

- \* Would you like to make a difference in the community?
- \* Are you looking for a club which acts locally and thinks globally?
- \* Do you want to meet women from different walks of life and enjoy working together?
- \* Would you like to diversify your knowledge and find out more about human rights issues, inspiring actions and transforming lives?

Then perhaps

**Soroptimist International**  
is for you

If you would like to know more about us  
please contact our Membership Officer

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## Soroptimist International of Lancaster

### When we meet

Every second and fourth Thursday  
monthly at 7 p.m. except August.

### Where we meet

Holiday Inn Lancaster (M6, Jn34)  
Caton Road  
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## Club Leaflet 2019 – 2020

### A global voice for women

building a better world  
for women and children

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## Who we are

We are like-minded women working globally to make a difference, encompassing the 3Es: educate, empower, enable. We aim to educate women and girls which will empower and enable them in their lives and also the lives of their families.



## What we do

Soroptimists undertake service projects in their local communities. Our project work is the linchpin of our organisation. Through this work we support local, national and international projects and charities. Some of our current activities are to:

provide long term financial support for a girl in Nepal and enable her to continue her education;

produce shawls for women with childbirth injuries and baby clothes/shawls at the Addis Ababa Fistula Hospital in Ethiopia;

campaign against the practice of Female Genital Mutilation and provide support for the work being carried out in giving alternative rites of passage for young girls to enter womanhood;

campaign to end the trafficking of women and children, and violence against women.

We recognise the following International Days by raising awareness and marking the days by social and fundraising events.

**International Day of Peace**

**International Women's Day**

**World Water Day**

**World Food Day**

**International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women**

## Locally, our activities include

working with Life Education Centres, a charity delivering a health education programme for school children:

providing storybooks for local primary schools;

collecting food for the food bank at The Olive Branch in Lancaster;

writing to MPs about matters of concern to members;

supporting the work of the Lancaster Women's Refuge;

helping to produce the Talking Newspaper;

providing an annual prize for a pupil at a local high school.

**President** Ms Karyn Brand (01524 931969)  
**Secretary** Dr Elizabeth Roberts (01524 32838)

## Whilst we are working on projects, we also enjoy

a monthly programme of varied and interesting speakers,

regular social events,

celebrating annually our Charter which was granted in 1942,

friendly relations and working with other Soroptimist Clubs in our Region (SI North West England and the Isle of Man).

### Social and Speaker Meetings

#### 2019

23 May "The History of Ripley St Thomas" by David Bateman

27 June Summer Outing

25 July Ukulele Band

26 Sept SI Morecambe & Heysham Friendship Evening

17 Oct **Friendship Evening** — Senior Moments

28 Nov "1818 Auctions" by Bill Nelson

#### 2020

9 Jan **New Year Dinner**

23 Jan Members Evening

27 Feb "Animal Care, Lancaster" by Sarah Murphy

26 Mar "Refugee Support" by Rebecca Novell