

Keighley Lions Club

Pride In Keighley



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A new way to keep in touch

At Keighley Lions, we are **always keen to communicate** with those we serve. From our **Facebook page to leaflets**, we **always like to keep in touch**. Via this new **quarterly newsletter**, we will be **bringing together our service** from each season and **celebrate the local impact** we have.

New year, a strong team

Every year, **Lions Clubs refresh their leadership** and appoint a new Presidential team.



For 2026/2027, our Club selected **Lion Robert Payne as our President and Treasurer**, **Lion Luke Maunsell as Vice** and **Gail Asquith as 2nd Vice**. Meanwhile, **Lion Julie Waters continues as our Secretary**.

Whilst we may have a new team, we made sure to celebrate our **fantastic 2025/2026 President Ruth Payne** who did an excellent job. Under her leadership, we had such a **great year** with **new members**, **tens of thousands of people served** and **thousands of pounds raised and given away** to worthy causes.

Adding to the celebrations was the fact that both **Lion Ruth and Lion Julie received the prestigious Melvin Jones Fellowship Award** in recognition for their **amazing contributions to our Club and community**. They are pictured above receiving the MJF from **District 105N Vice Governor Mike Byrne**.

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A superb Summer



Since the start of the Lionistic year, our Pride has been **extremely busy at a number of sizzling, summer events** which we all have enjoyed immensely. During this period, we have had stalls (with our **particularly popular Teddy Tombola**) at **Keighley Show, Merlin Top Fun Day, Cross Roads Family Fun Day** as well as **galas in Oakworth, Cullingworth, Cross Roads and Silsden**. Proudly, we also went to the **Fun and Sports Day for people with disabilities held in Doncaster**.



One of our key components at many of these has been our revamped **Santa Sleigh**. Children (and adults alike) have been **delighted to see Santa riding through the streets** and this sheer joy is what all the hard work is for. Making this extra special is the fact that the **Sleigh won the 'Best Float' category at the Silsden Gala - amazing!** We thank all our volunteers and Lions for their support over the Summer - **it's been a blast!**

Working in partnership

Throughout July - September, we have attended and **supported several shared initiatives in our community**. For promotional purposes, we went along to the **Airedale Business Showcase** and two **Airedale Seniors' Collectives** to share what we do and hand out some **'Message in a Bottle'**. As part of our commitment to the environment, we have been backing the **'Repair Shop' at Woodville Community** as well as the **ongoing sphagnum moss restoration project**.

We have backed the **LCIF Venezuela Appeal** and (over September) childhood cancer charity works such as **The Children & Young People's Cancer Association** and **Caps of Courage**. Finally, we held a successful **'Meet the Lions'** event alongside **Bradford Central Lions** whilst Lions David and Lizzie supported the **Fleetwood and cleveleys Lions** at a **'Tram Weekend'** and **attended an Open Day at Keighley Bus Museum**.



Keeping it social



We're a very social group at keighley Lions - there is **nothing we love more than spending time together and having fun**. Being a member of our Club, gives everyone a chance to think of **creative and new ways to socialise** and, via our socials, **we are always pushing the boundaries**. We usually hold our **Social Nights** on the 3rd

Tuesday of every month (unless otherwise required).

So far, we have had a great time visiting **East Riddlesden Hall**, received **Dementia Awareness Training** from **Dementia Friendly Keighley** and also learned some **Sign Language**. We are now looking forward to a night at the theatre with **Keighley Musical Theatre Company** and so much more. **Why not join us one evening? We would love to have you!**