



# Trustees' Annual Report for the period

Period start date

01 July 2024

Period end date

30 June 2025

From

To

## Section A

### Reference and administration details

Charity name

The Rotary Club of Shepperton Aurora Benevolent Fund

Other names charity is known by

Registered charity number (if any)

1117573

Charity's principal address

27 The Paddocks

Weybridge

Surrey

Postcode

KT13 9RL

### Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	David Catt-Camfield	Chairman		The Trustees with advice from Shepperton Aurora Rotary Club
2	Christopher Arnot	Treasurer		
3	Sylvia Courtney	Trustee		
4	Susan Eggleton	Trustee		
5	Gillian Fawcett	Trustee		
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### Names of the trustees for the charity, if any, (for example, any custodian trustees)

Name	Dates acted if not for whole year

### Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address

### Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)

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## Section B

## Structure, governance and management

### Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document (eg. trust deed, constitution)	Trust Deed
How the charity is constituted (eg. trust, association, company)	Trust
Trustee selection methods (eg. appointed by, elected by)	Shepperton Aurora Rotary Club proposes suitable candidates who are considered and appointed by the existing Trustees. All Trustees must be active members of Shepperton Aurora Rotary Club.

### Additional governance issues (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant, about:

- policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees;
- the charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works;
- relationship with any related parties;
- trustees' consideration of major risks and the system and procedures to manage them.

The five Trustees consider proposals for funding from the Rotary Club of Shepperton Aurora members. As the Trustees are also members of the Rotary club, their key function is to ensure that funds are available, and that the proposal meets both the Trusts objectives and the legal and public benefit requirements. If these are met, the Trustees will give their approval.

The Trust works closely with the Rotary Foundation in the United Kingdom (RFUK) charity both raising money for its objectives and potentially receiving grants via RFUK for specific projects.

There are policies in place for Risk Management, Conflicts of Interest and Duties as a Trustee as well as continuous financial monitoring and other good governance procedures. These are regularly reviewed.

## Section C

## Objectives and activities

**Summary of the objects of the charity set out in its governing document**

To provide money for the relief of the poor and needy or such other charitable purposes as the Club shall in duly constituted meeting from time to time direct.



**Public Benefit statement for the Annual Report of The Rotary Club  
of Shepperton Aurora Benevolent Fund**  
**Charity Number 1117573**

**Introduction**

Throughout the 2024/25 year, the Club was able to carry out its usual round of main events and activities including a full range of Christmas collections (together with the Big Tree Night), Youth Speaks, the Race Night and Village Fair. These were all complemented by a variety of other fund-raising events and activities including the conclusion of the a Community Raffle at a charities evening, a welcome for the ShelterBoat, which sailed from Henley to Shepperton, several tombolas, garden parties and another charities evening for those that had helped the Club with its Christmas collections, held in January. The Club also benefitted from a number of personal donations from supporters and friends of the Club. These should not be forgotten as being an important part of another successful revenue generating year which helped the Club to donate a record sum of £34,294.40 to 44 beneficiaries. As in previous years, there were a wide variety of causes from creches to bereavement care, located locally, nationally and abroad. Overseas charities included significant sums to ShelterBox (£4,360) Port Elizabeth West and their Foundation project (£1,350), End Polio Now (£1,010), Sand Dams (£1,000) and the Rotary Foundation (£500). This figure was also achieved with the omission of one of the Clubs traditional events, the Prestige Lecture, which failed through lack of interest in 2023. A possible replacement titled 'An Evening With' is planned for September or October 2026.

**Local Schools:**

The Club continued to work closely with a number of schools in the locality, especially those with disabilities and learning difficulties. The Club either donated directly or obtained grants from other sources such as the Rotary District grant scheme. Additionally, and as in previous years, the Club continued to distribute 'dictionaries for life' to several local schools.

**Community Support:**

The Club continued to support a number of local centres specializing in areas such as day care for the elderly, Alzheimer's and dementia care, bereavement support, and other organisations offering more specialist care. Aurora continued to work with Spelthorne Council through its community schemes.

