



Hook Odiham & Hartley Wintney Lions Club (CIO)

Registered Charity # 1176812

Newsletter – February to April 2026

Dear Lions & Friends of Lions,

Welcome to the latest edition of the Hook Odiham & Hartley Wintney Lions Club Newsletter and my last newsletter as Club President.

The past few months have been busy behind the scenes planning our summer season of events. The season will kick-off with our 7th free prostate screening event at the Odiham Cottage Hospital in May.

Elections for Officers of the Club for Lionistic year 2026/27, commencing on 1st July, were held in March and we are pleased to announce the following Officers have been elected.

President	Owen Brooker
1 st Vice President	John Sandford
2 nd Vice President	Hope Cansdale
Treasurer	Graham Botwright
Secretary	Lynn Sandford
Membership Officer	Mark Hazell
Lion Tamer	Francoise Dibben
Tail Twister	Graham Botwright

We wish all Officers every success in their roles for the new Lionistic year.

We are supporting Odiham Health with their “Resilience Project” where members of Odiham Health will visit the frail and vulnerable of Odiham and hand out Lions Message in a Bottles. Initially we are donating 100 MIABs to Odiham Health.

Club Award

It was a great honour to be awarded the Lions Club Excellence Award for 2024/25. The award was presented by outgoing District Governor Sandra Manktelow to Lion Owen at the recent Zone Celebration at Warbrook House in Eversley.

This is a great testament to the hard work that each member of the Club contributes to our community.

We had previously been awarded the Club Excellence Award for 2023/24. A word of thanks to the late Lion Judith Goodchild who did the hard work in making the submissions for this award.



Defibrillator News



Great news!

We have now installed our third defibrillator in Hook at the Hook Bowls Club in conjunction with Hook Parish Council.

Pictured is Lion Graham supervising the works and thanks to Jon Catchpole Electrical Services for undertaking the electrical works.

We now have provided a total of seven defibrillators with the locations at: -

- Hook Shopping Parade
- Hook Papermill Avenue
- Hook Bowling Club
- Odiham High Street
- Odiham London Road Life Church
- Hartley Wintney High Street
- Hartley Wintney Sports Centre

We are now looking with Hartley Wintney Parish Council to relocate the defibrillator at St John's Church to be accessible 24/7.

We will be holding two free "Resuscitation & Defibrillator Awareness Training" at North Warnborough Village Hall on Saturday 6th June at 10.00 and 11.00. Lion Jeni will be leading the training.

Lion Roger Sutton



It was with immense pleasure to present Lion Roger Sutton with his 40th anniversary Chevron.

Lion Roger has been a stalwart of HOHWL. Lion Rodger with his wife, Anne, have been volunteering at many Lions events over the years, including running the dog shows at both the Hook Village Show and the Hartley Wintney Festival and being part of the Lions FunFest team. Lion Roger was also President in 2007/08 and 2015/16.

IT Refurbishment Programme

Graham Drayton from Fleet Lions has given this update to the IT Refurbishment Programme.

Since the Covid pandemic, our Lions IT Project has proudly donated over 3,000 computers to people who truly need them. These devices have supported local charities, schools, and community groups, helping bridge the digital divide.

More recently, we've also been helping adults who need access to the online job market giving them the tools to search, apply, and build a better future.

But we urgently need your help.

Our supply of devices is running very low and demand continues to grow. We are desperately in need of donations of computers and laptops with Windows 8 or above.

All donated devices are professionally wiped, and data destruction certificates can be provided if required.

Every computer donated can change someone's life - helping a student learn, a charity to operate, or someone to find employment.

If able to help, contact your local Lions Club or leave a message with: IT@fleetlions.org.uk

#Lionsclubs #weserve #digitalinclusion #communityservice #donatecomputers

Lion Alyson Euridge is our coordinator and collects the donated IT equipment, hands over to Lion Graham in Fleet for refurbishment and then has the honour of handing over the refurbished IT equipment.

Marketing

“We do lots of good things but never tell anybody!”

This is common theme across the majority of Lions Clubs, and we are no exception. So, we set out to change that.

Lion Françoise has been leading the charge, consistently updating our social media pages with the latest news on our events, projects, and members. She has also a series of posters to support our key activities, helping us showcase what we offer the community. These were recently displayed at the April meetings of Odiham and Hook Parish Councils.



Special thanks also goes to Lion Graham, who successfully arranged for our posters to be displayed on the Hartley Wintney Parish Council noticeboard in the village car park.

If you've visited our website lately, you'll have noticed the fantastic work Lion Neil has done on a major refresh, making it more engaging and user-friendly. Meanwhile, Lion Lynn has been busy writing articles featured in *Hook Focus*, *Odiham & North Warnborough Parish News*, *Hartley Wintney Contact Magazine*, and *Hartley Wintney Hook & Villages Community Ad Magazine*.

The marketing team is always ready to support any project with its promotional needs—from writing stories to help recruit new members, to creating graphics for the web, and producing videos that bring our projects to life.

Looking ahead, next year marks our **40th Anniversary**. Keep an eye out for upcoming publicity and articles as we celebrate this major milestone in the Club's history. The team has already started brainstorming ideas!

