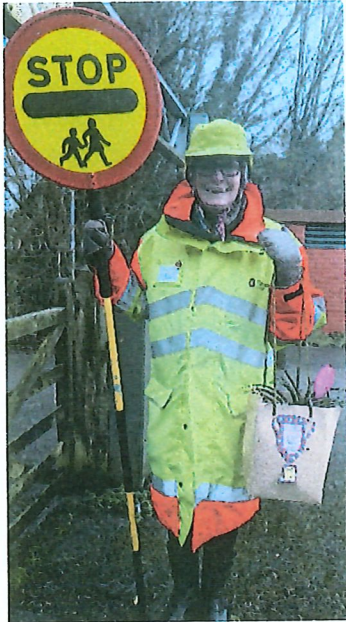


WE HAVE A HERO, RIGHT HERE, IN BASINGSTOKE!!!!

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She doesn't fly,
She doesn't do anything
with magic,
She doesn't have laser
eyes,
She doesn't lift 100
tonne buildings,
She doesn't control
stuff with her mind,
She doesn't have xxxxxxxl
sized muscles,
But she does, though,
help people cross the
road.

She is Lyn, our local
Lollipop Lady, who I had
the pleasure to
interview:

Samuel: So, what do you
like most about your
job?

Lyn: All of you. All the
children who come
across this path. They're
all polite, they're nice
and we say, "good
morning" and we
sometimes have a joke
with each other. It's all
the children and most
of the parents as well.
So, you know,
everybody's very lovely
and that's what I like
about the job. Otherwise,
I'd stay in bed in the
morning, and I don't,
even whatever the
weather's like, I love
coming to work because
it's such a lovely job.

S: That's very nice. What
do you like least about
your job?

L: Wet weather. Wet
weather - I hate the wet

weather. Especially a
day like yesterday where
it seems to creep all
inside your clothes and
so on. But, sometimes, in
the very hot weather, it
makes me very tired. But
on the whole, I don't
mind it being cold and
frosty, and snowy and
all that sort of thing.
But it is the weather
can sometimes,
especially if you don't
feel very well. You know,
do you have days where
you get up in the
morning and you don't
really feel like doing
anything at all or you
know, you want to go
back to bed and you
know, and you get out
here and you think, "Ugh, I don't want to be
here," but, then you all
come over the road and
someone gives me a nice,
big smile and I feel
better about it all.

S: Okay, that's nice as
well. What advice would
you give to the drivers?

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L: I give the same advice to drivers as I would to pedestrians and cyclists and everybody and that is **TO ALWAYS WATCH**

AND TO GET OFF YOUR MOBILES PHONES.

Because people cross the road and they're on their bikes and they're in their cars on their mobile phones and it's very, very dangerous. Always to be watching because you don't know what another person is going to do. You might be driving very carefully, but the person behind you might not. You've got to watch all the time. That's why sometimes I don't look as though I'm looking at the person who's stopping. It's because I'm looking at two cars behind them because I can see they're going quite fast. And if they hit the other two cars in front of them, I've got to jump out of the way very, very quickly. So

that's the advice I would give, the same as anyone would: watch all the time. Don't just take it for granted. Watch all the time.

S: That did also answer our last question, if you would definitely give the same advice to pedestrians as drivers.

L: Yes, I would. And pedestrians are really bad about using their mobile phones. They walk towards me, but they're so busy on their phone they don't know whether I've gone out into the middle of the road and stopped the traffic. They just start to cross and very often I have to say, "Whoa, stop!" because I haven't even got out into the traffic. So, yeah, it's always the same advice for anybody. Whether you're a driver, always watch and listen.

ALWAYS WATCH AND LISTEN. I go to the

preschools and the first thing I say to the little children is always look. Even if I'm there, look. Make sure. Because I don't sometimes, I can be stepping out into the road, I can't see somebody's coming down the pathway on a bike because I've got my back to them and they could easily swing round and knock somebody over. So, always watch and look. Be very, very careful.

S: Thank you. That was a really good interview, and I'm really pleased with your answers.

L: Thank you. Thank you.