



PRIDE of the NORTH

NEWSLETTER for 105N District

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Fun and Sports Day Special



On the 10th August, Lions from across the District, and some from beyond, came together for the **44th Lions International Fun and Sports Day for People with Disabilities**. Hosted in Doncaster, a wide variety of games and activities, from 'Splat the Rat', giant Jenga and football were provided.

District Sports/Special Olympic Officer, Auriol Henton said, "Thank you to all Lions Clubs who attended Fun & Sports Day, for all the work you put in to make another amazing day.

It was great to have **more football teams thanks to Bridlington for paying for the Coach** which brought them. The Numbers were up on last year in the 190s. Everyone enjoyed the **face painting Lady and the Magician, also they were enthralled with the Punch & Judy Show**.

A big thank you to **Parklands Sports and Social Club** for allowing us to use their Facilities. All the hard work pays off when you see the big smiles on the contestants faces. **Thank you all!**"

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Hunger Service Callout

- Have you got a passion for projects focused on tackling Hunger?
- Does your Club have a series of hunger/food initiatives?
- Would you like to help us co-ordinate a District-wide approach to Hunger, working with other passionate Lions?

If so, please contact **Global Service Team Lead, Lion David Wilson** on davidwilson51@hotmail.co.uk or **DG Gill**.

Connecting members in Yorkshire, the
North East and Scotland

Find out more
inside!

Editor's Page

Dear fellow Lions,

Welcome to a very jam-packed **August edition of the Pride of the North.**

Now, some could be reading this and thinking, "Wait, I just received our Pride in the North". And, yes - you are right! However, after speaking to our brilliant DG Gill, it was **agreed that a new structure for deadlines** was needed. This is to ensure a regular, timely publication of this newsletter to share our brilliant work!



As a result, the POTN will be published on (or before) the fourth Sunday of the month. Consequently, the deadline for **any submissions will need to be in the weekend before** (the third Sunday). Rather excitedly, I will be working on a structure for some **Special Editions** (like this one) which will focus on our **District-wide work on key commitments such as, the environment, hunger and cancer.**

In terms of this issue, as you will see, it is bigger and better than ever!

We have so many highlights including:

- Photos from the Fun and Sports Day in Doncaster
- Calendar dates from District 105N
- Articles from our Officers
- Information about the 'Travelling Lion' competition
- More Club Stories than you can shake a tail at!

You may also have noticed that we have some **hyperlinks** embedded into this newsletter, have a go as they should make access to emails/websites all the easier.

Keep up the great work and enjoy this edition of The Pride of the North!

Luke Maunsell

District Newsletter Editor

Get in touch!

Have you a story to share or want to find out more about the District and our work? **Get in touch!**



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District Governor's Message

Dear fellow Lions,

A visit to the seaside saw me with **Filey Lions for their Annual Ball Race** (see page 11) and the Lions Clubs gathering at **Doncaster for the Fun and Sports Day** (see page 7) was everything it promised to be – I'll be going again next year.

I am pleased to welcome new faces to **Cabinet and to the group of Zone Chairs** who will be out and about in the next few weeks sharing their learning from Sunday's training session.

They **generated lots of ideas** and this includes succession planning, for example if you have been in a role for two or three years, have you trained up your successor? have you considered a different role within your club or zone?

Do you have service data reporting on your club agenda? Have you appointed someone to do your service reporting? This helps when we respond to questions from potential partners, insurers and investors and **when we claim to be the biggest service organisation in the world they quite correctly want to see the evidence.**

The **Travelling Lion opportunity** (see page 16/17) is a great way to network and get new ideas, you can also enter the District competition though it will be hard to catch Thorne Rural Lions!

You have asked for ideas about recruiting and keeping members so we look forward to meeting many of you at the **Membership Event in Scotch Corner on 28th September – details to follow soon** (see page 3).

A DG is not just for Christmas and the DG team and your District officers are only too happy to respond to your enquiries.

