



#### **Cheshire North Wales and Wirral**

### **Programme Action Report November 2025 - March 2026**

I am pleased to report that all the clubs in our Region, CNWW, have been busy as usual - I hope I have done justice to their efforts in this precis.

Events have been held to raise awareness, resources, funds, and support local communities, lobby nationally and underpin our mission to support women and girls locally, nationally, and internationally.

#### **Anglesey**

The club supported the 16 Days of Action in cafes etc., Christmas boxes of sweets and toiletries have been donated to the local refuge. and the club have been busy making and delivering another supply of mastectomy cushions to Ysbyty Gwynedd.

#### **Bangor**

Bangor members supported a local school with Christmas boxes collected in the Cathedral for children, money was raised for a special chair which has been given to Ysbyty Gwynedd, cosmetics were collected for the refuge and a Christmas Tree was decorated in Bethel Chapel.

#### **Bebington**

Members held a Christmas Fayre, supported 'Incubabies' and then supported Seacombe Families with 10 Christmas Trees complete with decorations for families in need. They also supported RASA with toiletries etc.

#### **Chester**

Volunteers assisted Chester Women's Aid with their bucket collection, this was attended by Chester Fire Brigade who hoisted the white ribbon up on their extended ladder. They were entertained by various choirs and the Lord Mayor of Chester was in attendance. They further spread knowledge of Soroptimists by running a social media campaign for the 16 days of activism and managed to fit in some selling at events to raise money for the Helping Hands for Ukraine project and the local Sewing Bees.

#### **Heswall**

During the 16 days of activism Heswall manned a successful Domestic Abuse Stall at Tesco, followed by another one later. They attended an 'Orange Café' event, giving out

leaflets and leaving a poster. Members of the club who craft have manned stalls and made over £250 towards club charities they also sold Christmas cards at Clatterbridge Cancer Centre and helped out with bucket collections. Members attended a quiz, a reading group and sang carols at Hoylake Cottage. 44kg of food and £320 went to the local Foodbank.

### Llandudno

Our raffles have supported Women for Women with a classroom project. We have also been able to further support Lend with Care and our local refuge received gifts for the children and mothers which ensures Christmas and Birthdays do not go uncelebrated. The Clothes Bank continues to be busy with referrals from many support groups and indeed a donation from the Police and Crime Commissioner which enabled purchase of more knickers/pants! Knitted poppies raised money for RBL and one of our members 'womanned' a stall of Ukrainian Crafts for the Helping Hands for Ukraine project.

### Nantwich

Nantwich members held a quiz night with proceeds supporting two Food Banks with their Christmas food parcels and also a single parent charity. They also decorated a Christmas Tree for Acton Church Festival, Lend with Care also benefitted from their work as did the National Railway Survey into the safety of women travelling on trains, particularly the TFW – despite the survey receiving negative comments from TFW. A dinner meeting was also held with the Cheshire Police and Crime Commissioner where violence against women and modern slavery were discussed.

### Northwich and District

A Christmas social and quiz raised funds for the Ukrainian Regional Project. Funds raised at a recent meeting from cards has enabled another loan to Lend with Care. The club were also able to donate items to Northwich Community Support for their fundraising tables and they have also knitted blankets for SANDS. They also managed to re-plant planters at the local station.

### Rhyl

In Rhyl members have been busy cooking meals for the North Wales Women's Centre. They also found time for their annual Carol Service at the Marble Church, the proceeds of which will go to the newly opened Maggie's Cancer Support Centre, continuing their musical theme they also sang and accompanied a brass band at Ysbyty Glan Clwyd.

### Runcorn and Frodsham

We worked with our new Friendship Link, SI Maseno in Kenya, to post jointly for the 16 Days of Activism. We continue to keep our two local hospitals well stocked with mastectomy cushions, and one grateful recipient has joined forces with us as she wants to give something back by making more cushions, she has done 10 already. For

Christmas, we gave a donation of £500 to our local Foodbank, and bought £500-worth of toys for the Family Centre so children had a special gift on Christmas Day. Lend with Care enjoys strong support from the club and the team will be meeting shortly to discuss the next group of loans to be made.

### South Caernarvonshire

Events in south Caernarvonshire have included their annual Carol Service which was supported by surrounding clubs, members have been busy knitting hats for the neo-natal department in the local hospital. They also found the time to support their local foodbank, sing carols for older citizens in two Care Homes and complete activities for the 16 days of activism.

## **Regional Projects**

### Helping Hand for Ukraine

I am pleased to report that two activities for this project have already taken place. We have therefore started to raise funds for the refurbishment of the communal area in the Ukraine Village where the mothers and their children are currently being housed in temporary accommodation. As you all know the refurbished space will allow for social activities, specialist counselling activities and cooking activities for individuals and groups of both the children and the adults.

### Maggie's Cancer Support Centre Ysbyty Glan Clwyd (North Wales Clubs)

Rhyl's Annual Carol Concert has already raised funds for this worthy cause. I am pleased to report that the 'Grand Event' on 19<sup>th</sup> March is now in the final stages of planning. Raffle Tickets are available still; the promised Auction Items are either with me or awaiting collection and our professional Auctioneer is booked.

A list of Auction Items will be circulated amongst all the CNWW clubs and we will be taking pre-Auction bids. Should any items fail to reach their reserve prices on the night they will be offered post Auction on popular websites to realise their full value.