Convention.

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 Secretary

10.3 District Treasurer – Howard Lee

Administration Accounts

My predecessor as District Treasurer, PDG David Butler, has prepared the accounts for the administration funds run by the District for the year ended 30 June 2025. These accounts were approved by our District Cabinet on 5 October 2025 and have been independently examined (thanks to Roger Hope of Sevenoaks Lions Club). A copy is available on request. Accounts for the District Convention for 2025 will be reported on separately by District Convention Chairman David Burstow.

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 will be sent to all clubs in early January.

It is a requirement of the Multiple District Constitution that all clubs file their annual financial statements with their District Treasurer by 31 December following the year end. I thank those 18 club treasurers who have so far sent me their clubs statements for the year to 30 June 2025 and would encourage all others to do so as soon as possible.

A meeting of the District Finance Committee has been held to review the district admin finances, to draw up a draft budget for 2026/27 for Cabinet approval and to recommend the dues resolution for Cabinet to propose to the next Convention. In doing so, the committee considered the following points as paramount:

- Despite significant savings on twinning hosting, we are budgeted in 2025/26 for the largest deficit for many years. Every effort should be made to minimise the deficits going forward.
- Many of our members constantly complain about the dues. We had a large jump two years ago, and District 105SE dues are the highest in the MD. We should aim to keep them the same for as long as possible.
- Our membership for this year to date is OK, but we face ongoing trends of net losses. Whilst working for the best, we must prepare for the worst. The committee suggested we budget for 940 as at 1 July 2025 and 900 as at 31 December 2025.
- In the budget as drafted, we are still showing a deficit of £2,550. At this rate, we will have used up the available reserves in another five years. **If we wanted to present a balanced budget, the dues proposal would have to be to increase by £3 to £15.50 per head.**

At its meeting on 7 December, Cabinet agreed the budget for 2026/27 as per attached and agreed to propose to Convention that the dues remain at £12.50 per member for that year. The necessary resolution is contained in the relevant document.

Another meeting of the Finance Committee will be held in the Spring to review the District's Procedures for Financial Governance and prepare recommended changes for Cabinet's consideration.

Charity Accounts

The Financial Statements of the Lions Clubs International District 105SE Foundation ("the Foundation") for the year to 30 June 2025 have been approved by the Trustees and have undergone independent examination by a professional firm of chartered accountants. Copies are available on request.

Since the last Convention, the Trustees of the Foundation have made three grants of £300 each to diabetes screening programmes held by Clubs. 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.

In addition, during the last year the Trustees also supported three schools in the ROAR 2025 competition, but without individual Club sponsorship.

There is a significant call for the SE Foundation to provide more funding support to Clubs in the District, but this will require the accumulation of unrestricted funds. To this end, an appeal for general donations has been sent out to all clubs, and I would ask for as much support as your club can manage for this appeal.

Also, to this end, the Foundation has set up a 200 Club. Members, their family and their friends are invited to subscribe for as many numbers as they wish at £2 per number per month. Monthly prize draws will be held, with a special bumper prize at Convention. Copies of the Rules and Application Forms will be available at Convention and can also be obtained from me.

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 me for full details.

PID Howard Lee
District 105SE Charities Treasurer
29 December 2025

**10.4 – 10.6 Convention Team Chairperson – Phil Robinson
Vice Chairperson – Lynne Ireland
Convention Treasurer - David Burstow**

54th Annual District Convention - February 2025 – Canterbury

Chairman Lion David Burstow.

Our District Convention was held at Canterbury Cathedral Lodge Hotel, in the beautiful grounds of Canterbury Cathedral.

Many 105SE Lions attended along with good friends from our twinned Districts in France & Germany. We also had guests from Iceland, Netherlands and Belgium.

Our principal guest was 2nd Vice International President Mark Lyon and his wife Lyn.

On the Friday evening nearly 90 of us enjoyed a “Love and 1980’s” themed party night

On the Saturday, whilst Lions were in Convention, many of our partners went either on a trip to the Cathedral or shopping. A number of Lions were also able to attend Evensong on the Saturday.

On the Friday, Whitstable, Herne Bay and Canterbury club showed Mark Lyon a local homeless project.

The Convention was formally opened by the CEO of ‘Catching Lives Canterbury’ Tasmin Maitland, and this was followed by an address by 2VIP Mark Lyon.

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

After Convention closed there was a Banquet & Ball that 110 attended – a dinner followed by dancing to Plastic Orange who had us dancing the night away.