Lion Gillian Swan

District Governor



Diary Dates

4th September - Teesdale Club visit

5th September - Harrogate Club visit

10th September - Morpeth Club visit

11th September - Ponteland Club visit

12th September - IOSH training for Zone Chairs by zoom

15th September - Lions Council Zoom meeting

16th September - Pocklington Club visit

23rd September - Alnwick Club visit

24th September - Morpeth Club visit

28th September Membership Forum – Scotch Corner



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Our Club, Our Way



At the Club Officers Information Day, held in May, members asked if an event could be organised where Lions could **come together to discuss, ask questions, share and exchange ideas** about how to attract new members and most importantly, how to make sure that members continue to feel valued, have a sense of belonging and appreciated for the work that they do.

Attracting new members whilst continuing to look after our existing members is essential if our clubs are going to continue to rise to the challenge of meeting the ever increasing needs of our communities in District N.

Saturday 28th September
Scotch Corner Hotel
10.00am – 4.00pm

Join Lions from across our District to:

- Discuss the challenges facing your club, when it comes to recruiting and retaining members
- Share and exchange your thoughts and ideas with fellow members
- Learn from the experiences of fellow members in our District
- Discover practical tools and resources to help your club thrive

Who should attend: this event is **open to any club member** in our District who is interested in helping their club to grow and increase the impact of their service within their community.

Don't miss this chance to grow your club, to serve more and do more for your community.

To register for the event, ask your club secretary for a copy of the booking form or email:
michelle.mcarthur@jigsawatwork.com

**Sign up today and help your club
to ROAR louder than ever before!**
Everyone Welcome

We hope to see you there,

The District Global Action Team



1st Vice Governor's Message

Fellow Lions, Leos and Partners,

Since the last newsletter I have been able to sit in at my first **Council of Governors** meeting the last weekend in July, and found it very interesting and informative.

I have just received details of my **training group** for this year, and there are 30 in my group. I am disappointed that I am the only one in my group from Europe, though I am sure I will get on with everyone. Apparently, next year's DG group are being used as an experiment splitting up groups from the same MD, unlike previously when the MD DGE's have all been in the same group.



District-wise, I commenced my club visits with a trip to **Scarborough Lions Club**. I am pleased to say they are doing well, following the loss of PDG Roy Chambers, having had a little help to sort things out from Filey President and Treasurer. I am having a holiday and then will **recommence trying to arrange club visits** and look forward to meeting those of you I haven't yet done so.

I am also hoping to see some of you at the **District Membership Forum at Scotch Corner on 28th September**, when we will be looking particularly at retention and recruitment of members.

Keep up the good work within your communities.

Remember, together we can, together we do.

Lion John Sellers

1st Vice District Governor



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2nd Vice Governor's Message

Dear fellow Lions, Leo's and partners,

Since the last newsletter, I have been continuing my 2VDG training and have attended **Cabinet at Scotch Corner, plus the last Zone Chair training session**, which was very informative.

We, as a Cabinet Team are busy organising the **Members Forum on 28th September**, which we hope will be well attended as it is a chance to have your say 'Your Club, Your Way'.

I am also looking forward to representing our District in Oslo in October at a **Leadership, Membership and Extension Workshop**.

Additionally, I proudly attended the Doncaster Fun and Sports Day, which was excellent, with some **190 participants and over 15 Club stands**, everyone seemed to thoroughly enjoy the day.

On a more sombre note I attended the **funeral of a wonderful man, PDG John Daker**. I became friends with John and his wife Sue, some 27 years ago and it was John that got me onto Cabinet as IT Chair in 2000. He will be sorely missed.

As **GET (Extension Officer)**, I have attended a number of District and Multi District meetings and continue to establish the role, I will be working as part of the membership and leadership team with **Lions Richard Nash and Michelle McArthur**.

