



# The Rotary Club of Lincoln December 2024 Bulletin



MEETING, 9<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER 2024

After the lunch and the Loyal Toast, President Dennis announced that the collection at Waitrose would be for UNICEF and a local children's charity for sufferers of Autism.



AG Colin Scott was then welcomed to give his talk on Impact Clubs. He explained that an Impact is a satellite group of an existing club. Lindum Lincoln have such a group, mostly retired from the Armed Forces. The group are part of a rotary Club, as a Companion Group. They work separately and their principal aim is Service to the Community. They do not meet regularly with their "Mother Club" and make their own arrangements to meet and plan their work.

Impact groups began to appear in America a few years ago. They began appearing in this country one year ago.

Who would be attracted to join such a group?

People who do not wish to meet regularly, but still wish to be good Rotarians. The call of Rotary is SERVICE. The RI President is a member of an Impact club. One Club inducted 19 new members in one evening! It helps if they are focused on one particular direction of service in the first instance.

How to set up an Impact Club:-

- (1) Decide to set one up.
- (2) Set a target number of Members, minimum 6 or 8 to register with RI. The Rotary Fee will be required , approx. £100, payable at a rate of £10 per month.

- (3) No regalia, no badges. They decide where to meet and when.
- (4) No president or secretary is required, one Chair required plus one
- (5) member of the main Club to check progress, advise when required, and keep them informed of Rotary projects running by the main Club.
- (6) Impact will induct their own members once they are set up.
- (7) Any money raised by an Impact Club would be passed through their own bank account, but their work is mainly service only.

President Dennis suggested that an Impact Club would not work for us at the present time. Proposing the Vote of Thanks, Bob Bellamy reminded us that Rotary is short of young people.

## SANTA'S SLEIGH



The sleigh was only used for one event by the Club, the two days of collection at Waitrose, when over £1000 was raised.

Thanks go to those who performed as Santa and Helpers over those two days and to David McKee for towing to and fro.

Branston Village borrowed the sleigh from 8<sup>th</sup> until the 12<sup>th</sup> and raised over a thousand pounds for their charity.

The Club thank Paul Killingsworth and his team for the excellent work they have done on the sleigh, and the PAT Test, at no cost to the Club. The sleigh is now back with Paul for storage until next Christmas.

The Club were also busy driving members to and from the Age UK Christmas event of the Friday and thanks go to them too.



## PROJECTS FOR 2025

Our collection to help others continues as follows:-

JANUARY:- Spectacles

FEBRUARY:- Hand Tools

MARCH:- Mobile phones

APRIL:- Laptops and similar devices.

## PRESIDENT'S END OF CALENDAR YEAR MESSAGE

Already one half of "my" Presidential Year has passed. We have done some good things... raised over £1,750 for charity, given over 200 items to the Food Kitchen, and many more items for other charities.

Sadly, a decline in membership continues to plague us. I firmly believe that the solution lies only in our own hands ...the Four Clubs Together and the national initiatives are unlikely to provide us with the necessary solution. We must do it OURSELVES.

Hopefully our 2025 collections will be just as successful as the last three have been. I am rallying neighbours to help and have already been donated several mobile phones and a bag of spectacles.

Let's try to "keep up the good work" together.

Meanwhile I wish you all a peaceful New Year and look forward to the pleasure of your company soon.

With very best wishes,

Dennis

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