

ABOUT LIFE

The media, and uninformed public opinion, gives a negative image of what is labelled the 'anti-abortion' movement. This image is compounded by lurid stories from the USA of violence against practitioners who carry out abortions.

LIFE prefers to be seen as a 'pro-life' charity. Yes, abortion is a fact – a sad fact. In 2008, for women residents in England and Wales the total number of abortions was 195,296. The vast majority of aborted babies could have been born to a healthy life. How should those who believe this is wrong respond? LIFE has chosen a positive approach. Here are some of the positive ways we seek to alleviate the sadness of a society that accepts abortion as a norm:

- Offering non-directive counselling and information on pregnancy, pregnancy loss and abortion;
- Offering practical and emotional support to help women continue their pregnancy and supporting them for as long afterwards as necessary;
- Offering counselling and support for women and men damaged by abortion;
- Offering counselling and support for women and men suffering as a result of pregnancy loss;
- Offering information and support on adoption;
- Providing a nationwide network of supported accommodation for pregnant women and/or mothers of small children;
- Educating the public, but most importantly young people, about the rights and dignity of each person;
- Offering fertility treatment for married couples and women's healthcare and natural fertility management for all;
- Acting as an advocate at national and international level for the rights and dignity of each person from fertilisation (conception) until natural death and challenging governments and policy makers to adopt policies which reflect and uphold the utmost respect for human life from fertilisation until natural death

There's much more about LIFE on our web site at www.lifecharity.org.uk. LIFE's work is run from its head office in Leamington Spa, with a network of LIFE Groups around the country. Our Mid Sussex Group, founded nearly 40 years ago by Worth parishioners Dick and Sheila Wheeler, raises funds, supports LIFE Houses for pregnant mothers and babies in Crawley and Haywards Heath, and runs a monthly club for 'old girls' of the LIFE Houses and their toddlers. We look forward to working with the parish LIFE Support Group to widen knowledge about our work and help raise the funds without which we can't fulfil our vital mission.

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