

Cheddar Vale Lions are starting the new year positively with a new project to benefit the local community. The Club does not want to stop because of lockdown and have identified a really important need within the community. The aim is to set up a project to help local schools and families by providing IT items to those children who do not have the equipment to keep up with the online learning.

The project has just been launched on social media and is already creating a lot of interest. Offers of items are already coming in and we have a family already in need of equipment. The items will be checked and tested before being sent direct to those in need or via the schools. The Club has already contacted Cheddar First School, Fairlands and KoW, who have informed us that they do have a need for equipment. The schools have technicians who will check and PACT test the items. If the project grows and we are able, we will expand to other schools within the Cheddar Vale area.

The Club have also been given support from Tom at Wyvern Coffee who is going to launch a raffle to raise extra money for our project so we can make sure the equipment is properly checked and tested. If they raise a good amount, it will also go towards the possible purchase of new equipment. The raffle prizes will be 5 x £20 vouchers, 5 x £10 vouchers and 5 x £5 vouchers for their delicious coffees, teas and hot chocolates they have in their shop. Tickets can be purchased via their website, www.wyverncoffee.com

We are asking anyone with the offer of equipment or the knowledge of any family that is in need of equipment, please contact Cheddar Vale Lions by email: information@cheddarvalelions.org.uk or our website: www.cheddarvalelions.org.uk or via the post on our Facebook page.

Please support this worthwhile project, we feel this will meet a need probably for the next year, as more and more families will not be in a position to keep all the children equipped with what they require for online learning, or even homework, when they are back at school. In the words of Tom at Wyvern “the kids are our future and we need to do everything in our power to make sure that future stays bright”.

