



Guildford Lions Club

Guildford's Best Kept Secret!

Friends' and Supporters' News

May 2026

President's News

It was another very impressive Classic Car show on Sunday 26th April. As usual it was free to the public and the lovely weather encouraged a packed High Street of cars and spectators. Congratulations to Vic and his team for their months of planning and hard work. Thanks also to the volunteers from other Guildford community service organisations who helped us out. Long may such collaborations and joint ventures continue. Next events on the agenda are the Raft Race and Charity Golf Day, both in July.



Meanwhile our efforts elsewhere, such as support for the food banks, a donation to Guildford Action and help for local youth related humanitarian projects, continue.

2027 will see a change in local government administration for Guildford when we will come under the West Surrey Unitary administration. Hopefully we will be able to have as good a relationship for organising our events as we have enjoyed with Guildford Borough Council councillors and staff over many years.

Community & Welfare News

Donations made -

- £200 to Special Olympics GB Ski Team (Surrey).
- £500 to fund a minibus for HomeStart, re Family Forest School in Holmbury St Mary.
- £538 Guildford & Godalming Food Banks.

Fundraising News

Raft Race, Saturday 4th July

We are running our much loved raft race on the River Wey from Millmead to the Waterside Centre again this, finishing with a BBQ at the Waterside Centre. Rafterers (and those on other craft) may raise funds for Guildford Lions or their own preferred charity with the Lions providing the event for the Community (including the Mayor) to enjoy.

Charity Golf Day, Friday 10th July

Arrangements are progressing well. We can always accommodate more golfers and raffle and auction prizes. If you can help please reply to this email.

WIN £10,000 HOLE IN ONE

Charity Golf Day

Friday 10th July 2026

Clandon Regis Golf Club
GU4 7TT

18 Holes Stableford Competition
Shotgun Start 10am
Bacon Roll
2 Course Lunch

£90
CRGC Members £50

PRIZES RAFFLE AUCTION

To sign up contact:
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Guildford Lions Firework Festival, Saturday 7th November

All aspects of the event are coming together well. Ticket pricing and Early Bird tickets will be available on our website soon.

Review of 2025

Our aim is to serve the community in whatever way we can and to have fun doing it. That usually takes the form of raising money to support local charitable and deserving causes. Our major annual fun and fundraising events, each of which is organised by a small group of members, were:

- April - our second Classic Car Display in Guildford High Street.
- June - Music in the Park Concert at National Trust Hatchlands Park.
- July - Raft Race on the River Wey from Millmead to the Waterside Centre.
- July - Charity Golf Day at Clandon Regis Golf Club.
- November - Firework Fiesta, our largest event, featuring Live Music and a spectacular Firework Display on Stoke Park.
- December - our Christmas Collections at local supermarkets and helping Santa with his float around parts of Guildford.

From the money raised we distributed a total of just over £46,000 which included:

- £10,000 to The Fountain Centre at Royal Surrey Hospital, Guildford.
- over £6,000 to local Food Banks.
- £6,000 of Supermarket Gift Cards to those in need at Christmas.
- £5,500 to Sensory Services by Sight for Surrey.
- £3,142 to the Guildford Shakespeare Company 'Put up your Swords' knife crime awareness education project.
- £2,142 to Charlie's Promise Charity.
- £1,560 to the Cancer and Surgical Innovation Campaign at Royal Surrey Hospital, Guildford.
- over £10,000 helped us to support other local charities, organisations and individuals including: Guildford Action, Basketball4 All, Family Refuge, Artventure, GBC Youth Cafe, Jigsaw School, Guildford Sea Cadets, Explorer Scouts, and a number of local schools.

So next time you see us collecting you'll know why! However, it is not all work as we also like to play! In 2025 we had a varied social programme including evening social events, dinners, BBQs, golf, a bowls match against Burpham Bowling Club, and a weekend away in Salisbury.

With your continued support we very much hope 2026 will be another successful year.

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