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, and for all the AV and technical support Phil Robinson, and for all the help received from local Lions organised by Cathy Griggs Thanet Lions Club.

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

The Convention Accounts for the 2024-25 year are set out below. They have been Examined and I am very grateful again to Lion George Coleman for undertaking this.

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
YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2025

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LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

District Governor	Lion Steve Carley
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 2024 to 30th JUNE 2025

DISTRICT CONVENTION & CABINET MEETING

Venue hire	£750
Event booking software and card commission	£286
Sundry – including stationery and welcome tea/coffee	£587
DG accommodation less LCI claim	£ 45
Cabinet Lunch	£1,110
Cabinet lunch – receipts and complimentaries	-£1,330
Delegate packed lunches	£610
Delegate packed lunches – receipts and complimentaries	-£610
Convention pins – cost less sales	£167
MDHQ sales surplus	-£22
Net expenditure	£1,593

FRIDAY – VALENTINE PARTY NIGHT

Musician expenses	£180
Catering costs	£2,737
Decorations	£100
Less ticket sales	-£2,509
Less guest complimentaries	-£536
Less raffle surplus	-£422
Net income	-£450

SATURDAY - PARTNERS' OUTING

Canterbury Cathedral guided tours	£125
Less ticket sales and complimentaries	-£170
Net income	-£45

DISTRICT CONVENTION ACCOUNT
INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

1st JULY 2024 to 30th JUNE 2025

SATURDAY – BANQUET & BALL

Musicians	£560
Catering costs	£4,554
Chair sashes	£416
Decorations	£48
Less ticket sales	-£4,380
Less guest complimentaries	-£655
 Net expenditure	£543

INTERNATIONAL GUESTS HOSTING

Accommodation	£1,351
Social function tickets and refreshments	£1,555
Cabinet & convention	£380
Transport and airport parking	£154
Gifts	£146
 Net expenditure	£3,586

Total of net expenditure as above **£5,227**

Less contribution received from District Budget **-£5,000**

Convention net expenditure **£227**

Bank balance at 1.7.2024 **£483**

Less Convention net expenditure **-£227**

Add-back hotel deposit paid in previous year (2023-24) **£2,600**

Less hotel deposits paid in advance for 2025-26 **-£1,793**

Bank balance at 30.6.2025 **£1,063**

LIONS CLUBS INTERNATIONAL DISTRICT 105SE
DISTRICT CONVENTION ACCOUNT
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2025

Note - in 2024-25 a deposit of £1,793 was paid to the Reigate Manor Hotel for the February 2026 Convention.

Independent Examiner Report

I have examined this Income and Expenditure account, together with the books and records of the 2025 District Convention and I confirm it has been prepared in accordance therewith.

G W Coleman

5 December 2025

**55th Annual District Convention – 6th to 8th February 2026 – Reigate Manor Hotel
Convention Chairman Phil Robinson.**

I have been very proud to deputise this year for David Burstow, with him keeping a close eye on the pennies as Treasurer.

This venue is well known to many Lions, being the venue for Cabinet and LIBRA meetings for the last few years. It has a large car park and everything is under one roof. For those wishing to stay over, there is a range of accommodation available – some in the venue and some nearby. Reigate has a variety of other hotels at various budgets.

As I write this report, preparatory work continues and we have updated the Convention web-site www.lions105se.uk with all information.

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

This year DG Chandra has decided not to commission a specific Convention pin, but if anyone would like one of his personal pins just get in touch.

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 Endorsed candidate for 3rd Vice International President, PID Robert Rettby.

The Friday, 6th of February will be our Host night with DJ Mak, with the theme of “Bollywood goes to Hawaii”. Should be a colourful night !

Saturday 7th evening will be our traditional end-of-Convention Banquet and Ball – with the fabulous “ABBA Magic” Tribute Band.

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

MD and International Conventions

74th MD 105 Annual Convention – 9th-11th May 2026 - Newcastle:
<https://www.md105convention.uk/index.html>

Further information will follow as it becomes available.

108th International Convention - 13th- 17th July 2026 – Hong Kong :
<https://lionscon.lionsclubs.org/>

10.7 Constitution Nominations and Resolutions – Phil Robinson

Update on Convention Resolutions 2025 Canterbury.