Yours in Lionism,

Lion Allan Clark MJF

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Calendar Dates

Elmet Lions - PSA Testing for men

25th September, 2:30pm to 7:30pm (fully booked)

The Motorist, Lennerton Lane, Sherburn in Elmet LS25 6JE

Elmet Lions - Car Boot Sale

Sunday 29th September, from 9am
Millford Plants, Common Lane LS25 5BX

Rothwell District Lions

Wild Boar Off Road Cycle Ride Challenge

Sunday 6th October, from 7:00am

J45 - Skelton Lane services, Leeds, LS9 0AS

Register at: www.wildboar-challenge.co.uk/index.html

Filey 60th Charter Night

Saturday 19th October, 7:00pm for 7:30pm
Expanse Hotel, Bridlington
£35 a head

Elmet Lions - Inter Pub Quiz

100 questions in 30 minutes , 25th October, 2024

Various pubs in the local area

District Cabinet Meeting

Sunday 27th October, 9:30am for 10am
Scotch Corner Hotel, Darlington
All members welcome

Filey Bonfire Night and Fireworks Display

Saturday 2nd November, 5:30pm onwards
West Avenue Car Park
retiring collection

Elmet Lions - Santa Sleigh

1st December to 22nd December 2024

Sherburn and surrounding villages

District Convention

Friday 7th to Sunday 9th February 2025

Scotch Corner Hotel, Darlington

Easter Egg 100 numbers

March/April 2025
Various pubs, clubs, schools and organisations

Great Selby Bike Ride

18th May 2025 from 10am
Barlby High School, Barlby YO8 5JP

Add your event to the calendar!

If you have a date for the next issue, please email me on: media@keighleylions.org.uk



Fun and Sports Day



Here are just a few of the amazing moments from what proved to be an **extraordinary day in Doncaster.**

Thanks go to **Rothwell, Maltby and Rother Valley, Holme Valley, Doncaster, Tickhill and District and Keighley Lions Clubs** for their contributions.



Learn, Grow, Serve

No matter where you are on your Lions Journey, District 105N offers training and development opportunities to keep you moving forward - **Serve More and Do More for Your Community.**

Safeguarding Webinar

Monday 2nd September, 7:30pm

Hosted by District CN – joining details will be circulated

Your Role, Your Responsibility – Trustee Training For Lions

Thursday 19th September, 7.30pm

Election as a trustee comes with both legal and advisory responsibilities. This interactive webinar covers the role in general as established by the charity commission and gives guidance on how trustees can serve effectively in a Lions Club.

Book your place here:

https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZcvfuivrTouHtazgYmrgl-xXA3CYndR_9jU

Getting the Most from your Lion Portal

Thursday 26th September, 7.30pm

Last Opportunity to get practical hands on support for how to get the most from the new Lion Portal.

Book your place here:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZcvd-yppzlsE9bQ5OSoUXseCyDphgimrtHZ>

Managing Conflict and Fallout in your Club

Thursday 31st October, 7:30pm

Situations arise which can lead to conflict and fallout between club members. This workshop is designed to assist you in identifying some of the causes of conflict, and to help you feel more confident and comfortable in managing conflict. We will explore different approaches to managing conflict and how to choose the right approach for the situation

Book your place here:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZwpf6prD8sE9Ban017mcnxCyLRbkTNWZCb>



Leading and Belonging to a Multi-generational Lions Club

Tuesday 26th November, 7:30pm

Many clubs are now finding that the age diversity of club members is the widest it has ever been. This poses new challenges for club leaders and members:

- There are likely to be communication issues and differences
- Members of different generation may not hold the same expectations of what they want from their membership, or the way that things should be done
- As with any type of diversity, it is natural that people will have preconceived ideas about the different generations which can lead to sweeping generalisations and stereotyping.

In these interactive events we will discuss the expectations and needs of each generation and explore ways in which clubs can adapt and grow to enable everyone to be heard, feel valued and able to contribute at a level they are comfortable with.

