

District 105w – Lions Clubs International
The Winning Team

SPECTACLE COLLECTIONS

either store and deliver to Convention or send free to Chichester

2015 -2016 proved to be an outstanding year for collecting recycled glasses in our District, including the 7500 pairs collected at District Convention. The District Sight Officer recorded 50,000 pairs having been collected.

For 2016-2017 we would like to improve the outcome of our collecting efforts with this

New Approach – deliver to March 2017 Convention

- Continue to promote collection of glasses. DGTeam/ZC visits/meetings.
- Again ask all Clubs to bring spectacles to 2017 District Convention in March.
- We have requested the visiting DG from Normandy when he comes to our Convention, to travel over in a large vehicle to take the glasses back with him.
- MEDICO in France, have told us (and Chichester Lions) that they can take and use some of the things we today throw away when sorting. (extract from MEDICO to Chichester; *“MEDICO receives everything, all types of glasses, with or without correction, single or bifocal lenses, sun glasses, frames without lenses or broken, etc, etc...”*)
- If Clubs can save up the glasses they would normally send to Chichester and the new items mentioned above and bring them to 2017 Convention, the Normandy DG can take them all back to MEDICO. If Clubs cannot hold the glasses they collect, there is still the option to send them to **Chichester**. See below.
- We have identified a company that will buy Vintage and Designer Glasses from us (instead of Chichester Lions). Therefore if Clubs separate these from the others when sorting the glasses and bring them to District Convention, we will combine them together and sell them to this company.

The past year has shown just what we can do with this project which is relevant to Lions fundamental principle of working on sight, it's a project that all Clubs can be involved with if they choose to, no matter how big or small and no matter how well off the Club is. It's a service project that provides real help to the needy and also meets one of the 2017 Centennial goals.

We in District 105W are uniquely positioned compared to the other Districts through our twinning with District 103NIE and MEDICO which gives us the opportunity to supply them directly and reduce the losses experienced with using the current system. The choice is yours.

Read on to send free to Chichester

PARCEL FORCE will collect FREE OF CHARGE from any town in the UK and deliver them to the Chichester Lions collection point.

The procedure to follow is:

1. Pack spectacles loose into stout well sealed boxes, each roughly the size of a 12 bottle wine case, each weighing no more than 10Kg.
2. Enclose a slip with your name and address.
3. Label the boxes '**Articles for the Blind**'
4. Label the sealed boxes with the address below.
5. Ring on **0344 800 4466** (Parcel Force Data post Collection Centre).
6. Quote contract number, **R233259**.
7. Ask Parcel Force to collect boxes for delivery.

The address for delivery is:

Lions Club of Chichester,
C/o The Apuldram Centre,
Common Farm,
Apuldram Lane South,
Chichester,
West Sussex.
PO20 7PE

All types of glazed frames.
Unglazed frames in metal only
but preferably only glazed frames.
No lenses without frames please
No cases please

This arrangement with Parcel Force means that:

- ◆ No members will have to locate a Sight Officer to take items off their hands.
- ◆ Spectacles can be put to good use as soon as they are dispatched.
- ◆ All Clubs can now participate in the collection of unwanted spectacles without having access to storage. Your garage will not be clogged up with old spectacles.

If you need further information, please do not hesitate to contact:
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