At 2025 Convention we had four resolutions:

- 1) For the annual Dues to remain at £12.50 pa for 25-26 Lions year,
- 2) To retire the International Convention draw competition.
- 3) To launch the Appeal fund for the Vision Cameras.
- 4) To show 105se support for a resolution to be proposed to MD Convention 2026 to reinforce MD Council’s decision to reduce the costs of International Convention.

All resolutions were passed

Convention 2026 Reigate

For Convention 2026, I can advise that we have candidates for all three posts of District Governor and 1st vice and 2nd Vice District Governor. All have been correctly nominated by their respective clubs.

We only have one resolution:

District Dues from District Treasurer Howard Lee, to maintain the District Dues at £12.50 pa

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

10.8 Health & Safety (H&S) – David Harvey and Simon Edwards

Thank you to everyone who has submitted examples of their Risk Assessments and Method Statements. I have been pleasantly surprised by the response. While there are always areas for improvement, the general standard of documentation is very good. Hopefully, my discussions with clubs are helping to break down barriers between Clubs, Cabinet, and MD. We are here to help and advise, not to direct and control.

10.9 Members Welfare – Wendy Cattaway

So far this year I have sent the Coffin Drape out five times, I have sent Condolence Cards, Special Birthdays and Wedding Anniversary cards.

I will continue to send the Drape when and where required and I will send cards as requested, so long as I am given what they are for and the name and address of the recipient. When sending Condolence cards, I like to know the relationship to the deceased of the person to whom I am sending.

I have kept the Necrology book up to date and will continue to do so.

Wendy

10.10 Vulnerable Persons Advisor – Gwen Kennedy

10.11 Data Compliance Officer – Robyn Banks

DECISION BY CABINET: no decision requested.

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. Other advice centres around the use of email addresses.

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 26 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 attended the Faculty Development Institute at the end of January 2025 to ensure my skills in this area are accurate and up to date and I am hoping to complete this process soon.

PORAL:

I am happy to answer any 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 now in place. This will allow each Lion to access the Portal in line with UK law. The Agreement is available on the MD members website on the bookcase.

10.12 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.

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-attendees after this deadline.

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

Phil, David & Lynne along with myself plus the Host 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 Chandra and Renu a very happy Convention and please be ready to enjoy yourselves at "Your Convention".

11. District Communications and Competitions

Tom Berry

SE News – Steve Carley

11.3 Social Media Activity Report Lions Club

Overview

This report outlines the social media activities carried out for the Lions Club from December 2025 during this month the level of social media engagement and responsibilities was limited due to fewer club activities over the festive season.

Activities Performed

- Bromley Lions had the Christmas collection at Bromley South Station
- Monitored the club's social media platforms to ensure they remained active and appropriate.
- Shared occasional posts and updates when club-related information or announcements were available.
- Responded to basic inquiries or messages received through social media channels, when applicable.
- Maintained the club's online presence by ensuring previous posts and information remained visible and relevant.

Graham Illsley – Lions Giving

Colin Ready – Lions Giving

Kim Harty – Lions Financial Controller and Webmaster

Rod Weale - Competitions

12. International Team

12.1 International Relations Officer (IRO) – Steve Carley

Since July this year, I have attended our twinned District 105 EST convention in October and attended 2 online Metropolitan Alliance Zoom meetings. At all these meetings our friends in Germany and France have confirmed they still want to keep our twinning, but with no financial costs to each District for hotel or social event costs. At Cabinet, it has been confirmed that we will remain twinned with both.

Unfortunately, our friends from France cannot attend our convention this year, due to a clash of other important events they have to attend, but my fellow IRO from District 111MN Andreas, will be attending. This means there won't be a formal twinning meeting at Reigate, but it is hoped that there will be one at our 2027 Convention straight after our Cabinet meeting.

In April I will be representing our District Governor and District at 111MN's Convention in Germany and in June we will have our in-person day in Luxembourg sharing how each District runs Service projects under LCI's key areas, which could provide useful ideas for our District.

For example, 111MN will share how they are running a Diabetes project for children with Type 1 diabetes focusing on how to eat, how to live with Type 1 diabetes. Children apply to join this event. I have asked if she can share any information on the event, which may be useful for our clubs to replicate.

At the French Convention I also presented the Caps for Courage project to the delegates, which was well received and at the end of the meeting some Lions asked for more details. Our MD Childhood Cancer officer Kelly-Marie has since received a request from France clubs for more sample packs.

