

Swanwick Lions Club(CIO)

We Serve
Sarisbury Green, Locks Heath,
Park Gate, Titchfield, Warsash,
Swanwick and Whiteley
communities.

Registered Charity No. 1177500



New and Transferring Members Handbook

Welcome to Swanwick Lions Club!



Lions Club International Purpose

To Organise, charter and supervise service clubs to be known as Lions clubs.

To Co-ordinate the activities and standardise the administration of Lions clubs.

To Create and foster a spirit of understanding among the peoples of the world.

To Promote the principles of good government and good citizenship.

To Take an active interest in the civic, cultural, social, and moral welfare of the community.

To Unite the clubs in the bonds of friendship, good fellowship, and mutual understanding

To Encourage service-minded people to serve their community without personal finance reward, and to encourage efficiency and promote high ethical standards in commerce, industry, professions, public works, and private endeavours.

Lions Club Code of Ethics

To Show my faith in the worthiness of my vocation by industrious application to the end that I may merit a reputation for quality of service.

To Seek success and to demand all fair remuneration or profit as my just due but accept no profit or success at the price of my own self-respect because of unfair advantage taken or because of questionable acts on my part.

To Remember that in building up my business it is not necessary to tear down another's; to be loyal to my clients or customers and true to myself.

Whenever a doubt arises as to the right or ethics of my position or action towards others, to resolve such a doubt against myself.

To Hold friendship as an end and not a means. To hold that true friendship exists not on account of the service performed by one to another, but that true friendship demands nothing but accepts service in the spirit in which it is given.

Always to bear in mind my obligations as a citizen to my nation, my state, and my community, and to give them my unswerving loyalty in word, act, and deed. To give them freely of my time, labour, and means.

To Aid others by giving my sympathy to those in distress, my aid to the weak, and my substance to the needy.

To Be Careful with my criticism and liberal with my praise; to build up and not destroy.

About Swanwick Lions Club

Swanwick Lions Club was formed in 1976 under the sponsorship of Fareham Lions Club.

In September 1976 the club was granted its Charter and proceeded to officially provide a service to the Swanwick, Sarisbury, Locks Heath, Park Gate, Warsash, Titchfield, and Whiteley communities.

Our current membership is 12 and we have a large network of very supportive family and friends who help us with our fundraising efforts.

Our aim is to support people and communities in our area. We are a non-profit organisation and every penny we raise goes towards our local charities and our Lions International Causes.

Always remember we are volunteers and you give what time you have but never at the expense of your family and business.

During the last few years Swanwick Lions Club has supported these causes and many more –

- PCaSO (Prostate Cancer Support Organisation)
- Waypoint Hub Food Bank
- International Disaster Funds (through Lions International)
- Poppy Appeal
- Genesis Special Needs Youth Club
- Brain Tumour Research Appeal
- Fareham Scouts and Warsash Sea Scouts
- Abby's Heroes

Our Lions "Constitution and By-Laws District 105SC" can be found on
www.lions105sc.org.uk

Members and Responsibilities

Club Office

President	Kate Scott
Vice President	Net Cooper
Secretary	Ernie Howard
Treasurer	Fiona Mitchell

Committees

Welfare	Net Cooper
Fundraising	Jacqui Freemantle
PR	Ernie Howard and Net Cooper
Website	Ernie Howard
Social Media	Net Cooper and Teri Abbott
Membership	Frazer Mitchell
Lion Tamer	Frazer Mitchell
Almoner	N/A
Health and Safety	Tim Cooper
Tail Twister	Frazer Mitchell
MIAB	Jenny Hough
Spek Trek	Kate Scott
Youth	Jenny Hough and Teri Abbott
Environmental	Michelle Moseley

Members Without Office:

Privilege Member PDG Vic Smith MJF

Amy Scott

Membership Information

Club Recruitment Process –

This process will apply to any person who displays an interest in joining Swanwick Lions Club, including Lions who wish to transfer from their club, ex-Lions, and new members.

- Attend at least two club business meetings, either in person or via Zoom
- Take part in at least one club activity
- Meet with the club Membership Officer who will provide the prospective members with details of both Swanwick Lions and Lions Clubs International
- Once all these steps have been completed the Membership Officer can, if satisfied, issue a recommendation to the club that the prospective member should be invited to join the club
- If a majority of the club vote to accept the recommendation of the Membership Officer, then the prospective member should be invited to join the club
- Once a member has been inducted, they should be allocated to one of the clubs committees so that they can attend their monthly meetings.

Sponsor – Each club member has a mentor within the club who is there to discuss and support new members with any activities they wish to be involved in.

Meetings

Business meetings are held monthly at Sarisbury Green Community Centre on the first Tuesday of the month, at 7:30pm (in person or via Zoom).

The President, whose annual term of office commences at the beginning of July, runs the meeting to an agenda produced by the Secretary.

To keep the meeting as manageable as possible there are sub-committees comprising of Welfare, Fundraising, and Membership, who meet as necessary during the month and prepare reports for the business meeting.

The agenda, committee and any other reports are forwarded to the Secretary one week before the meeting and collated into our club magazine. This is emailed to us all so we have a chance to read it before the meeting.

