

The Shakespeare Lions Club

A Service Club for Adult Men and Women in
Stratford Upon Avon
Warwickshire



Who are the Lions?

Lions International is a world wide service organisation, with over 1.4 million members in over 182 countries. Lions volunteer their time to help their communities and their world. Together, Lions live up to their motto:

"WE SERVE"

World-renowned author and public speaker Helen Keller challenged Lions to become "Knights of the blind". In the many years since that request was made, Lions have done just that. Lions have endeavored to conquer preventable blindness throughout the world with programs like Sight First and through the Lions Club International Foundation.

The club actively promotes and supports Young people with disabilities by raising funds for equipment for individuals in greatest need. Our Annual Children's party also provides an afternoon of entertainment and activities for children of all ages with disabilities and learning difficulties.

We also jointly run the Wellesbourne and Shakespeare Lions Raft Race.

Why should I Consider Joining Lions?

A Lion understands that much more can be accomplished in the community as a group rather than as an individual.

Lions Club meetings are a great place to meet new friends, be entertained, learn from guest speakers and network as well as socialise with others from inside and outside our community.

If a Lion wishes, he or she may advance through the chairs of the Board of Directors. The skills learned as club treasurer, secretary president or other board positions can be invaluable in one's personal and business life.

The community needs service organisations like the Lions. Without the active participation of people like you, the club cannot grow and continue to serve the residents of Stratford upon Avon.

Lionism is fun! Can you think of a more rewarding way to relieve the stress of every day life other than by helping others in need?

How do Lions help the community?

Fund Raising Projects

Joe Loss Dance Charity Dance.

The Raft Race

Children's Christmas Party

Easter Eggs Raffle

Service Projects

Lions lend support and manpower to many community events. The Shakespeare Lions have assisted with the Shakespeare Marathon held every year and organised by Rotary.

We have undertaken projects such as landscaping gardens for people in need. And linking with local schools through a TACADE project.

We also work in partnership with a local Theatre company "The Phoenix Players"

Phoenix Players Panto

Each year we assist many with disabilities old and young, to attend a dress rehearsal of the panto. Last year we filled the Civic hall with up to 400 guests.

What is expected of Lions?

>The Lions meet on the first and second Thursday of every month from September to June, at the Falcon Hotel in Stratford upon Avon. Currently the meeting is devoted to club business where camaraderie abounds and speakers inform members of various projects and topics of interest, Lions strive for regular attendance at club functions.

> A Lions Club is composed of many people with various talents and abilities. As a Lion, you may be asked to chair a fund raising or service committee that reflects your interest and background Acceptance of this position is of course voluntary.

>Lionism can adjust to your personal life. There might be time when other commitments might affect your involvement with the club. Lion members understand and respect this fact.

Lions SERVE and HELP others in the community!

How can I find out more about Lions?

Shakespeare Lions Club of Stratford upon Avon was formed late in 1966, sponsored by Warwick Lions, but the 20 charter members had to wait until September 1967 for their membership of the world's largest humanitarian service organisation to be approved.

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