

## Trish Mellor

### Let's Ask Trish!

Trish joined SI Cannock April 1998 and is the lifeblood of our club. She has undertaken a range of executive roles in the club including President and Vice President and has also undertaken national and regional responsibilities. For many years she has been Programme Action Lead and Press Officer. She brings the club together and is instrumental in encouraging and supporting new members to get involved in whatever way they can.

In her time as Press Officer, she has cultivated friendships with journalists at all of the local newspapers television and magazines, ensuring SI Cannock have Press Coverage that is the envy of many clubs. She collects all of the press cuttings so can produce a history of all of the events and fundraisers SI Cannock have supported throughout the years, a very impressive amount!



Trish lives and breathes the principles of Soroptimism and many of our programmes of work would not have been successful without her. She helps coordinate the clubs involvement in interviewing high school students supporting their personal development and giving them confidence as they go out into the world. She has been fundamental in our latest and award winning programme 'Your Body, Your Rules' and Ambassador Training Programme in High Schools to empower young people to understand and tackle the issue of sexting. Trish's networks and credibility enables the club to harness the support of key members in the community to help fund and drive these projects forward.

Trish is our go-to person if we have an idea, if we need to raise funds or if we need to know anything about SI procedure. She's a great person to go to with an idea; she will be enthusiastic but also logical, looking at how we can turn it into actions practically and successfully. She is always honest about whether it is something that the club can take further, and if it is, she will be the first to promote it, bringing with her all her previous experience, contacts and a can-do attitude.

Trish has been a Soroptimist for twenty-two years and has always taken an interest in its history and how the organisation is run. She has attended many regional, national and international conferences and is a well-known figure to many of her sister Soroptimists from around the world. Her knowledge about how the organisation works and the values it holds dear helps ensure that everything we do as a club underpins those values.



Emma Hodges writes "Trish mentored me as a new club member, but more than that, her passion and commitment to the empowerment and education of women and girls internationally, was a large part of why I joined the club in the first place, Working with Trish on projects and fundraising events is inspiring. She gives her time and knowledge generously and unselfishly and has ensured that the lives of many have been transformed locally, nationally and internationally"

SI Cannock is so lucky to have Trish Mellor as a member, without her the club and Soroptimist International would definitely be the poorer.