

### 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.

#### Report on Soroptimist Activity during COVID-19



SIGBI received a request to submit a post-covid report in relation to 1325. This was part of an information gathering exercise, and many organisations were asked to contribute.

Nisha Ghosh, Assistant Programme Director Peace, wrote a comprehensive report on how Clubs throughout the Federation are responding to COVID-19 needs and submitted it to the website. A favourable response was received from the moderator of the website, prompting Nisha to submit further information. Well done Nisha.

As there are many reports and comments in the conversation, we have included Nisha's initial report and subsequent conversation as PDFs below, but for those who want to know what else is happening with regard to this, the link to the full conversation is also included:

- [Nisha Ghosh's initial report](#)
- [Response from the website moderation and Nisha's further report](#)
- [View the full conversation on the website](#)

#### Donating to Women's Refuges



SI Stourbridge and District have supported their local women's refuges for many years. During lockdown, they have donated items to help keep children occupied at the closest branch of the domestic abuse service that was accommodating 13 children with their mums on a single site in a confined space. The new puzzle books, craft materials, garden toys and edible treats were greatly appreciated.

#### Knickers for Knowledge

SI Barnstaple and District members sorted and donated clothing, the proceeds of which will go towards the Knickers for Knowledge project. This project aims to help girls in Zimbabwe stay in education during menstruation. They were accompanied by a prospective member who has decided she wants to join!



#### Tree Planting Celebration



SI Guernsey held a tree planting and afternoon tea to commemorate 40 years as a Club. Guernsey are now in phase 5 of lockdown so social events are allowed to take place.

#### India adapt to the times

The National Association of India has responded swiftly the changes in external environment due to COVID-19 and adapted to working in a new way. Board meetings are now being held virtually, with all 14 Clubs in India participating.

SI India are also conducting sessions for its members on how to use virtual platforms for interactions and meetings. A series of webinars are planned on a variety of topics to engage with members. Two have already been held with a good response.

#### Poems in a Pandemic

Northern England Region have planned a project running a poetry and arts competition for staff and care workers in care homes.

For more details and how to get involved, read the full report below.

- [Poems in a Pandemic](#)

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