

LIONS CLUB OF CHESTER CHARITABLE  
TRUST FUND

ANNUAL ACCOUNT 30 JUNE 2023

Registered Charity No. 1085652

**Annual Report for the year to 30 June 2023**

The Trustees Committee present their Report for the year ended 30th June 2023.

The members of the Trustees Committee during the year and their appointing body where appropriate were:

Anne Warner	(Chairman)	Chester Lions Club President (elected 1 July 2022 - Resigned 30 June 2023)
David Bignall	(Treasurer)	Chester Lions Club (elected 1 July 2021)
Les Gillott		Chester Lions Club (elected 1 July 2021)
Peter Bellion		Chester Lions Club (elected 19 January 2021)
Graham O'Reilly	(Deputy Chairman)	Chester Lions Club Presidents (elected 1 July 2021)

Trustee Committee members are elected or appointed on a 3 year term of office basis, and must be members of the Chester Lions Club. The Annual General Meeting is to be held on the 17th January 2024.

The charity was established by Trust Deed dated 26th September 2000 by the Lions Club of Chester and is registered with the Charity Commission, No 1085652. The charity's address is c/o The Cheshire Regiment Club, The Castle, Chester CH1 2DN

**Objects, Organisation and Activities**

The charity is established to enhance the community life of the inhabitants of Chester and District, along with supporting Lions Clubs International Charitable activities across the world.

The main supporters of the Charity is the Chester Lions Club which was formed over 60 years ago by like minded, individuals who enjoyed working together in fellowship to help those less fortunate than themselves. The Chester Lions Club is a member of the world's largest and most active club service organisation, Lions Clubs International.

Lions Clubs International Mission statement - "To empower volunteers to serve their communities, meet humanitarian needs, encourage peace and promote international understanding through Lions Clubs".

The Charity has organised it's own fund raising activities during the year, as well as receiving donations from the Chester Lions Club and other benefactors.

**Review of progress and achievements**

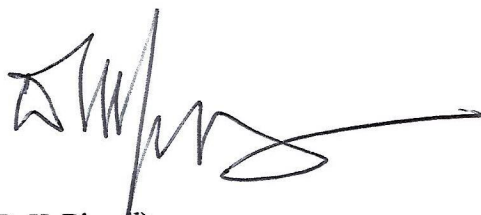
The Charity has been able to help achieve its objectives on a local level by giving financial support or by the purchase of equipment. During the year the Charity gave funds to the local Crossroads Care-Dementia Respite, Youth projects have been supported via the formation of a local Youth club, a Children's Exchange Toy Bank and a local Football Club. On an international level assistance was given to the Lions Club International for the Comprehensive Eye Services in the Third World, homeless people affected by Disasters i.e. Haiti Hurricane and the Measles Eradication Initiative..

**Finances**

The attached financial statements show the current state of the finances, which the Trustees consider to be sound.

The Charity's bankers are:- National Westminster Bank PLC., Eastgate Street, Chester CH1 1LG.

The Independent Examiners report is detailed on pages 4 and 5.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'D. H. Bignall', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

(D. H. Bignall)

On behalf of the Trustees

David H. Bignall, Honorary Treasurer,

18<sup>th</sup> January 2024

**CHAIRMAN'S REPORT 2022/2023**

The Lions Club of Chester Charitable Trust Fund has had another successful year. It has been able to generate a Gross Income of £44,470. Donations of £55,957 have been donated to deserving causes that have been considered worthy of support by the Trustees. These are noted in the Donation section of the main report.

There were 2 London Marathons during the last 12 Months. Donations were made to Countess of Chester-Intensive Care Unit (Blue Sky Appeal); Stick-n-Steps; Young Carers; Fallen Angles Dance Theatre and Heath Lane Youth Club.

A donation of £6,667 was received from The Chester Lord Mayor's Charity Fire Works Display.

A donation was made to Crossroad Care to provide respite for those caring for Dementia sufferers to allow their Carers some Personal Time away from the people they care for.

Donations were made to a local youth Football Club, a children's Toy Bank and Space, a local Family Support Group.

A donation were made to the local Food Bank for Children's Christmas Selection Boxes.