**Food Banks:**

During the year, the number of families suffering food hardship continued to rise and the resulting pressure on local foodbanks became obvious. Accordingly, the Club continued its support for local foodbanks by holding a successful Big Food Drop in April, using the village hall as a central drop-off point, where local businesses, schools and the members of the local community brought food produce which, in turn, was taken to the local Shepperton foodbank. The requirement continues and the Club will continue its support throughout the year and beyond.

**Youth Opportunities:**

The Club supported students through its public speaking competition "Youth Speaks", held by pupils from several local schools. It is also took the decision to restart its sponsorship of pupils to take part in the Rotary Youth Leadership Award (RYLA) scheme which fosters training through residential seminars, camps and workshops to develop leadership, communication and organizational skills. It further donated to Scouts, Sea Scouts and Guides troops in the area and also London Irish Youth.

**Other Local Support:**

Support in both time and resource has also been given to

- The Princess Alice Hospice, St Nicholas' Church for bereavement care, Cruse and Cameo for daycare & Alzheimer support..

**Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit in relation to these objects (include within this section the statutory declaration that trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit)**

- Dramatize. Helping those with learning difficulties into work.
- Action Breaks Silence. Protecting women from abuse..
- Younger People With Dementia.
- Cut Out Cancer helping various cancer treatments..

**Nationally:**

The Club will continue to support National charities such as ShelterBox, Aquabox, RNLI and others when appropriate.

**Internationally:**

Through Rotary International and our own Rotary District, the Club continued to support the Rotary Foundation Fund, the charity arm of Rotary International, with additional international projects and its specific 'End Polio Now' charity.

It also helped charities in South Africa (Rotary Club of Port Elizabeth), with its Foundation project to help train caring practitioners in creches in the Port Elizabeth area. It also helped purchase playground equipment for these creches. A major beneficiary of the charity was ShelterBox who provide fully provisioned tents for humanitarian emergencies around the world, Lend With Care (helping entrepreneurs with start-up businesses) and Sand Dams (water aid).

These are all Rotary approved causes.

**Additional details of objectives and activities (Optional information)**

You **may choose** to include further statements, where relevant, about:

- policy on grant-making;
- policy programme related investment;
- contribution made by volunteers.

**Conclusion**

With another successful year, the Club increased its support to both young and old and those people in need both locally and internationally. With increased resources from new opportunities for fund raising, it successfully managed its financial resources and passed on the benefits to its beneficiaries in record amounts. It will continue this work into 2025/2026.

The Trustees will continue to observe the Charity Commission's Public Benefit Guidance when exercising their powers or duties with the Club's Benevolent Fund resources.



**Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year**

**Donations made in 2024/2025:**

Recipient::	Amount:
Thamesmead School	£1800.00
St Nicholas Bereavement Cafe	£400.00
Swan Sanctuary	£470.00
ShelterBox	£4360.00
ShelterBoat	£400.00
Spelthorne Gymnastics Club	£500.00
Jubilee Church	£100.00
Len With Care	£560.00
RNLI	£300.30
RIBI End Polio Now	£1010.00
Soldiers Sailors Air Force Assoc	£500.00
Action Breaks Silence	£700.00
Lego for Schools	£60.00
PE West Rotary Club	£1350.00
Black Swan	£2130.00
Younger Persons With Dementia	£1133.60
Sand Dams	£1000.00
Manor Mead School	£1000.00
1 <sup>st</sup> Charlton Scouts	£900.00
Jubilee Church	£700.00
Royal Signals	£150.00
Xmas at the Greeno	£500.00
Cameo	£1000.00
Cruse	£600.00
Greeno Centre	£700.00
Reading Force	£100.00
RIBI Foundation	£500.00
Phabsail	£500.00
Dramatize	£2315.00
Patient Cancer Support	£500.00
Shepperton Pre School	£500.00
Lourdes Group	£750.00
White Lodge	£500.00
Princess Alice Hospice	£750.00
St Nicholas Church Toddler Group	£690.00
Rentstart	£75.00
High Sheriffs Youth Assoc	£1000.00
Spelthorne Council	£75.00
Saxon School	£500.00
St Nicholas School	£2000.00
St Ignacius School	£500.00
London Irish Youth	£500.00
Shepperton Allotments	£50.00
Cut Out Cancer	£165.50
<b>Total All Donations:</b>	<b>£34,294.40</b>

## Section E

## Financial review

### Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

The charity will keep such funds as necessary to allow the club to function and support its chosen charities and other organisations in a sustainable and effective manner. Once this has been achieved, the Trustees will not look to hold excessive reserves.

