

**REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES AND
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30TH JUNE 2023
FOR
UPHOLLAND & TAWD VALE LIONS CLUB**

Charity Registration Number : 1129074

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CHARITY INFORMATION
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30TH JUNE 2023

Trustees	Mr T A Canavan
	Mr D H Blackburn
	Mrs T Jones
	Mrs B Maloret
Registered Charity Number:	1129074
Registered Office	33 Merewood Skelmersdale WN8 6RU
Independent Examiner	Edward J Livesey MCSI, ACMA, CGMA, BSc. (Hons) 123 Albion Street Leeds LS2 8ER
Bankers NatWest Bank	34 Moor Street Ormskirk L39 2AL

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REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES

Objectives of the Charity:

The Charity is governed by its constitution, this is the standard constitution used by other UK Lions Clubs chartered by and under the jurisdiction of Lions Clubs International.

The purposes of the Club shall be:

Our key objective is to serve those in the community in need of help and support, mainly in West Lancashire but also the wider local community, through the collection and distribution of donated goods, utilizing the funds raised through our charitable activities as approved by the Charity Trustees. The Trustees named on page one form part of a larger group of Officials who are responsible for the day-to-day operations and management of the Charity on behalf of and working with our volunteer members. New trustees can be appointed by a resolution of existing trustees. Trustees may be removed for good cause with approval of majority of Club Members. Training and induction of new Trustees is provided by existing Trustees and with referral to Charity Commission Guidelines.

Details of Activities and Achievements for the year:

Our main area of activity is to reuse, refurbish and recycle donated goods such as home furniture, toys and clothing to those in need of help and support. We utilise funds raised through our charity shop 'The Lions Den' to support this. The impact of Covid 19 has seen a significant increase on demands for our services and we have taken on the role of a food distribution hub which sees some twenty-two foodbanks/school food hubs drawing from our warehouse this equates to over 1,500 families per week receiving food and or essential household supplies. The aim of these activities is to make a significant contribution to improving the environment through recycling and reusing in all aspects of waste management.

Tawd Vale Lions Club has over 27 years of success both in terms of the help and support to those in need in the community but also in monitoring and maintaining a stable financial position. These actions ensure that our wholly voluntary members will be able to continue with our services throughout the coming year and secure a longer-term future. Under Lions Clubs International 'We Serve' motto our focus continues to be to serve the Skelmersdale/Upholland area of West Lancashire, we also work outside our zone as referrals now arrive from a much larger geographic area. We have in the last year given direct support to, in excess of 150 families, through provision of domestic appliances, furniture, emergency packages (consisting of towels, soap, toothpaste, dishes, cutlery, and basic food items), homeless emergency shelters etc. Many of the items have been donated by the local community, collected by our team of volunteers, and redistributed from our storage unit based in Skelmersdale. Where appropriate and when deemed necessary we purchase and supply new items when responding to third party referrals from Social Services, Women's Refuge, Schools, Police and Fire Services.

The Food Hub accepts donations from leading local manufacturers and we are entrusted to deliver all items for use by those most in need and in a six-week period before 25/12/2022, we delivered over £65,000 worth of donated food and personal hygiene products.

In addition to the above, we also provide financial support to other local groups; eg. Scouts, Sports, Special Needs and Disability Groups and schools with particular support targeted at youth related projects. We have in this year provided playground equipment, musical instruments, football team kits and coats and special educational needs equipment.

We also had the pleasure of supporting the Christmas Lights Parade over eight nights across Skelmersdale when our van became “Santa’s Grotto” fully lit and decorated which enabled 3,000 people to see “Santa” who would otherwise not likely get the chance.

In the wider community we have continued to support national and international projects through Lions Clubs International including – Turkish Earth Quake, Syrian Refugee Camp, Aid to Ukraine via the UK based support organisations.

Our main source of income continues to be that raised via our ‘**Lion’s Den**’ Charity Shop in the Concourse Shopping Centre, Skelmersdale. The Shop is run and supported by our wholly voluntary members and is supported by West Lancashire Borough Council through charity rates relief and by our landlords in respect of rent and services provided. The wide range of goods sold through the shop are donated by both individuals and local companies, larger items of household goods are available through our warehouse which is open one day a week or by appointment. Nearly all of our customers, many of whom return on a regular basis are local residents on limited incomes meaning our low-priced items are affordable but which allows the Charity to support its aims whilst meeting the needs of local families, improving directly, the quality of their lives.

Public Benefit:

The Trustees have considered the Charity Commission guidance regarding public benefit and are satisfied that the activities of the Charity as described within the report above meet the recovery criteria.

Risk Analysis:

The Trustees, as required have identified the major risks to which the charity is exposed. The Trustees consider that they have taken such actions and have in place policies, procedures and controls to mitigate the identified risks and assist in maintaining the future financial viability of the charity.