Donations were made to Lions Clubs International Foundation to help alleviate the hardship and distress of being made homeless due to Natural Disasters of Earthquakes, Hurricanes, Flooding and Children Refugees caught up in various conflicts.

Internationally the Charity has given support to the Lions Club International Appeals for Comprehensive Eye Services, Edukits in the Third World, Measles Eradication Initiative and the LIBRA Blood Research project.

A new Lions Club Charity has been set up - "Chester Lions Club (CIO)", which has received funds during the year.

We wish to give our personal thanks to the Chester Lions Club members who have supported the Charity. Without this support the Charity would not have been able to fulfil it's objectives.

Lion Graham O'Reilly  
Deputy Chairman 2022/2023  
18<sup>th</sup> January 2024





## Independent examiner's report on the accounts

### Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/  
members of

#### LIONS CLUB OF CHESTER CHARITABLE TRUST FUND

I report on the accounts of the Trust, Charity No 1085652 for the year ended 30th June 2023, which are set in pages 6 to 11.

**Respective  
responsibilities of  
trustees and examiner**

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Charities Act") and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act;
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act; and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

**Basis of independent  
examiner's statement**

My examination was carried out in accordance with general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the 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 the 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:

- (1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in, any material respect, the requirements:
  - to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; and
  - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act have not been met; or
- (2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

**Signed:** 

**Date:** 26/11/23

**Name:** Christopher Delamere

**Relevant professional  
qualification(s) or body  
(if any):**

Chartered Global Management Accountant

**Address:** 52 Marfords Avenue,  
Wirral,  
Merseyside, CH63 0JP

## Statement of Financial Activities for the Year to 30 June 2023

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total £	2022 £
<b>Income &amp; Expenditure</b>					
<b>Income:</b>					
Donations and Grants from Chester Lions Club	2	10,000	-	10,000	-
Other Donations Received	2	6,667	-	6,667	7,193
Fundraising Appeals	4	1,984	25,819	27,803	22,227
Bank Charges Refund	5	-	-	-	-
<b>Total Income</b>		<b>18,651</b>	<b>25,819</b>	<b>44,470</b>	<b>29,420</b>
<b>Direct Charitable Expenditure:</b>					
Room Hire – Meeting of Trustees		-	-	-	-
Printing & Stationery	5	-	-	-	-
Bank Charges	5	-	-	-	60
		-	-	-	60
Charitable Donations and Grants	3	32,370	23,587	55,957	32,149
		<b>32,370</b>	<b>23,587</b>	<b>55,957</b>	<b>32,149</b>
<b>Other Expenditure:</b>					
Fundraising costs	4	-	1,980	1,980	2,016
		-	1,980	1,980	2,016
<b>Total Expenditure</b>		<b>32,370</b>	<b>25,567</b>	<b>57,937</b>	<b>34,225</b>
<b>Net (Outgoings)/ Income for the Year</b>		<b>(13,719)</b>	<b>252</b>	<b>(13,467)</b>	<b>(4,805)</b>
Fund balances brought forward		17,772	(1,115)	16,657	21,462
<b>Fund balances carried forward</b>		<b>£4,053</b>	<b>(863)</b>	<b>£3,190</b>	<b>£16,657</b>

The notes on pages 10 to 11 form part of these accounts.

**Balance Sheet as at 30 June 2023**

	Notes	2023 £	2023 £	2022 £	2022 £
<b>Current Assets</b>					
Debtors	6	1,190		1,980	
Balances at Bank:					
Deposit Accounts		-		-	
Current Account		<u>2,000</u>		<u>14,677</u>	
		3,190		16,657	
<b>Current Liabilities</b>					
Creditors	7	<u>-</u>		<u>-</u>	
Net current assets			3,190		16,657
Net assets			<u><b>£3,190</b></u>		<u><b>£16,657</b></u>
represented by					
<b>FUNDS</b>					
<b>Unrestricted Income Funds:</b>					
General Purposes Fund			2,000		14,667
<b>Restricted Income Funds:</b>					
Restricted Funds			1,190		1,980
Net assets			<u><b>£3,190</b></u>		<u><b>£16,657</b></u>

