

- * 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

All meetings are at 7 p.m.

Social gatherings/Speaker meetings on the first Thursday of every month except August.

Business meetings are on the third Thursday except for November, February and March which are by Zoom on the second Wednesday.

Where we meet

All our speaker meetings are held at the

Bare Village Club

40 Bare Lane, Morecambe LA4 6DF

www.barevillageclub.co.uk



Club Leaflet 2026 – 2027

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building a better world
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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 25th White Ribbon Campaign with public engagement at St Nicholas Arcades in Lancaster on the nearest Saturday to that date;

providing storybags 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;

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

working with young people at a local school, a Soroptimist School Club was chartered in 2024.

President Sandra Towers (07713 883632)
Secretary Marian Heaton (07929 511210)

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

2026

07 May 'The Importance of Bees'
Speaker Thomas Cross

27 Jun *Saturday* Summer Outing Cheese Factory, Hawes

02 Jul 'North West Air Ambulance'
Speaker Steve Slater

~~ Summer Break ~~

03 Sep **Friendship Evening**
'The Tales of a Customs Officer'
Speaker Brian Topping

01 Oct 'A Bit on the Side' *Speaker* Andrea Ball

05 Nov 'A Preston Suffragette'
Speaker Judy Beeston

2027

January **New Year Dinner** [date & venue tbc]

04 Feb 'LESS' *Speaker* Anna Clayton

04 Mar 'Commonwealth War Graves Commission'

~~ Venue is at Bare Village Club, unless otherwise stated ~~