

LIBRA Welcomes 2026



It has been a busy and inspiring period for LIBRA as we continue our work supporting the Haematology Department at King's College Hospital. Recently, we were delighted to welcome international Lions representatives to King's to see first-hand the impact of LIBRA and Lions funding on research, equipment, and patient facilities.

We are also highlighting the fantastic fundraising efforts of Peter Li, who will be taking on the West Highland Way this September in memory of his late mother, raising funds to support LIBRA's vital work.

Finally, we're excited to share that a brand-new fundraising campaign will be launching soon to support major ward refurbishments at King's. We look forward to building even more support for patients and research in the months ahead.

Newsletter Highlights

2026 is Here!

Lions Member
Fundraises for LIBRA

The Lions of the British
Isles

Exciting Announcement

Every new year brings fresh possibilities. With determination, compassion, and the support of our community, we can make the year ahead one of progress, hope, and life-changing impact.



PETER LI TAKES ON THE WEST HIGHLAND WAY FOR LIBRA

This September, Peter Li - District Membership Lead, 2nd Vice District Governor and Foundation Trustee for Lions District 105SE - will be taking on the famous West Highland Way in Scotland. Alongside Sarah McBride and seven teammates from Raging Dragons Dragonboat UK, Peter will hike the 96-mile route over six days to raise funds for LIBRA and the vital work it supports at the Haematology Department at King's College Hospital.

Peter is undertaking this challenge in memory of his late mother, who lived with lymphoma for many years before sadly passing away in 2023. LIBRA holds a number of personal connections for him: the charity was founded within his Lions district in 1978, his eldest daughter was born at King's College Hospital, and he has proudly been a member of Bromley Lions Club since 2021.

We wish Peter and the team the very best of luck as they prepare for this incredible journey through the Scottish Highlands. Their efforts will help raise vital funds for research and patient care at King's, continuing LIBRA's mission to improve treatments and support those living with blood cancers and disorders.

If you would like to support Peter and sponsor his challenge, please follow the link to his fundraising page:

[Peter Li Fundraising Page](#)



INTERNATIONAL LIONS VISIT THE LIBRA PROJECT AT KING'S

During the 2025/2026 Lions year, the Lions of the British Isles were honoured to welcome Immediate Past International President of Lions Clubs International and Chairperson of Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF), Fabrício Oliveira, and his wife Amariles Martins, accompanied by LCIF Trustee and Past International Director Elisabeth Haderer.

During their visit to London, the group travelled to King's College Hospital to see the LIBRA project first-hand. The project has benefited from grants from local Lions clubs alongside support from LCIF, enabling important clinical research, the purchase of specialist equipment, and refurbishment of patient facilities within the Haematology Department.

LIBRA Trustees and Past District Governors Ian Forbes and Mike Parker joined the visit and guided the group through the department, explaining how Lions' support continues to make a meaningful difference for both patients and staff. The visit highlighted the powerful impact of collaboration between Lions and LCIF in advancing care and research for people living with blood cancers and blood disorders.

“You can do amazing things in groups or individually for LIBRA - come on and take up the challenge and help to save more lives!”

Dame Kelly Holmes - LIBRA Ambassador



EXCITING NEWS - COMFORT MATTERS DURING TREATMENT

We're excited to share that a brand-new LIBRA fundraising campaign will be launching very soon, with a focus on supporting major ward refurbishments at King's College Hospital. These improvements will help ensure that patients receiving treatment for blood cancers and blood disorders have access to comfortable, modern environments that support both their physical and emotional wellbeing during what can often be long and challenging hospital stays.

Our previous campaign, Going for Gold, exceeded all expectations by raising £325,000 - £25,000 above our £300,000 target. Those funds helped support the development of new and improved treatments while also improving facilities for patient care at King's. We're incredibly proud of what was achieved and are now looking forward to building on that success with our next campaign. Keep an eye on our social media channels and local press in the coming weeks for the official launch.

DO YOU HAVE A STORY TO SHARE?

We are always looking for patient stories to share in our newsletter, to highlight the impact King's has on lives. If you'd be open to sharing your story, we would love to hear from you.

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