Book your place here:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZUrcuyrqjwuHdVQ99g8HcgRORX-7HFewu4e>

Sign up today and help your club to ROAR louder than ever before!

Remember, you are never alone.....

If you have concerns about your own or someone else's mental wellbeing, you can contact Michelle Nicholson for a confidential conversation and guidance about where you can get professional help and support if required.

Lion Michelle Nicholson

District 105N Wellbeing Officer

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Claiming Gift Aid from HMRC

*In a special article, **Lion Steve Cooper** talks us through the benefits and value in claiming Gift Aid and how this can help our **Clubs get a financial boost!***

If you are a registered charity and you fundraise online you've probably registered with HMRC to receive **Gift Aid (GA)**, which is **worth an additional 25% of a donation** made by a UK individual who is a taxpayer.



You may well choose to have your online donations managed by an organisation such as JustGiving who claim the GA on your behalf from HMRC. There is a cost involved (a monthly fee and net GA of 20% instead of 25%).

Where you receive online donations via contactless card readers you often don't receive donors' details necessary for a GA claim. Similarly, when you **operate bucket collections at an event or have collection cans located for example in a pub, you miss out on Gift Aid.**

You do, however, have the opportunity to **make a claim direct to HMRC.** You can read how to do this at <https://www.gov.uk/claim-gift-aid-online>.

Where individual donations are **£30 or less there is a special scheme called Gift Aid small donations scheme (GASDS)** for such claims.

Organisations which are not registered charities can still claim Gift Aid. You would first need to register your organisation with HMRC and provide information which established your credentials with them. Here's a link which provides information on that aspect of Gift Aid. - <https://www.gov.uk/claim-gift-aid/small-donations-scheme>

Apparently, every year **more than £500 million goes unclaimed**, according to the Charity Finance Group.

Steve Cooper

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Tales from our Clubs

Darlington Lions

In our first Club story of this month, we venture to the ever fab County Durham to visit our friends in **Darlington**.

The Club have been incredibly generous of late with a huge cheque of **£5,000 to St Teresa's Hospice**, taking the total gifted to the local charity to **£15,000 in the past 12 months**.

This local facility provides palliative and end of life care to so many local people, it is a **deeply loved and precious resource which our Lions are proud to support**.

As a result, **Lion President Pat De Martino (left)** was overjoyed to present the cheque to **Carol Charlton, Honorary Chair of St Teresa's (right)**. **Absolutely great work which even featured in the Darlington and Stockton Times!** If you want to find out more about the Hospice, please visit their website at: <https://darlingtonhospice.org.uk/>



Filey Lions



In the beautiful, seaside town of Filey - a very special, and rather unique event has taken place. On the 7th August, Filey Lions held its **Annual Ball Race** which continued in its own tradition of becoming **bigger and better** with increased numbers of participants and larger crowds.

The race itself is such a **spectacular** that everyone has grown to love. This year, for example, an increased number of **3000 balls were loaded into a JCB bucket** and then tipped to race down a newly **upgraded obstacle course**. The **first 5 balls to reach the bottom would win a cash prize ranging from £30 to £150**.

As you can image, the **Race was a great success**. There was huge interest, which was backed by local businesses to help meet costs, and which also saw 500 balls sold on the night alone. With such well deserved support, the **whole event raised nearly £3000** which will be reinvested into the community and all thanks to the **fantastic Filey Lions!**

Another annual fixture of Filey Lions' calendar is that of their **Golf Day** which saw a massive **42 teams** of both men and women take to the course.

Like with the Ball Race, this **great occasion was a triumph** which culminated in a **celebratory buffet for all and raised a massive £4,850!** Local knowledge of the course seems to have paid off as the winning team lived in the Filey area. **A 'par-fect day!**



Elmet Lions



In the North Yorkshire village of **Sherburn**, the **Town Council** has been supporting their Lions Club to raise money for their important, community work.