Steve Carley

13. Zone Chairman Team

13.1 Zone 1A Chairman – Pete Dilloway

Clubs located in Zone 1A: Bognor Regis, Chichester, Lancing and Sompting, Littlehampton and District, Midhurst, Selsey and District, Southbourne (West Sussex), Worthing.

Despite my not being located within Zone 1A, I have agreed to take on the zone Chairman role for this year due to there being no one available from within the zone. To date my engagement with clubs in the zone has been limited to requests by email and telephone including the club reports for this cabinet report. I have also been liaising with individual clubs regarding questions raised by the club and issues relating to the club. Some of the clubs have been successful in attracting new members.

All clubs are active, despite some have limited membership. They have all been particularly busy in the runup to Christmas and have plans in place for fundraising and service activities. I have represented LCI at the charter dinner of Worthing Lions and am also aiming to attend many of the charters or socials of the other clubs in the zone if possible.

While I am intending to hold zone meetings, in the remainder of the year, at present specific dates have not yet been established. It is likely that the meetings will consist of a mixture of physical in person meeting at a suitable location in the zone and virtual meetings

My objectives for the year are

1. Develop and maintain contact and work with the zone clubs to provide advice, support & assistance when needed, to help increase membership and address any issues that arise
2. Explore with clubs the opportunity for running Lions Awareness events within the zone and new members information/orientation events
3. Attend at least one Business meeting of all clubs within the Zone during the year.
4. Attend all club Charters within the Zone where able.
5. To encourage collaboration between the clubs including participation in cross zone activities such as the Zone meetings, projects and socials.
6. Encourage and work with clubs to identify potential future leaders for the zone.
7. Explore potential opportunities for establishing new clubs or Club branches within the zone

Pete Dilloway

13.2 Zone 1B Chairman – Claudine Rogers

Clubs in Zone 1B include Adur East, Billingshurst, Brighton, Burgess Hill, Haywards Heath, Horsham and Rottingdean & Saltdean. Club visits are continuing into 2026. Following its success in 2025, a further Zone Social of Pub Skittles in Henfield is planned for Spring/Summer. It is hoped that Members from each Club will attend, strengthening Zone relationships. The total number of Members across all Clubs is 147 (down from 159 last year).

Adur East continues to be a very active Club. With an extensive array of service & social activities, Members continue to run annual events such as Senior's Tea Socials, Car Boots, 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. A Hugely successful Melanoma Screening event took place in October and in most recent weeks they have run numerous festive community activities, such as static collections at their local Tesco/ M&S atrium (with Santa giving out free toys), a week of Sleigh street collecting (with Santa giving out free sweets), and also a Santa's Grotto, run over five days. Their largest event for 2026 will once again be their annual Family Fun Day, to be held on 7th June (25 Members).

R&S continue to run, and be involved in large annual events, such as the Rottingdean Fayre & the Saltdean Gala. Christmas activities included their famous Highway Robbery, Senior's Christmas Lunches, a very successful (indoor) Christmas Fair and also the provision of food/gift hampers for the needy. In 2026, R&S Lions will once again be running their fabulous Bar at Adur East's Family Fun Day. Their biggest challenge for 2026 is succession planning & having Members step up to lead on their activities. (15 Members).

Brighton Lions continue to run a whole host of regular activities, covering events such as bingo, book fairs, crafting sessions and fortnightly donations/deliveries to 24 local Foodbanks. December also saw their annual Christmas toy delivery to the Royal Alexandra Children's Hospital, and Christmas food deliveries to both Foodbanks and the local MS Center. They believe their biggest challenge remains increasing membership. (16 Members)

Sadly, Haywards Heath Lions has an ongoing struggle with membership. However, they continue to help local families in their community with funds resulting from their hugely successful Swimarathon. Over Christmas they have a Waitress collection planned, and also hope to increase their publicity in the local area. Their biggest challenge for 2026 remains increasing membership. (5 Members)

Horsham continue to run a wide variety of events covering service and fundraising including their annual fundraiser at the Roffey Club, where their Business Meeting is held, raising almost £3,000 for the KSS Air Ambulance. To help local families for Christmas, they presented £3,300 worth of vouchers to Saxon Weald, who provide homes for the needy. They are already busy planning for their annual Swimarathon, being held in March 2026 at the Pavilions In The Park. (17 Members).