Remuneration of the Trustees:

The Trustees have not drawn any remuneration for the provision of services in the period covered by this report.

Transactions and Financial Position:

The results for the year ended 30th June 2023 are shown on the appended pages. The accounts have been prepared on a receipts and payment basis rather an accrual basis as permitted under the Charities Act 2011 relating to Charities relating to smaller charities.

Statement of Trustees Responsibilities:

The Trustees are required to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Charity and of its results for that period. In preparing those financial statements the Trustees are required to:

- a) Select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently
- b) Make judgments and estimates that are reasonable and prudent
- c) Prepare the financial statements on a going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to assume that the charity will continue in business

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REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES - Continued.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records, which disclose with reasonable accuracy and at any time the financial position of the Charity. They are also responsible for the safe guarding the assets of the Charity and hence taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Reserves Policy

The Trustees aim to maintain and monitor a level of reserves that will ensure the Club and Charity will continue for the foreseeable future.

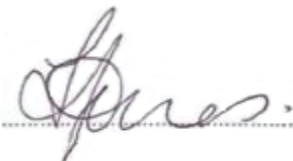
Investment Policy

The Trustees are responsible for the investment of any surplus funds of the Charity. As such funds may be required for immediate use, the Trustees continue to review various interest bearing, instant access deposit accounts in which to place such monies.

This report was approved by the Trustees on: 02 / 03 / 2025 and signed on its behalf by:

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Mr T Canavan - Trustee

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'T Jones', written over a dotted horizontal line.

Mrs T Jones - Trustee

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INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO TRUSTEES

I report to the Charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of The Upholland & Tawd Vale Lions Club Charity Trust for the year ended 30th June 2023.

Respective Responsibilities of Trustees and Examiner

As the Charity's Trustees, you are responsible for the preparation of accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all applicable Directions given by the Charity the Act.

Independent Examiner's Statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Trust as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a true and fair view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

I confirm that there are no other matters to which your attention should be drawn to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Sign:



Date: 5th March 2025

Edward J Livesey, MCSI, ACMA, CGMA, BSc. (Hons)
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UPHOLLAND & TAWD VALE LIONS CLUB
RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30TH JUNE 2023

Receipts	Unrestricted Funds (£)	Restricted Funds (£)	Total Funds 2023 (£)	Total Funds 2022 (£)
Lions Warehouse	5,040.63	0.00	5,040.63	4,705.30
Lions Den Shop	22,840.50	0.00	22,840.50	26,000.00
Other (misc) Income	3,838.70	0.00	3,838.70	0.00
Donations	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Grants	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Totals	31,719.83	0.00	31,719.83	30,705.30

Payments	Unrestricted Funds (£)	Restricted Funds (£)	Total Funds 2023 (£)	Total Funds 2022 (£)
Charitable Donations	15,417.68	0.00	15,417.68	20,627.27
Building Rates & Services	3,863.07	0.00	3,863.07	3,574.99
Utilities (water)	962.59	0.00	962.59	1,314.39
Van Costs	1,223.62	0.00	1,223.62	1,358.74
Stationary & Sundries	662.10	0.00	662.10	1,773.13
Operating Costs	10,745.22	0.00	10,745.22	326.96
WiFi (Warehouse)	436.74	0.00	436.74	0.00
Total Payments	33,311.02	0.00	33,311.02	28,975.48

Net of Receipts & Payments	(1,591.19)	0.00	(1,591.19)	1,729.82
Cash funds last year end	51,895.76	0.00	51,895.76	50,165.94
Cash funds this year end	50,304.57	0.00	50,304.57	51,895.76

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STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

as at the 30th JUNE 2023

Charity Account	Unrestricted Funds (£)	Restricted Funds (£)	Total Funds 2023 (£)	Total Funds 2022 (£)
Activity Account	49,129.33	0.00	49,129.33	50,265.19
Charity Account	1,175.24	0.00	1,175.24	1,630.57
Total Cash Funds	50,304.57	0.00	50,304.57	51,895.76

These accounts are prepared on a receipts and payments basis and as such there is no 'Balance Sheet'.

The Charity owns a van and building fixtures and fittings related to the shop and warehouse activities, the values of which were written-off at time of purchase.


The Charity owns a stock of household furniture and goods, clothing and other donated goods. The value of these is not recognised until sold.

The Charity acts as agent to and administers of a Club Members' Account on behalf of the local members.

The income and costs are not included within the Charity Accounts figures and the closing bank balance is not part of the charity's bank balances. The total income administered was £2,126.00; the costs were £2,269.21 and the closing balance was £3,205.18

These accounts were approved by the Trustees on 8th March 2025 and signed on their behalf by:


Mr T Canavan - Trustee


Mrs T Jones - Trustee