

- \* 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.

The fourth Thursdays are for social gatherings or speaker meetings.

### Where we meet

All our speaker meetings are held at the

Holiday Inn Lancaster (M6, Jn34)  
Caton Road, Lancaster LA1 3RA



## Club Leaflet 2023 – 2024

### 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 four girls in Nepal and enable them to continue their 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

raising awareness of the November 25<sup>th</sup> White Ribbon Campaign with public engagement in Lancaster Market Square on the nearest Saturday to that date;

providing storysacks 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** Therese Gill (07876 572 148)

**Secretary** Elizabeth Roberts (01524 32838)

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

an active social life with regular daytime and evening social events;

a monthly programme of varied and interesting speakers;

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

#### 2023

25 May "An Introduction to Birchall"  
Speaker: *Birchall Trust*

24 Jun *Saturday* Summer Outing

27 July "The Chocolate Project"  
Speaker: *Joanna Pollard*

28 Sept "Derian House, a Children's Hospice"  
Speaker: *Ellie Smith*

19 Oct Friendship Evening [*venue tbc*]

23 Nov "I didn't choose Judo ... Judo chose me"  
Speaker: *Esmée Holgate*

#### 2024

11 Jan New Year Dinner [*venue tbc*]

25 Jan Members Evening

22 Feb "About Unique Kidz & Co"  
Speaker: *Chris Pilkington*

21 Mar "We are Lancashire Women"  
Speaker: *Adele Helm*

*Venue is at Holiday Inn Lancaster unless other stated*