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MAKING A DIFFERENCE IN OUR COMMUNITY

Prostate Cancer Screening
Litter Pick Volunteering

Our Lions Club raises funds to enable us to serve our communities through special programmes and contributions, and we volunteer to help our communities be a better place for all.

23 Active members in our club
20+ Projects and events run every year
9 Parishes covered 39 Years of service

Lions Message in a Bottle
The long-life bottle, found in the fridge

If you would like to donate please click here and you will be redirected to our PayPal Giving Fund page.

100% of your donations go towards the cost of water.

Would like to donate? Please click the Donate Here button below. The button will take you to our PayPal Giving Fund page.

Donate Here

JOIN US

Become a Lion to make a difference in your community. If you are interested in joining us or just want to find out more, please click the button below.

Interested in joining us? Or would like to find out a bit more click the button below

FIND OUT MORE



February



Our February Business Meeting commenced with the induction of Christine May who became our 23rd member.

Pictured is Lion Owen inducing Christine with her mentor Lion Neil.

March

March started the Hook litter pick season. A very good turnout with 25 bags collected! In some ways good, in others, not so good.



We are grateful for Hook Parish Council leading the event.

April

April continued with the litter picks, with Hook & Odiham Rugby Club leading the event.



Unfortunately, some of the items found during April's litter pick. Hook, you can do better than this!



Our lockup container at Bunkers Hill Farm had a good Spring tidy in preparation for the summer season.

Finally in April we were at both the Odiham and Hook Parish Councils annual meetings.



Future Events

Currently in the pipeline:

- **Hook Village Show 2026.** The date is fixed, Sunday 5th July. The planning is just about completed, events and attractions booked. We are still looking for stallholders to support the Show. The free Show programme is due to be delivered to all the residents in Hook by the end of May.
- **Prostate Screening.** Following the success of our previous screening events the next free screening event will be at the Odiham Cottage Hospital on Saturday 23rd May.
- **Hook Village Litter Picks.** The Hook litter pick season is nearly upon us. Lions Louise and Colin will continue to organise the litter picks with the following dates; Sunday 10th May, Sunday 21st June, Sunday 19th July, Sunday 20th September and Sunday 18th October.
- **District Fun Day at Marwell Zoo.** Sunday 7th June.
- **FunFest 2026 at Yateley Manor School.** Sunday 28th June.
- **All Saints Church Fete, Odiham.** Saturday 18th July.

We thank all who volunteer their time to run and support these events and let's not forget the hard work many do behind the scenes to make our events a success on the day. If you can help, or wish to become a Lion, please contact myself. Alternatively, if you wish to donate to help those in need and support the charities that the Lions support, please visit our website.

Latest information on our activities can be found on our website, Facebook, and Instagram.

And for the final time, thank you for your support and now it's over to Lions President Elect Owen!

John Sandford

President, Hook Odiham & Hartley Wintney Lions Club

THE HOOK VILLAGE SHOW
 sponsored by  

SUNDAY 5TH JULY 2026 12.00 TO 17.00
 HARTLETT'S PARK, HOOK

FIVE WONDERFUL HOURS OF FUN, ENTERTAINMENT AND COMMUNITY SPIRIT AWAIT YOU!

PROGRAMME

12.00	Show opens
12.30 - 13.00	Hook Eagle Morris
13.00 - 13.30	Main Act Part I - Come Bye Sheepdog Display
13.30 - 14.00	Basingstoke Silver Band
14.00 - 14.30	K-pop Superfan Nova and Mascot Mario
14.30 - 15.00	Break
15.00 - 15.30	Main Act Part II - Come Bye Sheepdog Display
15.30 - 16.00	Basingstoke Silver Band
16.00 - 16.15	Raffle Prize Draw
16.15 - 16.30	'Best in Show' Dog Class
17.00	Show closes

FUN DOG SHOW

14.15	Cutest Puppy
14.30	Handsome Boy
14.45	Gorgeous Gal
15.00	Golden Dishes
15.15	Children's Handling
15.30	Best Trick
15.45	Rescued Dog
16.15	Best in Show & 'Dog the Judge would like to take home'

And there is more

- Food Court
- Fairground Attractions
- Classic Cars Display
- Art and Crafts Stalls
- Music

Steve Keag Circus Workshop

Come Bye Sheepdog Display

KPOP Superfan Nova

TO BOOK YOUR DISCOUNTED TICKETS...



 Hook Parish Council

LIONS FUNFEST
 Sunday 28th June 2026
 11.30am - 4.00pm

For people with disabilities or special educational needs their families and helpers

A day to enjoy with all the fun & entertainment free of charge
 Why not join us and have a very special fun-packed day with the Lions



Yateley Manor School
 The car park entrance is at the rear of the school in Stillwell Close.
 Post Code GU46 6XH

Organised by the Lions Clubs of
 Yateley, Hart, Fleet,
 Hook, Odiham & Hartley Wintney
 Farnborough & Aldershot
 & Loddon Valley

To register please visit www.lions-funfest.org.uk
 and complete the online booking form.
 Email: funfest@btinternet.com 01252 626341



We meet at The Raven PH in Hook every 3rd Monday of the month at 7pm
 Lions Phone, text, or WhatsApp on 07817 886 002
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