Billingshurst Lions are a very healthy Club, with excellent links to their community. Their bookshop open 5 days a week, provides a continual stream of potential new-members (not to mention income)). Most recently they have also run a pop-up bookshop within Billingshurst Starbucks. Over the Christmas period, Members were busy on their annual Santa Tours & the Club also provided Christmas Hampers to local families in need. They have also begun working with Rotary on a new Christmas Tree Recycling project. They

envise their biggest challenge for 2026 will be getting into schools to run the new Vision Screening Project. (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 1,144 men being screened for prostate cancer, together with £14,225 being received in donations (plus gift aid)! They routinely partner with local business and the Town Council in their annual Search for a Star Competition. The Club is also proud of achieving 32 candidates for the Young Leaders In Service Program. 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. One of their biggest challenges for the remainder of the year will be in relation to the Vision Screening Project, as the only Member trained on its use, is currently 'at large'. (35 Members).

The Zone Clubs are also supporting a large Zone Project, running the Patcham Duck Fayre (a huge community Fayre in Patcham, Brighton). This follows the existing Association reaching out to Lions for assistance. Zone Chair Claudine will be leading the project with assistance from many (if not all) of the Zone Clubs.

13.3 Zone 1C Chairman – Keith Dickman

Membership

CLUBS	Total current membership	Change in Membership since last report (-or+)	New members inducted since last report	No. of prospective New Members
Bexhill on Sea	40	0	0	2
Hailsham	16	0	0	2
Hastings	10	0	0	0
Newhaven, Peacehaven & Seaford	8	0	0	0
SEBI	13	0	0	0
Uckfield	35	0	0	2

ZONE CHAIRMAN OVERVIEW / COMMENTS - Clubs were very active over the Christmas period.

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

Nothing at present identified.

CLUB HOPES FOR THE FUTURE OR GOOD NEWS STORIES: Nothing to report.

QUESTIONS OR INFO FOR THE DISTRICT OR MULTIPLE DISTRICT FROM CLUB? - none

Date of Club Charters:

Uckfield – 15th February 2026, Wellshurst Golf Club

13.4 Zone 2A – Refer to Region 2 Chairman – Ian Forbes

13.5 Zone 2B - Refer to Region 2 Chairman – Ian Forbes

Clubs in Zone 2B are arranging meetings on rotation.

13.6 Zone 3A Chairman - Mike Parker

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	+1	2	1
Darent Valley	3	0	0	0
Dartford	40	+1	+1	0
Northfleet & Ebbfleet	14	-1	0	2
Woolwich & Greenwich	21	+1	1	1

ZONE CHAIRMAN OVERVIEW FOR THE “YEAR TO DATE”/ COMMENTS

Altogether a good year so far for four clubs with each recruiting new members and being active in the community. The exception is Darent Club, see below in Challenges

BEXLEY & SIDCUP CLUB has continued its annual Bollywood Night in aid of LIBRA with £800 raised and their Charity Walk, which raised £1,200 in aid of Flood victims in India and for local charities

Community support is as follows: -

Donation of clothes for Greenwich & Bexley Hospice

Donated £300 and clothes to Community Hospice and £250 to Har Sewa

Donated £150 to the District Youth Appeal

Funds sent to Pwani Club of Mombasa for 2 Boreholes and on-going project and also sewing machine project

Donated 190kg of food to Christian Fellowship in Sidcup

Diabetic Awareness clinic held in Erith Gurdwara with 51 screened

Food donated to local food bank

DARTFORD CLUB has continued its strong presence in the community highlighted by its annual Firework Display, Boot Fairs and the attendance on many occasions at events with their Carousel. As well as these high profile events they have made various donations to local charities

Community support has also included the following:-

Following the appeal regarding Childhood Cancer Caps Christmas Campaign a club member has started through her Knit and Natter group to produce these caps

Donation made to Watersmart Lifesaving Course of £1,000

Donation of £500 to an individual for purchase of new walker/wheelchair

Donation of £2,000 to Nepalese Football Club

Donation of £1,000 to Littlebrook Hospital

Donation of £700 to YMCA Dartford

Held very successful free Santa Grotto in Club's lockup and then attended Peter Gidney

Neurological Center with Santa to distribute presents to the patients

Donation of £5,000 to the Arrow Riding Centre for the Disabled

In recent times urgent assistance was given to a family in Dartford following a house fire, which resulted to 5 members of the family suffering smoke inhalation injuries. The club was able to obtain replacements for some appliances and toys as well as food vouchers.

