



Hook Odiham & Hartley Wintney Lions Club (CIO)

Registered Charity # 1176812

Newsletter – May to July 2025



Dear Lions & Friends of Lions,

Welcome to the latest edition of the Hook Odiham & Hartley Wintney Lions Club Newsletter and happy Lionistic New Year!



It's official! As you can see we have changed our name! Although we covered Hartley Wintney our name never suggested this. So after some debate we decided that a name change was in order to better reflect the main villages that we cover. Over the course of the coming months we will change our branding and updating our website to reflect our new name. Hopefully with this we may see some people from Hartley Wintney wishing to join us.

Unfortunately LCI incorrectly spelt Wintney!
Lion Judith has requested a new Charter.

It has certainly been a very busy summer so far! Prostate screening, Hartley Wintney Festival, Hook Fun Run, Odiham Church Fete, Marwell Fun Day, FunFest and the Hook Village Show. In addition we continue with our Hook Village Litter Picks, assisting Hook Foodbank and anything else we can do within our community to provide assistance where required. We can now look back to how we fared and what we can do better. We never stop!

Charitable Donations



Lion Hope secured our first Tesco Stronger Starts donation campaign.

We were selected as one of the three charities to be included in Tesco's blue token donation box at the Tesco stores at Hook Superstore, Baughurst Express and Hartley Wintney Express from 1st July to 30 September 2025. The winning charity will receive £1,500, 2nd £1,000 and 3rd £500.

Our chosen project is the Marwell Fun Day Out and the funds need to be used within one year of receiving the money.

When you are next doing your shopping at one of these Tesco stores please remember to collect your blue token and put it in our bin.

Recruitment Drive

Our current membership stands at 22 and our aim is 25 members by the year end. Lion Mark is heading this recruitment drive with the support of Lions Francoise, Neil, Judith and Lynn. We have now started our publicity drive in Odiham and with our timely name change we will then be heading to Hartley Wintney.

Defibrillator News



As part of our defibrillator programme Lion Jeni Rees, a qualified Basic Life Support instructor, will be leading training sessions in the use of not only defibrillators, but also how to perform cardiac pulmonary resuscitation (CPR).

The training sessions will be held:-

- Saturday 23rd August in Hartley Wintney at St. John's Church at 10.00 and at 11.00.
- Tuesday 26th August at the Hook Community Centre at 19.00 and 20.00.
- Saturday 30th August in Odiham at The Bridewell at 14.00 and at 15.00.

We thank WEL Medical for their very generous donation of the training defibrillator.

May



May started by taking part in the 80th VE Day celebrations in Hartley Wintney.

The 80th VE Day celebrations were quickly followed by our 5th free Prostate Screening event at the Odiham Cottage Hospital where we tested 266 men. Well done to Lion Mark for managing the event with the assistance of Lion Colin, and all those who volunteered on the day to make this another successful event.



To ensure that Hook was looking its best for the Hook Fun Run, Hook Runners led the monthly Litter Pick. 14 bags were collected helping to keep Hook tidy for the big day.



The following week we then moved onto helping out at the Hook Fun Run where we provided marshals for the course and the Community Store van “Rocket” to set up the water stations along the route.

Lion Owen helped set up the water stations, competed in the 10k run, and then returned to clear away the water stations. Exhausting work Owen!

Lion Terry was out in force as one of the marshals.



Together with the Hook Care Group we delivered around 4,000 copies of the Hook Village Show programme, Hook Parish Council Annual Report and the Hook Care Group flyer.

Lion Neil was one of our many volunteers.



Lion Alyson was at Hook Junior School delivering a refurbished laptop, which is part of our Zone IT Refurbishment programme.

June



June started off with helping Zero Hunger in Hook with relocating two food storage sheds.

We are looking at ways in which we could work with Zero Hunger in the future.



Due to Father's Day June's Litter Pick was earlier in the month and was led by the Hook Life Church.

We then moved onto Hartley Wintney where we were at the Hartley Wintney Festival, helping out the Rotary Club of Hart. In addition to providing volunteers to Rotary we staged the dog show and also had our gazebos out for our ever popular darts game and free games for the children.



