

LEIGH-ON-SEA LIONS CLUB CHARITY TRUST FUND

Registered Charity Number 1018796


FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR


01 JULY 2023 - 30 JUNE 2024



Signed:

Eileen Harris : 
Club President 2023-2024

George Harris : 
Club Secretary 2023-2024

Deborah Jones 
Club Treasurer 2023-2024

Dated:- 10 /01/2025

Legal and Administrative Details

Charity Number 1018796

Trustees 2023-24*

The board had a change of chair and secretary in this reporting year with the retirement of the former chair.

Club President 2023-24	Eileen Harris	Elected Trustee	David Large
Club Secretary 2023-24	George Harris	Elected Trustee	Tim Watts
Club Treasurer 2023-24	Deborah Jones	Elected Trustee (Secretary)	Sue Gasper
		Elected Trustee (Chair)	George Harris

Principal addresses 2023-24

Registered Charity Address

17 The Parkway
Canvey Island
Essex
SS8 0AA

Club Secretary

1 Farm Way
Benfleet
Essex
SS7 3RG

Bankers

National Westminster Bank PLC
54 High Street
Rayleigh
Essex
SS6 7EW

Report of the trustees

The Trustees present their report and the financial statement for the year ended 30 June 2024.

Trustees' Responsibilities

Each financial year, law applicable in England and Wales requires Trustees to prepare a statement giving a true and fair view of the charity's financial activities during the year and of its financial position at the end of the year.

In preparing these financial statements, the Trustees are required to:

- Select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- Make judgements and estimates that are responsible and prudent;
- State whether applicable accounting standards and statements of recommended practice have been followed subject to any departure disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- Prepare the financial statements on the ongoing concern basis unless it is appropriate to assume that they charity will continue its activities.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Constitution and Objects

The Leigh-on-Sea Lions Charitable Trust Fund (hereafter "the Trust") is a registered charity no 101879. The Trust was constituted by a deed dated 4th November 1992.

The objects of the Trust are to apply the funds held for any purpose which is charitable according to the laws of England and Wales, whether for the benefit of any individual or group or for the benefit of any other organisation established for charitable purposes. This includes donations to charitable organisations connected to Lions Clubs International.

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The Trust is associated with the Lions Club of Leigh-on-Sea, which falls under the jurisdiction of District 105CE of Lions Clubs International. The Trust receives funds from the Club as well as from elsewhere. The Trustees in 2023-24 were all members of the Lions Club of Leigh-on-Sea.

As regards day to day operations, it is the associated Lions Club members, who vote to approve proposals for the distribution of charitable funds and a quorum of Club members must be present at any such vote. However, the Club constitution stipulates that at least two trustees must also be present for this to be valid. Furthermore, the Trustees may veto any proposal they feel inappropriate, regardless of the vote by the Club. To date, this has never occurred.

Risk Management

The Trustees have examined the major strategic and operational risks and confirm that systems are in place to minimise these risks. Regular financial reports are presented to the Trustees and Club, and a board comprising the Trustees and Club Directors meets at least quarterly to discuss Trust and Club matters, and at short notice should there be a specific concern.

The Trust Treasurer has full access to online banking and can see any transactions carried out by the Club Treasurer. NatWest bank alerts the Trust Treasurer and Club Treasurer to any unusual activity on the accounts.

The Trustees take advice from officers appointed to Lions District 105CE to ensure compliance with legislation concerning Health and Safety and the protection of Vulnerable Persons. The Trustees also keep their insurance policies under review and take advice from Lions' Insurance Advisors.

Financial Review

As anticipated, and after some 12 years at our charity shop, our landlord finally gave notice and we ceased trading 13th October 2023 (see report 2022/23). Naturally, this had a significant impact on income and though several events and raffles were run throughout the year, these could not possibly yield similar returns.

Mindful that notice might have been given at any moment, the Trust had already built a good reserve and Club Treasurer acted to get a better return through an additional, higher-interest notice account, ensuring a monthly return of around £100-£110. The Trust and Club had also earmarked many months previously a sum towards alternative shop premises. Club and Trustees agreed to reduce the amount of food purchased for food banks, our biggest community project*, rather than cut the service entirely. The Trustees believe this proportionate approach enabled the charity to continue to make substantial donations and serve the community, making a positive difference to thousands.

It should be noted that one or two club members volunteer with other organizations to which donations have been made during the year. Those members are not permitted to vote on any proposals to donate to those organizations.

In summary: the Trust's income reached a decent **£38,023.56** by year end, plus bank interest of **£1,034.88**. Awards & donations totalled **£49,515.20**, and details of these donations are set out in the notes to the accounts.

*Foodbank Project 2023/24 1,525 hours of service and 21,000 people served.

Reserves Policy

A reserve has always been retained, alongside a "day to day" account for making donations, settling invoices etc. In recent times the interest rate has been far from generous, but we took advantage of improved rates and as described above, a new high interest notice account was opened and the bulk of reserves moved into that, leaving a smaller sum in the existing reserve to service immediate obligations whilst still providing a modicum of interest.

The Trustees do not consider any other reserves necessary as applications for donations are always considered in light of the funds available. Where a donation has been agreed by the Trustees, this is shown as a commitment on the finance reports issued to Trustees and Club members before each business meeting (two per month).

Approved by the Trustees on 10/01/2025 .