Donation of £1,000 made to LCIF Gaza Relief Fund

Donation of £500 towards LCIF Jamaican Disaster Appeal

NORTHFLEET & EBBSFLEET CLUB

Classic Car Show raised £2,900 for Ellenor Hospice and local charities

Bike Round Brands raised £1000 for KSSAA

Quiz raised £260

Heroes & Sweethearts Music Night raised £1,700 for Homes4Heroes and Gravesend Sanctuary

Asda and Morrisons Xmas collections raised £3,384

Ebbsfleet Station Xmas Raffle and collection raised £2,450

Community Support as follows:-

£500 to local Irish Dance Group

£1,000 to WaterSmart Awards for Lifesaving course

£250 to British Red Cross following their course on using a portable defibrillator

Donation to We Are Beams for bedding

£500 to Wellbeing Link for Body scanner

£300 to Waterside Family Centre for installing Screen and White Board

£1,000 donated to Ifield Special School for ski trip

MIAB handouts continue as do Specs collections

Donation of £500 made to LCIF

WOOLWICH & GREENWICH CLUB

TEEJ celebration raised £150 to provide food for the homeless at Tram Shed in Woolwich.

Two members of Club cook food each Monday and serve it at Tramshed

Further donation of £510 raised at TEEJ for Tramshed

Eye Camp in India planned as is Sponsored walk

Community support as follows

As part of Zone project screened 80 at Erith Gurdwara and 100 at Gravesend Gurdwara

£1,100 donated to Demelza Hospice Eltham

£500 donated to SEWA for food for homeless

MIAB continue to be handed out

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

With Bexley & Sidcup and Woolwich & Greenwich it's been through introductions by members. For Dartford it's been through word of mouth, for N&E its been through introductions by members and profile at local events.

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

For Bexley there was the surprising loss of 4 senior members at the beginning of the year, mostly because of loss of appetite for Lions. Dartford lost a member through ill health and two others who passed away. N&E lost one member because of dislike of meetings and paying dues.

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

Darent Valley Club continues to be inactive and despite some ideas for taking the club forward, perhaps under the new name of Gravesend Club, these have yet to materialise. In fact, there seems little desire to take action and a decision will need to be taken at District level as to the future of the club

Club succession is an issue for one or two clubs, which, of course, means the same officers having to continue year after year.

CLUB HOPES FOR THE FUTURE OR GOOD NEWS STORIES:

Overall all clubs (except Darent) continue to attract new members with most having prospective new members

QUESTIONS OR INFO FOR THE DISTRICT OR MULTIPLE DISTRICT FROM CLUBS. -None

Date of Club Charters:

Woolwich & Greenwich 50th – 25 April 2026

Bexley & Sidcup – 16 May 2026

ZONE MEETING DATES: - Meetings start at

Meeting 4 - No meeting as follows Convention

Meeting 5 - 23 April 2026

Meeting 6 – 18 June 2026

13.7 Zone 3B – Report from Region Chairman Rizvi Rawoof

Membership

CLUBS	Total current membership	Change in Membership since last report (-or+)	New members inducted since last report	No. of prospective New Members
Paddock Wood & Dist.	16	0	0	2
Maidstone	24	0	1	1
Southborough & Dist.	12	0	0	0
Sevenoaks	No Report			
Gillingham	No Report			
Tonbridge	No Report			

ZONE CHAIRMAN OVERVIEW / COMMENTS Email was sent to clubs on 21st December and a reminder was sent on 30th December to send their reports by 8th January 21st Sept. I received reports only from three clubs.

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

By way of roadshow and providing leaflets during diabetic checks, projects which benefits the public, through friends. Etc.

Combined answers on why members left a club (if applicable) Long service and age related and due to personal differences.

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

Maidstone

Be honest. How can we support each other in the Zone with this?

Too few fit and active core members to expand club activities much beyond current

RECENT FUNDRAISING EVENTS:

Maidstone

20-12-25 Maidstone Street collection 20th Dec in aid of KSSAA

23-12-25 Larkfield Morrisons tinshake

RECENT SOCIAL ACTIVITIES:

RECENT COMMUNITY NEEDS ACTIVITY :

Maidstone

Continued response to welfare requests.