Lion Francoise accompanied families from Hook, Odiham & Hartley Wintney for the annual Fun Day at Marwell Zoo.

Here is a little message we received from one of the mums:

"We went to the park for a good hour and a half and we spent most the time hand feeding the crows 😊❤️ xxxx and the tigers at the end ❤️❤️. It was such an amazing day honestly thank you so much and the children loved it too ❤️ they definitely had their moments but it was such an amazing day to make memories xx"

Finally in June we moved onto Yateley Manor School for FunFest. FunFest is a fun packed day for people with disabilities or special educational needs, their families and helpers. Despite the uncomfortably hot weather nearly 800 people attended with smiles all around.



July



July started with a bang, the Hook Village Show!

Despite intermittent showers and a deluge late in the afternoon a great day was had by all. The main area events went down a storm with the Hook Eagle Morris Men, falconry display by Ridgeside Falconry, Basingstoke Silver Band, Snow Queen, Olaf, Spiderman and Little Nippers' dog show. We had an excellent turnout of 25 classic cars, tractors, funfair attractions and our ever popular dog show.

Ms Alex Brewer, MP for North East Hampshire, paid us a visit and handed out the raffle prizes and the dog show awards.

We must thank all of our volunteers, sponsors, Rotary Club of Odiham & Hook, Hook Parish Council and the stallholders for their support.

Although the attendance was higher than last year, unfortunately the number of sponsors was down. Sponsorship is vital to the success of the Show and a major financial contributor to our activities.

Shortly we will start with planning the 2026 show!



After the Hook Village Show we then moved our gazebos to the Odiham Church Fete where again we ran our ever popular darts game and commenced our membership campaign with the residents of Odiham. Let's hope that we can persuade some residents of Odiham to join us.

Unlike the Hook Village Show we had constant sunshine and the hottest day of the year to date.



The Lions team make their grand entrance to the Odiham Village Fete.

The following weekend we staged our Hook Village Litter Pick led by the Raven Care Home. Despite the rain we had an excellent turnout with 20 bags of rubbish collected, which was excellent, but at the same time rather depressing. Unfortunately, the areas around Bartley Way are black spots and need constant clearing. Residents of Hook, please take your litter home!!



Jed & Jean, our star litter pickers in Hook who regularly litter pick along the A30 to The Hogget. Great job!

We continued in July with tidying up Memorial Garden at St. Mary's Church in Hartley Wintney for Hartley Wintney Parish Council. There is still work to do, but we did make big inroads.



The garden maintenance team



And to round off July Lion Alyson went shopping!

Lion Alyson spent 1 ½ hours at Tesco's in Hook with community champion Linda purchasing "child friendly" food items as requested by the Foodbank and selecting items to bag up for customers to purchase.

Alyson Lion commented, "A rewarding afternoon."

Future Events

Currently in the pipeline:

- **Litter Picks.** The Litter Pick season continues in Hook with the next litter pick on Sunday 17th August commencing at 10.00 at Hartletts Park. Further Litter Picks in Hook will be on 21st September and 19th October.
- **Windsor Horse Ride.** Saturday 6th & Sunday 7th September. Providing marshals for the event.
- **Duke's Dawdle.** Sunday 7th September at Whitewater Meadows in Hook. Supporting Dogs for Good.
- **Off The Hook at Greywell.** Saturday 13th September at Greywell. We will be there with our gazebo.
- **Baton of Hope.** Thursday 25th September between 7.30 and 8.30. Baton of Hope is the UK's largest suicide prevention initiative. We will be at Odiham Wharf with our gazebo serving tea and biscuits.
- **Prostate Screening.** Following the success of our previous events we are continuing with our 6th free event on Saturday 15th November at the Odiham Cottage Hospital.
- **Christmas 2025.** Christmas seems a long way off, but we are already planning our fund raising activities for the Festive Season.

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 are able to help out, 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.

Thank you for your support!

John Sandford

Lions President

And Finally.....



A sad farewell. Lion Adge Binding is leaving us. Lion Adge was at the military based at RAF Odiham but is now returning to civilian life. Before commencing his new job in September he is off travelling. Good luck for the future and it has been a privilege knowing and working with Adge.

We meet at The Raven PH in Hook every 3rd Monday of the month at 7pm
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