Signed on behalf of the Trustees

Sue Gasper :

Secretary to the Trustees 2023-24



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INDEPENDENT EXAMINATION REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF LEIGH-ON-SEA
LIONS CLUB

I report on the financial statements of the Lions Club of Leigh-on-Sea Charity Trust Fund for the year ended 30 June 2024 which are set out on pages 5 to 7.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity Trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. In accordance with section 144 (2) of the Charities Act 2011 (hereafter the 2011 Act), the Trustees deemed an independent examination to be sufficient. The Trustees have a legal duty under the Act to appoint 'an independent person who is reasonably believed by the Trustees to have the requisite ability and practical experience to carry out a competent examination of the accounts' and, accordingly, have requested my review.

My relevant experience is that I have a degree in accounting and finance and work as a licenced insolvency practitioner and as such regularly review the veracity of both formally prepared and management accounts to ensure a fair result to stakeholders in insolvency procedures. I hold position as treasurer for the Southend Scout and Guide Gang Show.

As reviewer, it is my responsibility to:

- Examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act;
- To follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners under section 145 (5) (b) of the 2011 Act; and
- State whether any particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charities Commissioners. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the Club/Charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently, no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a "true and fair view" and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention that gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respects the following requirements have not been met

- a. to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act; and
- b. to prepare financial statements which accord with the accounting records and to comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Act.

Nor, in my opinion, is there any matter to which attention should be drawn to enable proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Ian Goodhew :



Dated : 10th Jan 20 25

Charitable Trust Accounts

Receipts and Payments

Period 1st July 2023 to 30th June 2024

Incoming Resources

Notes

Fund Raising - Leigh on Sea

Charity Shop Takings	£18,561.60
Shop Takings Castle Point	£2,113.07
Shop Takings Eastwood	£2,443.51
eBay Credits	£699.03
Duck Race	£2,385.22
Other "Old Leigh" Events	£4,913.85
Community Centre Events	£1,928.67
Raffles/small events	£2,397.91
Event Cash Used	0.00
Misc. Donations received / other	£2,126.99
Castle Point Shop Costs	£175.00
Eastwood Shop Costs	£225.00
PayPal Monies	£53.71
<u>Income Sub-Total</u>	£38,023.56
Bank Interest Received	£1,034.88
<u>Total Balance</u>	<u>£ 39,058.44</u>

Donations

Donations general	£44,033.68
Donations to Castle Point re Shop (gross)	£2,360.07
Donations to Eastwood Re Shop (gross)	£3,121.45

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Expenses

Shop Costs (inc. £25 per operating day deducted from Castle Point & Eastwood's takings)	£1,196.86
Event costs, equipment, and misc. expenses	£4,960.43
<u>Total</u>	<u>£55,672.49</u>

(£55,672.49)

Net Movement in Funds

(£16,614.05)

Fund Balances Carried Forward

£41,100.97

Available Balance

£24,486.92

Balance Sheet

Period 1st July 2023 to 30th June 2024

Current Assets

Cash at Bank and in hand

Leigh on Sea

£41,100.97

Net Current Assets


£41,100.97

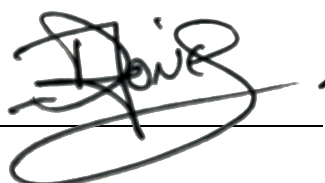
Funds

General Fund

£41,100.97

Approved by the Trustees on 10/01/2025 __ and signed on their behalf by

George Harris : 
Chairman of Trustees 2023-24

Deborah Jones : 
Club Treasurer 2023-24

Notes

1. Donations Leigh on Sea

3rd Chalkwell Bay Sea Scouts	£	400.00	
Ava Carroll - educational trip Nepal 2024	£	250.00	
BBC Children in Need	£	800.00	
BLESMA	£	25.00	
Carli Lansley Foundation	£	700.00	
District 105CE Youth Fund	£	10.00	
DG Partner's Appeal (Cardiomyopathy)	£	250.00	
Eastwood Lions (non-shop donations)	£	50.00	
Endeavour Trust (Leigh-on-Sea...)	£	1,320.00	
Essex & Herts Air Ambulance	£	25.00	
Essex Community Service First Aid Volunteers	£	50.00	
Foodbanks	£	14,491.83	
Gold Geese childhood cancer	£	1,100.00	
Hanningfield Sailability	£	250.00	
HARP	£	500.00	
Havens Hospices	£	100.00	
Kids with Albinism (sponsor Mt Kenya hike)	£	1,000.00	
Kids Cancer Charity	£	1,000.00	
L.C.I.F. Dis. Relief - General	£	500.00	
Lions Brain Tumour Research Appeal	£	135.00	
Lions S E Disabled Sports Day	£	100.00	
Leigh Rd Baptist Church - defib & cabinet	£	1,843.99	
Marie Curie	£	515.36	
MD Youth Projects	£	200.00	
Music Man Project	£	1,300.00	
New Life Wood	£	250.00	
North Street School	£	6,210.00	
North Street Parents Assoc	£	277.50	
One Love Project	£	725.00	
RBL Poppy Appeal	£	275.00	
R.N.L.I.	£	2,570.00	
SEND the right message	£	250.00	
Southend CAP Debt Advice Centre	£	500.00	
Southend Citizens Advice Bureau	£	20.00	
Southend City Council re Blenheim Roundabout	£	1,500.00	
Southend In Sight	£	100.00	
Southend Mencap	£	200.00	
MID & S ESSEX NHS (Southend hospital)	£	500.00	Continues overleaf

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Storehouse	£	1,100.00
Sunday Club (The)	£	100.00
SVP Canvey Island	£	500.00
SVP (St Vincent de Paul): homeless hub	£	1,000.00
Trust Links	£	140.00
Westcliff Free Church	£	200.00
Young Carers (Southend Carers)	£	700.00
	£	44,033.68