They did this by picking the Elmet Lions to be their charity of choice for the **Party in the Park** held in Eversley Park. This free event, is put on the Town Council and attracts around **3000 people** who come to listen to **tribute bands**, enjoy some **food and drink – and party!**

During the day, the Lions collected for their **PSA testing event** on the 25th September 2024. The **testing of 125 men for prostate cancer**, costs £25 per man and so this event is vital in **raising any shortfall**. Fortunately, the people of Sherburn did not disappoint as **£698.58 was collected from donation buckets as well as a £410 top up from the stall holder rent**. Special mention goes to **President Maggie who, alongside Vice President John Brettell and Young Leader in Service Daniel Pal**, demonstrated the donation QR code and showed everyone the collecting buckets.

Horse-riding is a fantastic hobby, which also has become a **Gold medal discipline** for us in the Olympics, and our Lions in **Tickhill and District** have been showing their support for this sport.

Recently, **the Club donated £2000** to replace a local charity's old, rotting kickboard in their arena which was damaged by a roof leak. These newly replaced, slightly higher boards, are now safe and 'stable' **thanks to our Lions**.

As well as making a financial contribution, a number of Lions actually got involved "hands-on" with the project – none more so than **Lion Kevin Binks who spend days working in the baking heat!** A very worthwhile effort for a charity which **provides horse riding lessons for people with mental or physical disabilities**.

Tickhill and District Lions



Wetherby District Lions



Lions not only make a local impact but frequently, make an international one as well. For example, our **Lions in Wetherby and District have donated some wheelchairs** to Ukraine to help wounded soldiers. The people carrier used to transport them and other medical supplies will also remain in Ukraine to **help injured front line troops**.

Bob, a retired truck driver from Knaresborough, **has made eight such trips** to Ukraine already. As a result, he has witnessed the **horrors of the everyday life** of the people of Volodymyr, a regional town near the Conflict Zone, which is seeking to twin with Knaresborough. **Thank you Bob and our Lions!**



Allendale Lions

A new game has been launched at the **Allendale Agricultural Show** on Saturday August 17th, thanks to their local Lion Club. The game, entitled **'Cowgate'** saw a section of the show field, marked into 100 one metre squares and punters were invited to predict on which square **Daisy the pantomime cow would do her business!**



300 squares were sold for the three games which netted the winners with **£100**. This was so successful that it brought in **£500 for local charities** and proved to be a lot of fun for everyone involved.

The heartiest of congratulations for **Lions Doug Ness, David Humes, Peter Aldcroft, Stephanie Atkinson and John Dobson** who created, led and organised this unique and unforgettable charity effort!

Consett Lions



In Consett, two wonderful sessions of generosity have gone ahead to the **benefit of local people** thanks to the actions of their Lions.

To start with, the Lions have donated to the **Consett Under 10 Girls Football Team** as they start their new season. This is a vital lifeline for the Club which keeps them carrying on playing and which is why they are beaming as **Lion Eleanor Glasgow presented the cheque.**

Added to this and after initial contact from local member Neal Warby, a **brand new defibrillator has been funded for the popular pub, The Grey Horse** thanks to the help of The **Red Sky Foundation** and **N5 Zone Chair, Jackie Robson**. The pub itself raised a **magnificent £1600** whilst **RedSky** were able to supply the defibrillator, cabinet and installation. The pub is on the coast to coast route and the defibrillator will be a valuable asset to the community and those on the route.

In Rothwell District, **two members have revolutionised fundraising** by selling preloved books to help their club and the environment. 16 months ago, it was decided to begin advertising on Facebook and pretty soon sufficient stock had been found for their first sale, which raised over over £80, but also brought in a **new selection of donated books and jigsaws.**

Rothwell District Lions



As this effort picked up, the take up has been incredible and to date over **£3000 has been collected.**

Stocks of both jigsaws and books remain high (the two member's garages are currently creaking) and ever popular. Whilst enjoyable, the effort of collecting and checking book and disposing of ones that do not sell is time consuming. These are either passed on to a local supermarket for their fund raising efforts, scanned and sold online to book buying companies or sent off for pulping. **Brilliant work!**



Thirsk and Northallerton Lions

For the second year in a row, Thirsk and Northallerton Lions Club have held their **Lion Trail** for local children in the school holidays. Free to enter and running over two weeks, the children were tasked to find **45 numbered toy lions** that had been placed in the windows of shops and businesses around the main shopping area in Northallerton.



