

## The Lions Club of Reading

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## Lion David Ebsworth

for District Governor District 105SC – 2022-2023

### Club

I joined the Lions Club of Reading in 2008 and have served as Tail Twister, Fund Raiser, Vice President and President in 2011 and 2019.

### District

In 2012 I was appointed Zone Chair for Zone 5M and in 2013 Regional Chair. In 2014 I was appointed Centennial Chair and Sergeant at Arms for District 105D, roles which I fulfilled for 4 years. During this time, I was also deputy and Chair of Convention for 4 different District Governors. In July 2018 I was appointed MD officer and in July 2019 I was appointed District 105SC Officer for Prostate Cancer. In 2021 I became 1<sup>st</sup> VDG for our District.

### Other Lions experience

I completed the Emerging Lions Institute course in 2010 and the Guiding Lions training 2012 and 2020.

In 2014 I attended my first International Convention in Canada and was co-opted onto the British Isles organising committee by PCC Lions Philip Goodier and PCC Lion David Firth. In February 2018 I attended Buckingham Palace Lions Centennial Celebration hosted by HRH Countess of Wessex. In January 2020, I completed the Advance Lions Leadership Institute in Brussels.

I have also made International Lions friends along the way. My wife Annie and I love the island of Malta and have made lovely friends from the 5 Maltese Lions Clubs on the island - each year we try to coincide a holiday with one of their Charters and I have met Lions there from Italy, Sicily, Belgium and France.

### Awards

During my Lions service I have been awarded several certificates of appreciation.

In 2018 I was very honoured to receive the International President's Award for outstanding service to LCI from PID Lion Kenneth Persson and in 2021 I received the International Presidents Leadership Award from PID Geoff Leader. In 2019 I was also very proud to receive the Melvin Jones Fellowship Award.

### Work/Life Balance

I joined Thames Valley Police in 1975 as a Police Cadet aged 16 and retired in 2007 as a Sergeant after 32 years. I then became Office Administrator in the Crime Scenes Investigation (CSI) Department where I remain, a total of 47 years later!

I have been married to Annie for 28 years (she is also a retired Police Officer), we don't have children but have 2 great nieces who we dote on. I am a keen cyclist and having had Prostate Cancer myself in 2017 (picked up by a Lions PSA testing day), I got a team together with my eldest nephew and rode the Prudential Ride London Cycle Ride in August 2019, where the team raised £12,036.78 for Prostate Cancer UK. I have always enjoyed fund raising and giving something back to the community; I previously organised and rode in a team, raising over £26,000 riding from Land's End to John O'Groats in 1997. This was in aid of Leukaemia research and in memory of Annie's Dad. I also did another Land's End to John O'Groats for a colleague who had testicular cancer. I have also been Chair of School Governor's at a local Special Needs School and a Trustee at a local Donkey Sanctuary – I like to be busy!

### Why do I want to be a District Governor?

I joined the Lions because I liked the idea of raising funds and having fun with a group of like-minded people, helping our community locally and internationally. Over the 14 years I have been a Lion I have been able to do this, but there is so much more to do!! Membership is a key issue within Lions; therefore this will be one of my objectives to concentrate on if I'm elected.

