

WOKINGHAM LIONS CLUB



We Serve

***Ordinary people doing
extraordinary things***



Who are we?

- People who give their time freely to serve others.
- Dedicated to the welfare of others less fortunate.
- Ordinary people who belong to the world's largest service organisation.

Founded in 1974, Wokingham Lions Club has around 45 members who share a desire to get involved in community projects and events and help raise funds for local charities and individuals in need. Our membership includes Her Royal Highness Sophie, Duchess of Edinburgh, who is Patron of the Lions Clubs of the British Isles.

As one of over 48,000 Clubs around the world, we are part of Lions Clubs International (LCI), founded in 1917, which has more than 1.4 million members in over 200 countries and geographic areas. The Lions motto is "We Serve". Individual Lions Clubs have a high degree of autonomy, so act independently of LCI while still supporting their objectives.



The Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF) provides support for international disasters using its network of clubs. When disaster strikes LCIF provides aid and assistance via the clubs local to the event, who ensure that essential help is provided efficiently.

What do we do?

We serve our local community of Wokingham with pride, compassion and kindness. Our aim is to help those in need and the most vulnerable in our community. In addition to donations to specific charities, we do this in a variety of ways:

Individuals in Need – Our Community Services Committee receives requests for support for individuals in need and provides assistance to those in genuine hardship.

Message in a Bottle – A form containing personal and medical details is stored in a bottle, which is then kept in the fridge. A front door sticker notifies emergency services.



Festive Season Parcel Collection – In December, we collect food & other essentials outside local supermarkets. We then create and deliver festive parcels to care homes and those in need in the community.

ReTec – Our ReTec (Recycling Technology) scheme reconditions used laptops for use by underprivileged children and refugees among others.

SpecTrek - We collect unwanted spectacles through our SpecTrek scheme, which grades them before sending them to underprivileged people in third world countries. We also collect hearing aids.

Fundraising



Our biggest fundraising events of the year are the annual May Fayre, held on the first Bank Holiday Monday in May, and the Winter Carnival on the last Sunday of November.

We are one of four service clubs that run the Wokingham Charity Fireworks Spectacular every year. We also raise funds by organising the Wokingham Walk, #Woky Comedy Nights, #Woky Quiz Nights, the Wokingham Classic Car Show and many other events.

As a non-profit organisation, 100% of the money raised goes to good causes and the vast majority is spent supporting our local community in Wokingham. We occasionally support national charities and regularly contribute to international relief efforts via LCIF.

Who have we helped?

Among the many local charities we have supported are:

- Alexander Devine Children's Hospice Service
- Building for the Future
- Camp Mohawk
- First Days
- Foodbank
- Home Start
- Link Visiting
- Men's Shed
- Ollie Young Foundation
- Share
- Thames Hospice
- Thames Valley Air Ambulance

Social Life

We aim to have a social event every month. The social committee plans a variety of events including tours and visits, pub meals, walks, summer BBQs, theatre trips, activities such as ten pin bowling and pétanque, and a festive dinner before Christmas.

Events organised by Wokingham Lions Club

**Winter
Carnival**



**Classic Car
Show**

**Comedy
Nights**



When do we meet?

Our membership is open to anyone over the age of 18. Our business meeting is on the second Wednesday of each month.

Some reasons to join Lions:

- Make a difference
- Help others
- Give back to the local community
- Broaden your horizons
- An opportunity to learn new skills
- Make new friends
- Have fun

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We look forward to welcoming you to our club.