The first prize was a £25 voucher donated by **Monk Park Animal Farm**, a second prize of £10 and a third prize of £5. In addition, all winners received a toy lion and some bath bombs. In total, **190 forms were given out with 30 fully completed** forms being returned

This, now annual, event has had some great feedback from parents, the shops and businesses that took part, and all are keen for us to do the event again next year. Their Market Stall also raised just over **£150 towards the Friends of the Friarage Hospital** in Northallerton, who are trying to raise £200,000 towards equipment to enable patients to receive Vitreo-Retinal treatment locally rather than in Middlesbrough.

Ryedale Lions



Ryedale Lions help out at a number of local agricultural shows each summer parking cars, selling programmes, helping with refreshments and keeping the showground tidy. Alongside this, Lions members also man the Tombola providing an opportunity to **raise funds, heighten awareness of what and engage with potential new members and supporters**. For example, the club was at the **Rosedale Show on the 17th August** on what was a very busy, warm and productive day Overall, **10 Lions and friends** managed all the car parking for the event from 8.00am to 5.30pm.

During the day, **Lions Robert and Chris Carrack and Malcolm Blacklee** manned the tombola raising over **£200 for Club funds** and recruiting some Elves to help with Santa's Sleigh. If you look closely at the picture, you can see Lion Chris Carrack trying to avoid the camera - **don't hide Chris, you have done a great job!**

Castleford and Pontefract Lions

In Castleford and Pontefract, a project which tries to reduce loneliness for Care Experienced young people has received a boost from their local Lions. **The Regional Care Leaver Football Tournament aids** young people from across the region in finding a **sense of belonging in their teams and helps them in building lifelong, positive relationships**. Jumping at the chance to back this great endeavour, Castleford and Pontefract District Lions Club **funded the full kit for the Wakefield Team**.



Although the Club was unable to attend on the day due to other commitments, it was confirmed that the team was pleased with their kits. In October, our Lions are hoping to attend a special celebration night during **Care Leavers' Week. Lots to celebrate indeed!**



Holme Valley Lions



In order to help **alleviate local poverty in girls' hygiene**, Holme Valley Lions have been doing some vital work for their communities.

The Club had found that, due to poverty levels, some young ladies were taking steps to **either not use products or using the product for too long** which was affecting their health. In some cases, some girls were not going to school whilst their monthly cycle was occurring.

To help tackle this, the Lions decided to **purchase sanitary supplies at a discount** from local supermarkets and distributed, as shown in the picture with Lion Gill, them via food banks to those most in need. This **brilliant project** has been well received by local schools, youth clubs and, of course, the young people who have benefitted

Denby Dale District Lions

Denby Dale District Lions Club had a **fabulous day recently at the Emley Show**. The Show is one of the **biggest and most popular Agricultural Shows in Yorkshire**, attracting thousands of people each year as well as a variety of stallholders, exhibitors and competitors from far and wide. **The Denby Dale Lions Coconut Shy has become a familiar sight in recent years and again proved very popular** with the crowds who were eager to try their luck and win a cuddly lion or a Lion Bar chocolate treat - **People certainly were not 'shy' in taking part!**



This year all proceeds raised from the Shy went to **The Kirkwood (Hospice)** which is a great cause and one which the Club has supported for many years. The following weekend the Shy was in action once again at the **Kirkwood's own Family Fun Day** where more vital funds were raised for them and during which Lions Club members were delighted to present a cheque for **£1,000 towards their ongoing and wonderful work**.