Lion Graham O'Reilly, Deputy Chairman  
18<sup>th</sup> January 2024



For and on behalf of the Trustees



**CHARITABLE EXPENDITURE****GRANTS MADE 2022-2023**

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**Youth**

Stick-n-Steps - Marathon 2022	5,842	
Young Carers - Marathon 2022	3053	
Clwyd Special Riding School	1,230	
West Cheshire Food Bank - Christmas Chocolates	750	
Upton Youth Club - Marathon 2023	624	
Margaret Junior School - Uganda	550	
Space - Family Support	500	
Blacon Youth Football	389	
Freedom Equine Centre	308	
MD105BS - Youth Brass	200	
Kids Bank - Toys & Games	162	
Lions District 105 CN - Edukits	150	
Lions District 105 CN - Disabled Sports	50	<b>13,808</b>

**Eye Health, Health, Diabetes, Deaf**

Crossroad Care - Dementia Carers Respite	2,000	
Chester Golf Club - Bench	415	
Hearing Dogs	271	
Age UK - Telephone Support Service	250	
LCI MD105 - Measles Eradication Project	200	
MD105 BN - Comprehensive Eye Services	200	
MD105 BN - Libra Blood Research	200	
MD105 BN - Diabetes Awareness	100	
MD105 BN - Brain Tumour Research	25	
Glass Collection & Recycling Project	10	<b>3,671</b>

**Hospices, Hospitals**

Countess of Chester - (Marathon 2023) - Intensive Care	12,555	
Fallen Angels - (Marathon 2023)	1,823	
St. John's Church - Pastoral Services	440	
Barrowmore - Bench	367	
Hospice of the Good Shepherd - Goody Bags	250	
Hospice of the Good Shepherd	150	
Great Barrow Bowling Club	50	<b>15,635</b>

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GRANTS MADE 2022-2023 – continued

**General Public Service**

Chester Lions Club CIO	21,343	
Lions Club International Foundation - Disaster Relief	500	
Lions Club International Foundation - Ukraine - Water Purification Equipment	500	
Lions Club International Foundation - Syria Earthquake Disaster Relief	500	22,843
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		55,957

**Notes to the Accounts for the Year to 30 June 2023.****1 Accounting Policies General**

- a) These Accounts have been prepared under the historic cost convention and in accordance with applicable accounting standards and the Statement of Recommended Practice on Accounting and Reporting by Charities SORP – issued 2005.

b) Fund accounting

Restricted funds are to be used for specific purposes as laid down by the donor and usually relate to fundraising for a specific purpose or cause.

c) Incoming Resources

**Income** – is received by way of donations, fundraising and gifts, etc. and is included in full in the Statement of Financial Activities on an accruals basis.

**Gifts in kind** - are valued at their estimated value and recognised as income when distributed.

**Intangible income** – The Charity and the Lions Club benefit from many hundreds of voluntary hours and unclaimed out-of-pocket expenses contributed by members, partners and supporters, and it is not possible to put a value on this contribution but it is greatly appreciated.

**2 Incoming resources - Donations**

	2023	2023	2022
	Unrestricted	Restricted	
	£	£	£
Donations and gifts			
- Chester Lions Club	-	-	-
- Other Donations	16,667	-	7,193
	<u>16,667</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>7,193</u>

**3 Grants etc. – a list is given on page 8 and 9****4 Fundraising Appeals**

	Event Costs	Proceeds	Net
	£	£	£
Unrestricted Funds	-	1,984	1,984
Restricted Funds	1,980	25,819	23,839
	<u>£ 1,980</u>	<u>£27,803</u>	<u>£ 25,823</u>

**5 Management and administration of the Charity**

	2023
Meeting costs	-
Printing and Stationery	-
Bank Charges	-
	<u>£ -</u>

**6 Debtors**

	2023	2022
Debtors	1,190	1,980
	<u>£ 1,190</u>	<u>£ 1,980</u>

**7 Creditors: Falling due within one year.**

	2023 Unrestricted Funds	2023 Restricted Funds	2022 Total
Donations to be made	-	-	-
	<u>£ -</u>	<u>£ -</u>	<u>£ -</u>

**8 Trustees' expenses etc.**

Neither Trustee members nor any person connected with them has received or is due to receive any remuneration for the year directly or indirectly from the Charity's funds.