

WELCOME TO FLEET LIONS SPRING 2021 NEWSLETTER



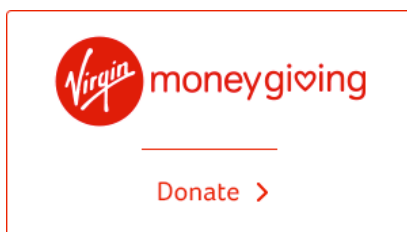
Lions in Lockdown

Fleet Lions continue to be heavily involved with the Hart COVID-19 Response Hub and the contact helpline which directs appropriate support within the local community. In addition to Lions assisting isolating individuals with their shopping, collecting prescriptions or a friendly phone call, Lions have also been helping out at the Church Crookham and Harlington vaccination hubs. The “ear relievers” manufactured by the Lions using our new 3D printer were much appreciated by local hospital staff and local health care professionals. In addition hundreds were handed out to the public in the Hart Centre.



How You Can Help

Fleet Lions raise funds to provide vital support to those in need in the local community. This year we have not been able to raise funds with our usual activities. If you wish to support the local community, you can donate through our Virgin Giving facilities at www.fleetlions.org.uk/donate



Also, if you use Amazon, please select The Lions Club of Fleet as your favourite charity by shopping at www.smile.amazon.co.uk and

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For those of you who enjoy an occasional flutter on the lottery, why not play the Hart Lottery and support the local community. At least 60% from each ticket sold goes to support good causes in Hart and there is a chance to win £25,000 jackpot every week. Just go to www.hartlottery.co.uk and select Fleet Lions as your chosen charity. All monies raised for Fleet Lions through the Hart Lottery are currently allocated to the Lions Prostate Cancer Awareness project.

Christmas Float Collection

The Fleet and Hart Lions 2020 Christmas Float collection was limited by coronavirus restrictions to fundraising in Fleet town centre and whirlwind tours of different residential areas across Fleet and Church Crookham. However, such was the generosity of shoppers and residents, the collection raised £5,476.60 to help support local residents in need.



Home Testing Kit for Prostate Cancer

For both Christmas and Valentine’s Day, Fleet Lions invited spouses to get the man in their life a home testing kit for prostate cancer. The Lions, working with the Graham Fulford Trust, are still offering men aged 40 to 70 years a simple finger prick blood test that can be done at home. Said Lion Brian Proctor “With one man dying every hour from prostate cancer and over 40,000 new cases every year, a home testing kit could be the best gift ever. Early detection and treatment may vastly increase chances of survival”. For further information and to register for a test go to www.fleetlions.org.uk/prostatescreening>

Lions IT Refurbishment Project

The Lions IT refurbishment project aims to give children access to IT when studying at home. The project started early in 2020 with requests for just a handful of computers per month. However, with COVID restrictions and the introduction of home schooling for most pupils, the number of requests has soared to an average of 200 per month. Said Lion Graham Drayton, "This project has literally snowballed since its inception and we recently handed over our thousandth laptop. We will continue to support this scheme for as long as the demand is there, so please do contact the Lions if you would like to be involved. Any help in the form of unwanted laptops or financial support for spare batteries, power supplies, hard drives etc would also be gratefully received." Contact us at it@fleetlions.org.uk.

The Lions IT refurbishment project is run by Lions Clubs in the Hart and Rushmoor area. Each PC is cleaned and cleared of any previous content before being loaded with an official copy of Windows 10 and a range of free software, including spreadsheet and word processor.



Lions Community Store

The Lions Community Store was set up to recycle otherwise unwanted household items including furniture, bedding, appliances and even clothing to help genuinely needy people in the Hart, Rushmoor and neighbouring areas. This not only helps reduce unnecessary waste but also provides valuable work experience for many of the Store's volunteer workers. The Store has been intermittently closed due to COVID-19 restrictions but is now back in action and is in urgent need for household items including "white goods" such as washing machines, fridges etc as well as toasters, kettles and microwaves. If you have something to donate, please visit the Store's website at www.communitystore.org.uk where details of the goods the Store can and cannot accept will be found along with details as how to contact

the Store to arrange for donated items to be collected.

Fuel Project

We have been collecting donations from your Winter Fuel Payments for a few years now under our Wenceslaus Project banner. This allows us to help out people who cannot afford to pay their gas and electricity bills. This is a particularly difficult time of year and we have expanded the number of agencies we work with to find people who need help with their fuel bills. Please let us know at fuel@fleetlions.org.uk if you are aware of someone who needs our help. www.fleetlions.org.uk/fuelproject



Lions Coming Out of Lockdown

Fleet Lions fundraising teams are currently evaluating what measures need to be in place to reintroduce some of our ever popular events such as the August Beerfest and Fleet's Fireworks Fiesta. As our many Beerfest followers will know, we were not allowed to run our February bash due to COVID restrictions. However, on the basis of recent Government announcements, we hope to run our 7th August event as life returns to normal.



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