Special Announcements

The District Officers are having an **amnesty for any regalia** (Zone collars, Tail Twister Lions, Bells and gavels) that are not in use.

So, please pass anything you can collect from disbanded Clubs or Lion family members to your Zone Chair, a Cabinet officer or one of the DG team. **We are recycling!**

If you want to keep in touch with other clubs' activities in between newsletters, then please follow our Facebook page - **@LionsDistrict105North**.

Also, please tag in this page with any club posts you particularly want to share on the District Page.

Lion Jonathan Reay



Travelling Lions

In this special article, The Pride of the North is a Host for the Travelling Lions (AKA The Visiting Lion) competition. This competition provides a fun way to encourage partnership and comradeship between Clubs. **To help support this, we summarise the rules below in the hope of urging participation.**

RULES FOR THE VISITING LION COMPETITION IN DISTRICT 105N.

The Competition year shall begin on 1st January and run until 31st December each year. The trophy will be won by the Club which scores the most points during the year and will hold the trophy for one year.

Points will be awarded to the Club for each Lion visiting as follows:

- Within the members own Multiple District 105 - 1 Point.
- Outside 105 - 5 Points.

If tied at the end of the Competition, the total number of visits made, plus the number of visiting Lions, shall be added to the points awarded to determine the winner.

Meetings or functions which earn points in the competition:

Club level

- Regular business meetings.
- Social events inc. Charter or Anni. Dinners
- Fund raising event.
- Formation meeting.

Zone level

- Official Zone meeting.
- Zone social event.
- Zone Fund raising event.

District, Multiple District and International level

- Forums or Workshops.
- District Conventions, Functions and Events.
- Multiple District Conventions, Functions and Events.
- International Conventions, Functions and Events.



Upon every visit, the Visiting Lion must fill in a Visiting Lion Report card (see below), listing those who visited. **Remember, Lions who attend the meeting in an official capacity such as DGs, VDGs, MD/ District Officers, can't receive any points!**

After being filled in, the card needs to be signed by the President or the Secretary of that Club visited. In their absence, the report card may be signed by the Lion, or equivalent, who is taking the meeting or who is in charge of the event. The visiting Lion card should then be posted to the Competition Officer, before the 15th of the Month following the event. Scanned or Emailed copies of Report cards will be accepted. It is hoped to have a published "League table" in the DGs newsletter each month.

The winning Club will be responsible for: the safe keeping of the Trophy for one year. the engraving of their name on the Trophy in a similar style., the delivery of the Trophy to the next Convention, where it will be presented to the next winning Club.

Remember:

- If the meeting is cancelled, no points can be received!
- If there are any disputes over the rule; the Competition's Officer is always correct!
- Have fun by meeting other Lions!

Want to get involved in this brilliant competition? Please, get in touch with Lion Roy on: rjafield58@gmail.com and get your Report Card, sent out with this newsletter!

Scores on the Door


Travelling Lion:

Thorne Rural - 44
Garforth Lions - 20

Host Club:

Thorne Rural - 18



105N Visiting Lion Report Card 

(Please complete in BLOCK CAPITALS)

Visiting Club: _____

Club Visited: _____

Date of Visit: _____

Type of Meeting: _____

Name(s) of visiting Lions:

Total number of visitors: _____

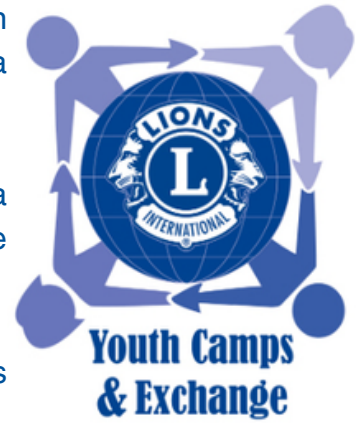
Signature of Pres./ Sect. of visited club:



Youth Exchange

Our District 105N had a very successful Youth Exchange camp in Doncaster in 2019. Then, came the Covid years and Lions commitment to this Project took a necessary back step but we are now positioned to get involved again.

