



CHICHESTER LIONS CLUB

SPECNEWS 2010

DELIVERIES

We are very grateful to Parcelforce for the service they provide.

HOW TO SEND YOUR SPECS TO US

You may send all your specs to us FREE OF CHARGE by PARCELFORCE: Pack them loose in **stout well-sealed boxes** each measuring no more than 50 x 33 x 33 cm (20 x 13 x 13 inches) with a maximum weight of 10 kg.

Put your name, contact address, club and date dispatched on a piece of paper inside the box. You do not need to wrap specs individually or put in shredded paper, carrier bags or polystyrene chips. We currently DO NOT NEED SPECTACLE CASES.

Address each parcel to:

**Lions Club of Chichester
The Apuldram Centre,
Common Farm,
Apuldram Lane South,
Chichester, West Sussex PO20 7PE**

Mark each Parcel:

**ARTICLES FOR THE BLIND
CONTRACT No R233259
No Recipient Signature Required.**

Phone Parcelforce Datapost Collection Centre 08448 004466

State the Contract No. R233259

Request a collection (48 hours)

Ask them to do the Paperwork

Spectacles can be taken directly to the Lions workshop in Apuldram and left in the "tidy shed" to the left of the gate leading to the workshop.

For clubs in Ireland to send with DPD Interlink Ireland, please see details on www.lionsclubs.ie/0/402/

For news on our sight-related projects or for any other aspects of the Spectacle Recycling Project please check out our website.

Website www.chilions.org.uk

WORLD SIGHT DAY

To mark **World Sight Day** on **Thursday October 8th 2009**, Chichester Lions Club held an **"Open Day"** at their Spectacle Recycling Centre at Apuldram, near Chichester. Lions from all Clubs in the District were invited, as well as suppliers of spectacles in the area and interested parties, to come along to see spec-sorting in action and perhaps sort some specs themselves.

The sun shone on us in a week of terrible weather and we were able to offer food and drink al fresco throughout the day. The event was a great success with Lions visiting from Haywards Heath, Crawley, Surrey Borders, Littlehampton, and Midhurst, as well as Margaret and Derek of the recently closed Witterings & District Club, who are still collecting spectacles and delivering them to us. We even had a visit from the District Sight Officer for 105EA, Jim Cawte, and wife Jennifer, from Wymondham Lions Club, stalwart supporters of our Sight Project.



CHOICE OF COLOURS FOR THE LIONS BINS!



For many years our blue recycling bins have stood proudly in opticians and surgeries across the land. However, the colour seems to have gone out of fashion as many premises have been refurbished in light pastel colours. This has meant that in the Chichester area we now provide bins in cream with blue lettering. Also the wording has been modified to reflect our current needs. So in future if you need lettering for new bins please specify which colour you would like. The photo shows the different coloured bins with the new lettering.

FAREWELL TO ALLAN AND NOEL

Allan Tidy passed away on the 1st January 2009 after suffering with leukaemia. He had been a Lion for 26 years. Allan had served on the District and Multiple District as Sight Officer and also served as Peace Poster Officer, Region Chairman and Competitions officer. He was a main instigator in the lease for the Apuldrum workshop for which he spent many hours in negotiation. He went on every SpecTrek to Le Havre which Chichester Lions arranged.

Noel Thorpe passed away on the 19th June 2009 after a short illness. He joined Chichester Lions in 2001 and from the very beginning was heavily involved with the Sight Project. He organised most workshop schedules and activities, and was the main contact with outside organisations such as the Probation service, shipping agents, supply firms, Apuldrum management and Medico France.

LIVING PAINTINGS

Last year at our annual sight dinner Paul Hannon from Living Paintings gave a talk and a demonstration of the type of books supplied for blind and partially sighted children and adults to explore and enjoy the world of pictures. In order to do this the charity creates unique touch and sound packs explaining a wide variety of images from Thomas the Tank Engine to the Mona Lisa. It distributes the packs throughout Britain and Ireland by a free, postal library service. The essential components of the packs are threefold: (1) raised images known as thermoforms or 'feely pictures'; (2) audio descriptions which tell the stories of the pictures and provide instructions for touching and interpreting the 'feely pictures'; and (3) colour reproductions of the pictures which, very importantly, make it possible for the packs to be shared with sighted friends, family and peers. We have donated £2500 which will meet the cost of a completely new book to be published. This innovative charity currently has over 6,000 blind and partially sighted Library Members.

LIONS CLUB OF MATLOCK DERWENT VALLEY

A recent request was received for help towards their local Talking Newspaper and we were delighted to be able to send them a cheque for £725 which was the total sum they were seeking to upgrade their equipment.

MIDHURST LIONS CLUB

Did you know that the Lions of Midhurst also help with spec sorting? Each year they receive the total amount of specs from the SpecTrek held annually by Petersfield Lions Club in 105D. In April a very large van load of specs arrives and is stored waiting to be sorted. Once these are completed then additional spectacles are obtained from Chichester Lions Club. Their sorted and recycled frames are shipped in conjunction with Chichester's.

CAMPAIGN SIGHT FIRST II

Chichester was a Model Club under Campaign Sight First II and donated a total of £9,500 to the project.

This was only possible with the help and support we receive from many clubs throughout the Multiple District and we feel we are representing all those clubs. Please accept our sincere thanks for your continuing support.

VISION AID OVERSEAS

As Vision Aid Overseas recently celebrated their 25th Anniversary the Lions Club of Chichester made a donation of £2500 in support of their projects.

KORLE BU, GHANA

On 23rd March 2009, Moorfields Eye Hospital and Lions of MD105 were honoured to welcome International President Lion Al Brandel and his wife Lion Dr. Maureen Murphy to commemorate the start of MD 105's own Sight First Project, the **Lions Eye Centre** to be built at the Korle Bu Teaching Hospital, Accra, Ghana.

There are currently approximately 2.6 million blind people in West Africa and around 75% of this blindness is preventable. However, surgical rates there are less than 20% of the VISION 20/20 targets.

The new unit will carry out over 50,000 procedures every year and will also train surgeons from the whole of West Africa so that they can expand this service over a wide area. This will ensure that the work will be "sustainable" and will benefit the people of West Africa increasingly as time goes on.

The Lions Club of Chichester, with the help of all those clubs in the Multiple District who send their spectacles to us, fully supports the project in Korle Bu and will donate the sum of £5,000 to help fund this initiative.

SIGHT-RELATED DONATIONS DURING THE PAST YEAR

These are some of the sight-related projects which you have helped us to support over the last Lionistic year:

The Vision Charity	£1000	4SIGHT	£1000
Torch Trust for the Blind	£1000	Matlock Derwent Valley Lions Talking Newspaper	£725
Gift of Sight	£2000	Water Aid	£2000
Living Paintings	£2500	ORBIS	£1000
MEDICO France	£2000	Sight Savers	£2000
Chichester Talking News	£1000	Volunteers with Unite for Sight	£1700

If you have a sight-related project which needs financial support, then please contact the Lions Club of Chichester to see if we can help.