

Soroptimists in Lockdown—working to support local communities

A one-page SIGBI News Briefing concentrating on what Soroptimists are doing during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Note: remember to report your activities on the programme database, starting your Project Title with COVID-19 (C-19 is also acceptable, but do include the hyphen for consistency to aid searches). Each type of activity must be reported separately, as they may relate to different SDGs. This will help the Programme Action Team to find the reports in their area.

Lockdown army of knitted figures



A Soroptimist in Stockton on Tees made the Northern Echo for her knitted lockdown army, including a figure of Colonel Sir Tom Moore, which she displayed in the window of her home.

All the other figures are based on real-life local heroes.

- [Article in the Northern Echo](#)

A survivor's tale



Pam Lee, past Federation President and member of SI Oxford, was an early survivor of COVID-19, taking a cruise in February before the severity of the pandemic was known.

Here she tells her story, which had newspaper coverage:

- [A Survivor's Tale](#)
- [Daily Mail Article including video](#)

Come Dance with Me Zoom Party



SI Northern England are holding a virtual Northern Soul night in aid of Empowering Girls in Nepal. Tickets are £2.60, and thanks to it being virtual, anyone can register to attend, wherever they are based. See the flyer below:

- [SI Northern England Northern Soul event](#)

Walking Separately, together



Maureen Collison, whose original plans to take part in the Glasgow Kiltwalk in April were put on hold, has now registered to take part in a virtual kiltwalk in her home of Dundee. She will walk 15 miles along a coastal path in Fyfe between 3-5 July 2020. Donations will be increased by 50% as before:

- [Maureen's fundraising page](#)

SI Midland Chase focus on keyworkers

SI Midland Chase produced a newsletter with a difference, containing lots of stories from different types of keyworkers during the pandemic. They rightly thought they would be of interest to members:

- [SI Midland Chase's newsletter focussing on keyworkers](#)

World Environment Day action



How did you mark World Environment Day during lockdown?

Soroptimists in Leigh held a social distancing litter pick at Pennington Country Park. There are concerns that the smaller birds at the country park consume small items of litter which can prove fatal. This fitted in with the #TimeforNature theme.

Grace and Gratitude



Members in Newtown, Trinidad and Tobago, embarked on a journey of **Grace and Gratitude**. They chose to shift the trajectory of fear and the unknown, to something enlightening, focusing on embracing life, engaging mindfulness, immersing themselves in positivity, and sharing uplifting messages with all.

Each member was tasked with sharing imagery and words to reflect what they were grateful for despite the challenging times we were facing in light of this pandemic.

Tiverton providing support to Bangladesh



SI Tiverton & District has supported the Tiverton Sundarban Support Group (TSSG) for many years.

The group has supported health and education in the village of Sundarban, Bangladesh for over 30 years and is pleased to be able to respond to the health needs in the area during the pandemic providing PPE and medicines.

Clinics are attended by between 40 and 50 patients each day.

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