

The London Air Ambulance/HEMS (Helicopter Emergency Medical Service)

We all remember the terrible bombings in London last 7th July – and the wonderful works of HEMS in getting so many doctors to the injured people at the many locations.

HEMS routinely (the average is around four each day in Greater London) carry out these dashes to save lives.

By way of a thank you to HEMS and to enable them to have sufficient funds to continue (£600,000 per annum is required) several places are allowing collections by HEMS around the anniversary date.

Our District Governor Elect Clive Amos has given his support to Rotarians in London 'lending a hand' as HEMS need collectors to collect money at the places listed on the attached page.

We have already assisted but need to help much more to make sure we help HEMS help as many people as possible. HEMS have agreed that Rotarians should be clearly identifiable as Rotarians helping HEMS and having a public presence to inform the general public of the work Rotarians do in the communities.

And it's a great opportunity for you to get your local club in the news as a supporter of a very worthwhile activity.

The places, times cover is required (perhaps in segments of 2 hours each) and the number of collectors needed are shown.

Assistant Governor Leonard Specterman is assisting the flow of information between rotary and HEMS, so please contact him, (details are in the district directory) as soon as possible, with details of people attending and their preferred times, so that the (security) arrangements can be put in place and for HEMS to complete any periods for which collectors will still be required.

Let's show the public face of Rotary and help HEMS at the same time.