

## CIO\_L\_8 Bletchley Milton Keynes Lions Club (CIO) Public Benefit Statement

The Bletchley Milton Keynes Lions Club (CIO) undertakes local fundraising which enables donations to a wide variety of groups and individuals within its local area and, principally through Lions Clubs International, supports a small number of national and international causes/activities.

In the five years to 2020 the Club formerly known as Lions Club of Bletchley, Milton Keynes has given donations to over 80 different organisations and individuals, totalling nearly £54,000.

As well as giving donations, the Bletchley Milton Keynes Lions Club (CIO) undertakes a number of service projects, examples include:

- Message in a Bottle (MIAB)

A scheme recognised by the emergency services whereby local people having medication or other medical treatment are encouraged to use and are provided with a small container to go in their fridge. This can contain details of their medication, medical conditions and any other issues to be considered in an emergency (eg they have a dog at home that needs caring for). An MIAB sticker is provided for display by the front door alerting the emergency services of the information available and reassurance for the individual should they not be in a position to communicate such information at the time.

- Caton House

Caton House is a residential centre for elderly people, especially those with dementia. Grants are given to support monthly entertainment of residents through music and quizzes. Members of the Lions club also participate in these events to support the residents.

- Milton Keynes Hospital Garden

The garden provides a tranquil setting for both patients and staff to use. As well as providing grants for plants and other items, the Lions club members also tend the garden throughout the year, including provision of a Christmas display.

- Milton Keynes Hospital Children's Room

Our Lions club is working with other local Lions' clubs to decorate and equip a quiet sanctuary where parents of sick children can have some time out whilst at the hospital and/or meet with medical staff.

- Bleed Control Kits

The Club promotes the kits at local establishments where the emergency services have identified a potential to sustain knife injuries etc. The Club has funded a small number of kits and undertakes wider promotion of the kits in the local area.