In the past and subject to adequate funds being available, the Club had authorized the Trustees to reserve £1,000 per annum into a contingency fund for major expenditure overseas. The aim being to look to partner with other Rotary club(s) and match fund from the Rotary Foundation to contribute to a major approved project. However, due to recent circumstances, the Club has halted the annual transfer but reserves to right to reintroduce it when it deems appropriate and in line with the wishes of Shepperton Aurora Rotary Club, the Trustees are aware of this policy..

### Details of any funds materially in deficit

None

### Further financial review details (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant about:

- the charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising);
- how expenditure has supported the key objectives of the charity;
- investment policy and objectives including any ethical investment policy adopted.

Fundraising via the staging of events for charitable purposes makes up the majority of the funding. With the exception of its Prestige Lecture, the Club expects to carry out a full and uninterrupted round of collections, both traditional and new, through 2025/26.

Additional funding comes from donations from members and friends of Aurora, together with gift aid on personal donations and via GASD.

This year Aurora may again apply for matched grant funding, from our Rotary District, for appropriate causes.

## Section F

## Other optional information

## Section G

## Declaration

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

### Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)	C J Arnot	
Full name(s)	Christopher Arnot	
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Treasurer	
Date	31.08.2025	



**Benevolent Fund Accounts July 2024 to June 2025**  
**Statement of Revenue, Expenses & Donations**

Opening balance as at 01/07/2024: £15,461.63

<u>Revenue:</u>	<u>Unrestricted</u>	<u>Restricted</u>		
CR24	£922.20			
Charities Evenings (Both)	£590.00			
Samosas Sales	£9,807.69			
Boules	£82.50			
ShelterBoat		£396.01		
End Polio + Garden Party		£880.00		
Donations Friends & Members		£7,826.25		
Tombola	£102.00			
Polio Pig		£303.09		
Xmas Collections	£6,016.74			
Sleigh Contribution	£196.31			
HMRC Gift Aid (Both)	£3,585.84			
Race Night	£6,153.35			
After Sales (Wine/Beer)	£191.10			
SVF	£1,241.00			
Misc	£301.00			
<b>Total Revenue:</b>	<b>£29,189.73</b>	<b>£9,405.35</b>	<b>£38,595.08</b>	<b>£54,056.71</b>

<u>Expenses:</u>			
Paypal Commission (All)	£85.78		
Charity Nights (Halls & Food)	£1,170.00		
Crocuses	£175.00		
Advertising (S.Matters)	£225.00		
Xmas Expenses (inc BTN Prizes)	£257.63		
Sleigh Storage	£200.00		
Dictionaries	£909.60		
Youth Speaks	£880.58		
Lego	£70.00		
RYLA	£880.00		
Race Night	£2,746.31		
Big Food Drop Poster	£315.00		
SVF	£983.91		
Misc	£347.50		
<b>Expenses Total:</b>	<b>£9,246.31</b>	<b>£44,810.40</b>	

**Donations:**

Thamesmead School	£1,800.00	
St Nicholas Bereavement Café	£400.00	
Swan Sanctuary	£470.00	
ShelterBox	£4,360.00	
ShelterBoat via Just Giving	£400.00	
Spelthorne Gymnastics Club	£500.00	
Jubilee Church	£100.00	
Lend With Care	£560.00	
RNLI via Just Giving	£300.30	
RIBI End Polio Now	£1,010.00	
Sailors Soldiers Air Force Assoc	£500.00	
Action Breaks Silence	£700.00	
Lego for Schools	£60.00	
Port Elizabeth West (inc Foundation £750)	£1,350.00	
Black Swan	£2,130.00	
Younger Persons With Dementia	£1,133.60	
Sand Dams (via District)	£1,000.00	
Manor Mead School	£1,000.00	
1st Charlton Air & Sea Scouts	£900.00	
Jubilee Church	£700.00	
Royal Signals	£150.00	
Xmas at the Greeno	£500.00	
Cameo	£1,000.00	
Cruse	£600.00	
Greeno Centre	£700.00	
Reading Force	£100.00	
RIBI Foundation	£500.00	
Phabsail	£500.00	
Dramatize	£2,315.00	
Patient Cancer Support	£500.00	
Shepperton Pre School	£500.00	
Lourdes	£750.00	
White Lodge	£500.00	
Princess Alice Hospice	£750.00	
St Nicholas Church Misc+Toddlers Group	£690.00	
Rentstart	£75.00	
High Sheriff's Youth Assoc	£1,000.00	
SCC (Mayors Talk)	£75.00	
Saxon School	£500.00	
St Nicholas School	£2,000.00	
St Ignatius School	£500.00	
London Irish Youth	£500.00	
Shepperton Allotments (With S&S)	£50.00	
Godalming Woolsack RC (COC)	£165.50	
<b>Total Donations:</b>	<b>£34,294.40</b>	<b>£10,516.00</b>



