

Social Life

We aim to have a social event every month, usually on the fourth Wednesday. The social committee plans a variety of events including tours and visits, pub meals, theatre trips, playing petanque, summer BBQs, quiz nights, horse-racing, and a festive dinner before Christmas



Summer Barbecue



Festive Dinner



Fancy Dress Night

When do we meet?

Our membership is open to both men and women over the age of 18. We have a business meeting on the second Wednesday of each month at the Wokingham Cricket Club at 8pm.

Some reasons to join Lions:

- ✓ Make new friends
- ✓ Help others
- ✓ Give back to the local community
- ✓ Have fun
- ✓ Broaden your horizons
- ✓ Make a difference

For more information on the Wokingham Lions Club:

Find us on 

www.facebook.com/WokinghamLions/

Visit our website: www.wokinghamlions.org.uk

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We look forward to welcoming you to our club.

**Alone we can do so little,
together we can do so much**

Helen Keller, social activist for the blind and supporter of Lions as "Knights of the Blind"



WOKINGHAM LIONS CLUB

We Serve

**You can't get very far until you
start doing something for
somebody else**

*Melvin Jones, civic leader and founder of
Lions Clubs International*

***Ordinary People Doing
Extraordinary Things***

Who are we?

Founded in 1974, The Wokingham Lions Club is part of Lions Club International (LCI), the world's largest service organisation. LCI, founded in 1917, is non-political and headquartered outside Chicago, IL (USA). Lions Clubs worldwide have more than 1.6 million members in over 200 countries and geographic areas around the world. 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.

Wokingham Lions Club has around 30 members, including Her Royal Highness Sophie, Countess of Wessex, who is Royal Patron of the Lions Clubs of the British Isles and Ireland.



Some of our members at BBC Broadcasting House

LCI provides support for international disasters using its network of clubs. When disaster strikes, LCI provides aid and assistance via the clubs local to the event, who ensure that the help is provided efficiently.

One of LCI's dedicated causes is sight, so part of its international efforts target eyesight. It is a little-known fact that LCI championed the use of white sticks by blind people.

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. We do this in a variety of ways:

- **SpecTrek** - We collect unwanted spectacles through our SpecTrek scheme, which grades them before sending them to underprivileged people in third world countries. Service to the blind and visually impaired is one of our main goals.



- **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 necessities outside grocery stores. We then create and deliver festive food parcels to care homes and the elderly in the community.
- **Individuals in Need** – Our Community Services Committee vets requests for support for individuals in need and provides assistance to those in genuine hardship.
- **Helping at Events** – We assist other service clubs and charities at their events, for example by serving as marshals.

Fundraising

Our biggest fundraising event of the year is the annual May Fayre, held on the first Bank Holiday Monday in May.



We are part of a consortium of five service clubs that runs the Wokingham Charity Fireworks Spectacular every year. We also raise funds by running tea tents and real ale festivals.

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

Who have we helped?

Among the many local charities we have supported are:

- Alexander Devine Children's Hospice Service
- Berkshire Women's Aid
- Building for the Future
- Camp Mohawk
- Citizen's Advice Bureau
- DrugFAM
- Thames Hospice
- Thames Valley Air Ambulance
- Wokingham Food Bank
- Wokingham in Need