This paper deals with outbound exchanges whereby a Club in MD105 sponsors a young person to participate in hosting and exchange somewhere in the world; there are many countries to choose from.



The **Lions International Youth Exchange** programme began in 1961 and is committed to broadening international awareness among young people worldwide.

- The programme emphasises the value of sharing family and community life in another country.
- It consists of two major parts, international exchanges and international camps.
- Exchanges vary in duration but are undertaken by host families (Lions or non-Lions) sponsor clubs and host clubs.
- Camps last for between 1 & 2 weeks and are organised by host Clubs or Districts.

We encourage youth to take part in Lions projects such as this and send the youth of our districts to camps in many parts of the world to see what Lions are really about. Listed are some of the ways to send the youth to outward camps, something every Club can be involved with.

The following is a suggested template & timeline:

- Approach sixth form colleges in your area to request an invitation to come into school and
- Address years 11 and 12 at an assembly to talk about the scheme.
- Publish an article in local newspapers and magazines and on digital media inviting applications from anyone aged 16-22 living in the Club's area
- Encourage application for a place at an international youth camp in the following year.
- List exchange pages on your Club website

September - Arrange dates and times to attend assemblies at schools to present about the Lions Youth Camp and Exchange programme: resources can be provided in support.

October - Adopt a closing date just before half term for the receipt of applications, which can be sent from the school, by post, or by email to a designated contact in the Club. The form is a modified version of the European Application Form but designed to provide specific authority to retain personal data and contain a declaration that affords us an absolute right to refuse to progress any application without reason if required. Each applicant will need to provide a reference and their parents should sign the application and provide their contact details.

November – Arrange a short 30 min, on-line, interview for each applicant that may involve parents/guardians. It should be an informal process aimed at finding out a little bit more about each applicant, their aspirations, and for the young person and their parent/guardian to ask questions.



December - Issue an acceptance email and guidance notes to each successful applicant, copying in their parent/guardian, and school if applicable, with a copy of the latest European Application Form and a link to the Youth Exchange section of the Lions International website explaining where they can look at the list of camps.

- Each applicant should choose their top 3 country/camp preferences. Ask them to complete the application form and forward it to the Club as an email attachment.
- At the same time print the form, sign and date it where indicated, and send it to the Club by mail together with a jpeg of their passport and a head and shoulder passport style photo jpeg, and a dear host family letter.
- Once these are received, complete the sections on the form relating to Club and District.
- Print a copy to sign and date, where indicated, and send all the documents to the MD Officer who will then add their own details and that of the MD data protection office.
- The completed document packs will then be sent by the MD Officer to their counterparts in the countries that the student has chosen, beginning with their first choice.

Results and feedback including any acceptances and associated documents are sent to the Club with a copy to the District Officer and ultimately to the applicant.

Clubs need not pay any of the costs for those who wish to take part in the scheme, however, please make it clear to the applicants and their parent/guardian what the costs are likely during the interview and application process.

Provide each applicant and parent with every assistance during the process particularly when looking at travel abroad, and the visa application process if required but don't give any advice - just guidance. Parents and young people may want to look at this example: www.ringwoodandfordingbridgelions.org.uk/youthprojects/youthexchange.html

Provide your participants with Club Banners and Pins to present to their Host Families and the Youth Camp. A nice touch would be to have t-shirts made giving the name of the participant, the name of the sponsoring Club and the country being visited.

Communication and commitment are key to happy and successful exchanges for both the participant and the sponsoring Club. Invite the exchanges and their parents/guardians to an informal evening where they can provide feedback on the process and their participation. And finally, update the Club website with the feedback from the year's successful exchanges and invite applications for the next year.

Please give young people in your community the same opportunity.

TO CREATE and foster a spirit of understanding among the peoples of the world.

Yours in Lions Service,

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