

## How we spend the Money



Visitor Bed for Southend Hospital



Hockley Day centre MiniBus

## What we do in the Community



Diabetic Screening



Encourage local school children to design a Peace Poster for the Lions annual competition

Some of our most recent members give their reasons for joining The Lions -

*I have recently moved to the area and thought it would be a good way to make friends more quickly.*

*I needed something to help me escape the rat race I was in, working long hours in London.*

*I met the Lions at the Hullbridge Village Fayre ,and was impressed with their setup'*

## Contacting the Lions...?

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# The Lions Club Of Rayleigh



## Who are the LIONS?

## What do they do ?

## Do you want to know more about the Lions?



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## Who Are We?

The Lions Club of Rayleigh was formed in 1974, and celebrates its 36th birthday this year 2009. Since that time the club has served the people of Rayleigh, Hullbridge, Hockley and Rochford by raising monies via quiz nights, May Day Fayres, Various Dances, the very popular annual Rayleigh Firework display, and of course the Christmas Sleigh.

So who are the Rayleigh Lions? What do they stand for? Is it an exclusive Club for old men trying to make their mark on the local Community? Hardly.

## Lions Clubs around the World

Lions are an International network of over 1.3 million Men and Women in over 44,000 clubs within 200 Countries and geographic areas who work together through selfless, effective Community service to answer the needs that challenge communities around the World.

## What do they actually do ?

Since the formation of the Lions Club of Rayleigh in 1974, it has provided hands on assistance and given direct help to hundreds of people in need and supported causes through out the area. Through our Fund Raising activities the Club has raised over £600,000. Funds raised have been distributed to Southend Hospital, Havens Hospices, Essex Air Ambulance, Scouts, Guides, Local Playgroups, Local schools, Elderly and Disabled Groups, St John Ambulance, Rochford, Rayleigh & Castle Point talking newspaper; and to Hundreds of individual local requests for help.

It is not just money that is given .

The Lions Club also organize Strawberry teas for the elderly, Diabetic screenings, a Local Disabled Sport day and many more activities.

## How we Collect the Money



Fund Raising and Fun at Local fetes



Friends of Lions Charity Shop in Hockley



Bringing Santa to the streets of Rayleigh and Rochford

## Friendship

But it is not all about Charity work. The members of Rayleigh Lions have made close friendships within the Club as a result of working together on various projects. People who believed they had nothing in common with their neighbours have been surprised and delighted to make long lasting friendships with fellow Lions. The club comprises people from various walks in life.

Young or old we all need friends and in Rayleigh Lions Club that camaraderie shines through in all we do. Whether it is in the High Street promoting various events or helping out at our events there is always a light hearted banter between members. We enjoy various social activities from ten pin Bowling, Theatre Trips, and informal dinners with our partners.

There is no affiliation to any political party.

The commitment required is entirely down to each individual. All we ask is that you take a turn in helping at the various events the club promotes, and whatever else you feel you can input for the benefit of the Club.

## Meetings

Club meetings are on the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of a month and are held at 8pm at The Cedars Centre, Castle Road.

Give us a call if you require a lift. The first meeting deals with the Business of the Club –the debates are always loud and lively! The second meeting is our social one may be a speaker on some topic of general interest to all Club members, or a social outing.

Why not join us for a couple of meetings without obligation? You have nothing to lose.