Southborough & Dist

Provision of school uniform vouchers; support for local foodbanks

RECENT SOCIAL ACTIVITIES:

Maidstone

21-12-25 Club Christmas Sunday lunch at the Grangemoor Hotel

RECENT COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES ON GOING

FUTURE EVENTS:

Paddock Wood

Xmas Sleigh Runs; Charter Night 31st Jan

Southborough & Dist

Ongoing raffle at Southborough's monthly bingo. Highly profitable with little risk and little cost since we obtain prizes from friends and local businesses with whom we have a great relationship

Organising 'front of house' at Southborough's New Year Panto which is mostly performed by children. We will be 'bucket' fund raising at the event and subsidising reduced ticket price for families with young children who otherwise would not be able to attend. Performances on 16th, 17th, 18th, 23rd, and 24th January. Sleeping Beauty this time. Organised in connection with IMAGO Kent Young Carers.

7th March 2026 Senior Citizens' Party

We aim to attend as many local activities as possible including May Day festivities with our skittle alley including:

28th June 2026 - Skittle Alley and other fund raising at the Tonbridge Supercar Charity Rally

4th July 2026 - Skittle Alley and other fund raising at the St Matts Primary School PTA Summer Fete

29th to 31st August – Annual Art & Craft Fair

CLUB CHALLENGES (worries, issues, help needed?)

Be honest. How can we support each other in the Zone with this?

Paddock Wood

Too few fit and active core members to expand club activities much beyond current

Southborough

We are a small club with a high average age so we have to be selective in our fund raising, preferring local issues where possible and where there is not a great requirement for heavy physical activity. Nevertheless, we are able to make substantial (for us) donations from time to time such as through LCIF, supporting the local Air Ambulance and local food banks as

well as providing support to Ukraine both directly and also through LCIF together with ongoing local requests

CLUB HOPES FOR THE FUTURE OR GOOD NEWS STORIES

Paddock Wood

Vision Screening Project participation 2026; Possible Diabetes Screening 2026;
Strengthening relationship with Paddock Wood Primary School

Maidstone

21-02-26 Club Charter at the Cornwallis Suite, Tovil Masonic Centre £37. 12.30 for 1pm Poor response from clubs so far!

Southborough & Dist

The Club is highly visible locally, well respected and well supported locally. There is a strong community spirit in Southborough which we are very much part of. As a result, we expect to continue to be highly visible and at the forefront of local activities, fund raising, operating our skittle alley and providing help and assistance whenever possible. At our next meeting we have plans to develop a local project relating to young persons' mental health focussing on suicides by those affected. We hope to be working with Crossways who will be providing a speaker to talk about their services and their Café Camden outdoor activities. We aim to continue the project with 'Cross Roads Kent"

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

Maidstone

Questionnaire to clubs asking what they want or don't want continued from the present timetable of events/projects etc arranged by our District with a view to lowering members dues and focus enthusiasm for the future.

TYPE OF ASSISTANCE NEEDED FROM OTHER CLUBS FOR FUTURE EVENTS:

DONATIONS TO DISTRICT AND LCIF (List amounts if you wish)

Paddock Wood & dist.

Consider June 2026

Date of Club Charters:

Paddock Wood

31st January (evening dinner dance), Dale Hill Golf Club, Ticehurst

Maidstone

21-02-26 Club Charter at the Cornwallis Suite, Tovil Masonic Centre

ZONE MEETING DATES: - Meetings start at

Meeting 3 – January 27th hosted by Paddock Wood & Dist.

Meeting 4 - No meeting as follows Convention

Meetings 5 and 6 – TBA

13.8 Zone 3C Chairman – Eddy Warn

I am sad to report that we have lost 5 outstanding Lions who have gone to Higher Service, Phillip Martin, Tricia Martin, Colin Snell, Jill Shaw and Ron Fordham. They have all served our District with distinction with over 175 years' service between them. The biggest problem I see is the average age of our club members ASHFORD 63, DOVER 68, FOLKSTONE & HYTHE 65, TENTERDEN 72 THANET 67 & WHITSTABLE, HERNE BAY, CANTERBURY 77. Although several clubs have prospective members in the pipeline They are all of a similar age group.

**ASHFORD, DOVER, FOLKSTONE & HYTHE, TENTERDEN,
THANET, WHITSTABLE, HERNE BAY, CANTERBURY**

Have all been active over the last 6 months supporting their local Community and Lions International projects.

Christmas collections have been good this year and all clubs have Plans for the coming year.

Zone meetings have been attended by all clubs in 3C with plenty of debate and sharing of ideas

Eddy Warn PDG - Zone 3C Chairman