Account Balance as at 30/06/2025:

£10,516.00

**Balance as at 30th June 2025**

Opening Balance:		£15,461.63
Revenue		£38,595.08
<u>Less:</u>		
Expenses	£9,246.31	
Donations	£34,294.40	
	<u>£43,540.71</u>	£43,540.71
Closing Balance		<u>£10,516.00</u>

SCC: Spelthorne County Council

COC: Cut Out Cancer

SVF: Shepperton Village Fair

There were no outstanding cheques.

C J Arnot

Treasurer Benevolent Fund

I have examined the books and records of The Rotary Club of Shepperton Aurora Benevolent Fund for the year relating to the above accounts. In my opinion this statement is in agreement with records kept and gives a correct summary of transactions for the year ended 30th June 2025.

Signed:

S.M. Courtney

Name:

S.M. COURTNEY

Date:

18.08.25

I have reviewed the examination of the books and records of the Rotary Club of Shepperton Aurora Benevolent Fund for the year ending 30<sup>th</sup> June 2025 and agree the records kept give a true, fair and correct summary of transactions made during the year.

Signed:

Ann Taylor

Name:

Ann Taylor CGMA

Date:

3<sup>rd</sup> September 2025

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# Rotary Club Accounts 1st July 2024 - 30th June 2025

Bank	Total	Jul-24	Aug-24	Sep-24	Oct-24	Nov-24	Dec-24	Jan-25	Feb-25	Mar-25	Apr-25	May-25	Jun-25
Opening balance	15,461.63	15,461.63	14,859.38	15,710.71	15,803.32	12,514.13	9,188.04	20,615.23	15,898.12	12,090.92	15,361.31	14,046.59	10,618.19
Revenue	38,595.08	2,276.03	854.18	1,617.47	2,411.00	857.50	12,518.43	2,676.37	1,207.20	5,330.60	3,643.39	2,561.08	2,641.83
Expenses	(9,246.31)	(768.28)	(2.85)	(4.56)	(470.19)	(33.59)	(1,091.24)	(1,393.48)	(1,224.40)	(930.21)	(2,733.11)	(349.48)	(244.92)
Donations	(34,294.40)	(2,110.00)	0.00	(1,520.30)	(5,230.00)	(4,150.00)	0.00	(6,000.00)	(3,790.00)	(1,130.00)	(2,225.00)	(5,640.00)	(2,499.10)
Closing balance	10,516.00	14,859.38	15,710.71	15,803.32	12,514.13	9,188.04	20,615.23	15,898.12	12,090.92	15,361.31	14,046.59	10,618.19	10,516.00
Bank statement		14,859.38	15,710.71	15,803.32	12,514.13	9,188.04	20,615.23	15,898.12	12,090.92	15,361.31	14,046.59	12,042.10	10,516.00
												1,423.91	

Balance at end of May does not agree

£1,815 for Dramatize is in May column on spreadsheet but should be in June

£391.09 cash for samosas was paid in on 2/6 but is in May column on spreadsheet and also on May report

Full year report pages are in wrong order. Section 7 is before 4.

I have reviewed the examination of the books and records of the Rotary Club of Shepperton Aurora Benevolent Fund for the year ending 30<sup>th</sup> June 2025 and agree the records kept give a true, fair and correct summary of transactions made during the year.

Signed:

A. Taylor

Name:

Ann Taylor CGMA

Date:

3<sup>rd</sup> September 2025

ca 03/09/2025