

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 xxxxxxxx
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:

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

L: 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.

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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.