



## **The Lions Club of Bodmin**

### **An Introduction**

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**This document is designed for new Lions or for anyone considering becoming a Lion**

*We would encourage anyone wanting to find out more general information to initially check out our website and Facebook page and see what we have been up to recently*

[Bodmin Lions Home](#)

### **All about us**

Lions operate all over the world

Bodmin Lions is a charitable incorporated organisation that primarily supports the Community of Bodmin and the surrounding area. It can also be involved in supporting regional, national and international initiatives through Lions Club international and our District structure.

As a club we have been in existence since 1970 and we now have 24 full members of all ages and gender with more on their joining journey.

Key Roles in the club include:

- 1. Our President: Bill May**
- 2. Our treasurer: Ron Goodgame**
- 3. Our secretary: Jon Hancock**
- 4. Welfare officer: Vacant**
- 5. Publicity officer: Sue Newman**
- 6. Health and safety officer: Kevin Marshall**
- 7. Tail Twister: (see further information below) Keith Richardson**
- 8. Individual Members**
- 9. A network of community volunteers to support Lions with key events**

**10. Sponsors: a role created when bringing in a new member to the club**

## Meeting Schedule



Bodmin Lions meet at the Hole in the Wall Pub (in their first-floor meeting room) on the 1<sup>ST</sup> Monday of the month at 7.30

There is a smaller **Directors** meeting which meet on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of the month in the same venue. This group is attended by Trustees, core club members and new members in rotation, to help build on their understanding of how the club operates

## Standing Committees

The 2 regular events that Bodmin Lions operate to generate income for the club are

- **Bodmin 10 Tors (May)**
- **Bodmin Father Christmas's Sleigh (December)**

We also participate regularly in numerous other Community initiatives including

- **Bodmin Firework display**
- **St Piran's Day**
- **Bodmin Carnival**
- **Christmas Lights Switch on**
- **Spectacle Collection**

- **Pencarrow Snowdrop Sunday**
- **Children's Hospice Southwest Santa Run and the Moonlight Memory Walk**
- **Summer fun days in Priory Park**
- **Bodmin Riding and Heritage Day**

We receive regular funding requests for support for individuals or groups which are considered on a case-by-case basis by the Club (see funding section of the website)

**The Sean Whitmore award** is given every year to 3 local young people showing established or emerging talent and dedication to their sport

### **The journey to becoming a Lion**

1. Complete and submit the Application form that you will find online or you can request one by emailing [bodmin.lions@outlook.com](mailto:bodmin.lions@outlook.com)
2. The application will be brought to the Directors meeting and arrangements will be made to meet with you to both give you information, answer any questions and get some background information on why you would like to become a lion
3. Your application will then be brought back to a main meeting, and the Club will vote to accept or decline your application
4. On acceptance you will be contacted and invited to attend 3 meetings where you can get a sense of what happens and decide if it is indeed something you wish to join (probationary period). If you don't have a sponsor, you will be allocated one who will support this first stage of your journey
5. At the end of this period you will be invited to become a member and will be sworn in by our President and presented with your Lions badge and welcome pack. At this point a DBS check will also be commenced (membership will be subject to this)

### **Our expectations of you**

1. That you will attend Club meetings and send apologies if you are not able to be there
2. You will pay the membership fees of £40 twice a year
3. You will support and become involved in the Club initiatives and committees that run throughout the year

### **What YOU get from joining Bodmin Lions Club**

Giving some of your time and becoming involved creates a sense of purpose and a great deal of pride and satisfaction as you give something back to your community and beyond

You also get the opportunity to meet new people and connect with other groups both in the Lions and with other organisations

Everyone has a part to play, and you can make a difference

## **Terms Explained**

**LCI: Lions Clubs International.** International Headquarters in USA often referred to as Oak Brook.

**LCIF: Lions Clubs International Foundation.** The international charity arm of the organisation.

Both LCI & LCIF operate out of the international headquarters with many paid staff under the international management board consisting of the international President, immediate past President, 1<sup>st</sup> 2<sup>nd</sup> 3<sup>rd</sup> vice Presidents and many international Directors. The international Directors are put forward and voted on by Clubs, Districts and MDs all over the world. The management board are all volunteers but can claim expenses.

International HQ is quite a big setup and approximately half our membership fees (dues) go there.

**MD: Multiple District.** A very large group of clubs normally country wide. We are part of MD105 it covers UK with headquarters in Birmingham.

UK MD105: The Headquarters in Birmingham has a few paid staff and volunteers that support district and club officers. They also do the main admin work of the MD, insurance, website publicity etc.

They collect MD dues from all club treasurers, again approximately half our membership fee.

They are currently the UK collection point for spectacle recycling.

They are also our main contact with LCI & LCIF HQ they pass on donations to our international arm.

UK headquarters is managed by the Council of Governors made up of District Governors. They also organise MD annual convention.

**District:** A smaller group of clubs we are in 105SW

District Governors have a team around them to be the first point of contact for club support. That team also organise a District convention each year.

**Zone:** A few clubs. We are 105SW zone B currently consisting of Bodmin, Fowey River, St Austell and Wadebridge.

Each zone has a Zone chairman who is a link between clubs.

**Club:** Clubs are managed by club Directors consisting of club President, immediate Past President all vice Presidents, Secretary, Treasurer and a few ordinary members. All the club officers are elected each year by the club membership.

**Tail Twister:** The tail twisters' job is to promote fun and comradeship during meetings by levying small fines for reasons best known to him or her. If the club thinks someone has been fined unfairly the tail twister can be fined after a vote.

**Lion Tamer:** Looks after club equipment and regalia and also assists the president at meetings as needed.

**Safety & Insurance Lead:** Liaise with district to make sure the club is compliant at events.

**Membership and Welfare officer:** Provide help and support as appropriate.

**PRO:** Club and event publicity officer.

**Club Standing positions:** Club President, Secretary and Treasurer

**Thankyou and we look forward to seeing you in the future**