

## Come and meet us

We are currently meeting on Monday evenings at 7.30pm and are looking for a regular meeting place in Salisbury, but for now, contact us in advance and we will let you know where to join us.

Our next meetings are:

- Monday 21 September
- Monday 26 October
- Monday 23 November

We are making plans for the projects and activities we want to be involved with, so there is no better time to come along, meet us and see if you would like to be part of the newest women's club in Salisbury!

## Past and present

Soroptimist International was founded in 1921 and has clubs in over 100 countries as well as Special Consultative Status with the Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) of the United Nations.

The name comes from Latin 'Soro' for sister and 'optimist' for the best—the 'best of sisters'.

The original Salisbury Soroptimist Club was founded in 1978 and in the early 1980s the Club was a driving force (as both advocates and funders) in the establishment of the Salisbury Women's Refuge which provides a safe haven for women and children who experience domestic abuse and supports them in leading an independent life.

It seems fitting that the new club should continue to support this important project.



The members of the new club plan to support Salisbury Women's Refuge as one of their local projects

#### Who We Are

Are you a woman who would like to give something back to the community?

Do you have an interest in improving the lives of women and girls worldwide?

Would you like to support projects to empower women locally, nationally and internationally?

Do you want to be part of an organisation that lobbies and influences opinion formers to improve the lives of women and girls?

Would you like to meet other women with similar interests, find new friends and have fun?

Do you live or work in the Salisbury area?

If you have answered yes to these questions and would like to find out more, please get in touch!

#### **Contact Us**

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We are developing a web presence but for now, find out more at: sigbi.org



# New beginnings

The previous local Soroptimist Club closed some eight years ago and now a group of women who live and work in the Salisbury area have got together to set up a new Club for the city of Salisbury.

The new club will become part of a worldwide organisation: Soroptimist International and will be linked to a network of some 90,000 women working together across 123 countries to educate, empower and enable women and girls to achieve their full potential.

## What we do

Soroptimist International is a vibrant, dynamic organisation for women. We are committed to a world where women and girls together achieve their individual and collective potential, realise aspirations and have an equal voice in creating strong, peaceful communities worldwide.

Soroptimists inspire action and create opportunities to transform the lives of women and girls through a global network of members and international partnerships. As a member you can:

- Undertake local, national and international projects to enable women and girls to reach their full potential
- Enjoy service, friendship and fun with women locally
- Lobby, influence and make a difference for women locally, nationally and worldwide
- Meet like-minded women from different countries and cultures
- Have the chance to travel to conferences, conventions and meetings to hear from top line speakers and to learn about transformational projects.



# SALISBURY SOROPTIMISTS

A new club for women living and working in the Salisbury area