If you are unable to attend the meeting, please inform the secretary beforehand.

Any decisions needed are voted on by a show of hands and we aim to reach an agreement, but decisions may be deferred if more information is needed. At least 50% of members need to be present to vote on a decision, either in person or via Zoom.

Club members may be asked to join one of the committees and encouraged to change each year to gain experience.

We occasionally have visitors from other clubs and we also may invite people who seek our support or have been funded by us. Any guests will need to sign our Visitors Book for contact and emailing purposes.

Fundraising

This is an important part of our club that enables us to raise money to support individuals, youth organisations, and charities in our local area. We run many other fundraising events throughout the year, such as pub quizzes, and we are open to suggestions for charities and new events.

Annual Duck Race

We run this event every August Bank Holiday with Eastleigh Lions Club at Mansbridge Southampton.



Santa Sleigh Collections

During the Christmas period we run static and street collections. The money raised goes towards the Presidents' charity of choice.



Welfare

Our Principle Aims

The main focus in Welfare is towards providing support financially to identified individuals and local charitable organisations.

Referrals can come from anyone including individuals, care workers, NHS, local youth groups etc.

Welfare committee members investigate request and report back to the main meeting with their recommendations. Small purchases (or up to £200) can be made by the Welfare Officer in an emergency, for instance new shoes.

Message in a Bottle

These small bottles are distributed for free through hospitals, surgeries, and chemists and contain personal and medical details. They are purchased by the club and handed out free of charge. Bottles are kept in the fridge and a green cross sticker placed on the fridge and inside the front entrance to the house alerts emergency services in the event of an incident.



Youth

ROAR

ROAR is an innovative ideas competition for primary schools. It is an inspirational and fun learning experience for children aged 7 to 11, encouraging their imagination to create “**world changing ideas**”, this helps them to “**think and dream big**”.

The primary purpose of ROAR is to benefit children, but it also provides Lions Clubs with a splendid opportunity to serve their local community better by engaging more widely and deeply with local schools.

ROAR is organised and run in your local schools by our partners **8billionideas**, the award-winning education company. They have been involved with running ROAR for 6 years and ROAR is now an MD youth programme.

ROAR is teacher-friendly with a fully prepared teacher pack, including all lesson plans needed. It covers different areas of the required school’s curriculum as required by OFSTED, including literacy, citizenship, PSHE and STEM.

The programme runs during the autumn term and each school holds a final to decide on their winning idea. The winning team in each school will then create a short video presentation of their idea, which will then be sent to 8billionideas.

Each Lions District will then judge their schools’ entries and select the winning schools, before the National Awards day on the 6th of December when we will showcase the best idea from each of our 8 Districts.

Our Past Presidents

Net Cooper	2023 - 2024
Net Cooper	2022 - 2023
Kate Scott	2021 - 2022
Net Cooper	2020 - 2021
Matt Frost	2019 - 2020
Marian Rose	2018 - 2019
Helen Mitchell	2017 - 2018
Vic Smith	2016 - 2017
Marian Rose	2015 - 2016
Carmell Fitall	2014 - 2015
Micky Turner	2013 - 2014
Sharon Anthony	2012 - 2013
Ivor Dugdale-Jenkins	2011 - 2012
Fred Mitchell	2010 - 2011
Marian Rose	2009 - 2010
Barry Woolcott	2008 - 2009
Vic Smith	2007 - 2008
Fred Mitchell	2006 - 2007
Patricia Couch	2005 - 2006
Sandy Barker	2004 - 2005
Mike Turner	2003 - 2004
Alan Ketchell	2002 - 2003
Ralph Porter	2001 - 2002
Richard Mitchell	2000 - 2001

C.R.J Hibberd	1999 - 2000
Vic Smith	1998 - 1999
D. Hawkesworth	1997 - 1998
M. Moore	1996 - 1997
B. Cass	1995 - 1996
M.G. Turner	1994 - 1995
J.K Wortt	1993 - 1994
J.K Wortt	1992 - 1993
C.J. Ashworth	1991 - 1992
M.G Turner	1990 - 1991
Ken Walsingham	1989 - 1990
B. Cass	1988 - 1989
D. Hawkesworth	1987 - 1988
Mike Fisher	1986 - 1997
Alan Ketchell	1985 - 1986
Peter Dyke	1984 - 1985
Vic Smith	1983 - 1984
Brian Baker	1982 - 1983
Barry Williams	1981 - 1982
Martin Webb	1980 - 1981
Roy Sims	1979 - 1980
Barry Woolcott	1978 - 1979
Denis Glanville	1977 - 1987
Jim Cleave	1976 - 1977

Thank you

Most of us come to the club through friendship and with an interest in welfare and fundraising in our community, whilst having fun.

Please ask any questions that you may have and we will do our best to answer them.

Lions Club of Swanwick

If you are interested in finding out more, you can find us online at:

<https://www.swanwicklions.org.uk>

or on Instagram and Facebook at:

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If you have any further questions, please email us at:

secretary@swanwicklions.org.uk

Or give us a call on

0345 833 4359