



**CHARITY COMMISSION**  
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

## **Trustees' Annual Report for the period**

**From 1<sup>st</sup> July 2023 to 30<sup>th</sup> June 2024**

**Charity name: Lions Club of Tynedale**

**Charity registration number: 1173322**

## **Objectives and Activities**

<p>Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document</p>	<p><b>3.1 The Objects of the Club are such purposes as are exclusively charitable in England &amp; Wales, including in particular:</b></p> <p><b>3.1.1 the advancement of citizenship by:</b></p> <p><b>3.1.1.1 promoting the principles of good citizenship;</b></p> <p><b>3.1.1.2 encouraging members to take an active interest in the civic, cultural, social and moral welfare of the community;</b></p> <p><b>3.1.1.3 providing a forum for the open discussion of all matters of public interest; provided that partisan politics and sectarian religion shall not be debated by members;</b></p> <p><b>3.1.1.4 encouraging service-minded people to serve their community without personal reward and encouraging the promotion of high ethical standards in commerce, industry, professions, public works and private endeavours;</b></p> <p><b>3.1.1.5 supporting youth to develop their skills, capacities and capabilities to enable them to participate in society as mature and responsible individuals;</b></p> <p><b>3.1.2 promoting the Voluntary Sector for the public benefit by associating with local authorities in a common effort to advance education and provide facilities in the interests of social welfare for recreation or other leisure time occupation to improve the conditions of life of people in local, national and international communities;</b></p> <p><b>3.1.3 promoting volunteering;</b></p> <p><b>3.1.4 the relief of poverty and the relief of those in need in particular by providing humanitarian aid and disaster relief;</b></p> <p><b>3.1.5 the advancement of health or the saving of lives by preventing avoidable blindness, assisting disabled people to lead</b></p>
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	<p>independent lives or helping to prevent or manage health issues;</p> <p>3.1.6 promoting for the benefit of the public the conservation protection and improvement of the physical and natural environment; and/or</p> <p>3.1.7 promoting community participation in healthy recreation.</p>
<p>Summary of the main activities in relation to those purposes for the public benefit, in particular, the activities, projects or services identified in the accounts.</p>	<p>The year 2023-2024 has again been very busy.</p> <p>During the Lion Year, Lions Club of Tynedale has continued to provide service and support, all aiming to meet the objectives as set out in our constitution.</p> <p>We especially note:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Operating “Santa’s Sleigh” to both bring happiness to children in the Tyne Valley and to raise funds for local charities;</li> <li>• Running the Club’s own Men’s Shed project (funded by Tynedale Lions with external grant contributions). This project is designed to provide social interaction and constructive activities for men, particularly those who are isolated;</li> <li>• Provision and organisation of a Young People’s Excellence Scheme which resulted in young people being awarded bursaries of £500 each to enable them to develop their skills and expertise;</li> <li>• Assisting West Northumberland Food Bank in food collections from local supermarkets and packing of 3-day food parcels;</li> <li>• Sponsoring and assisting pupils from Corbridge Middle School in taking part in the 2024 Lions International Peace Poster Competition;</li> <li>• Providing a regular team to the Tynedale Talking Newspaper (TTN), recording content from the local newspaper, the Hexham Courant.</li> </ul> <p>Assisting with a street collection with other TTN members;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Providing teams to help tidy up Hexham town (Wombles);</li> <li>• Collecting redundant spectacles to support overseas sight projects;</li> <li>• Regularly attending meetings of the Tynedale Youth Forum (an umbrella group open to all youth organisations within our area);</li> <li>• Supporting in many ways the work of Northumberland County Blind Association;</li> <li>• MD105, MD105 Zone Club and Trustee Meetings;</li> <li>• Organisational, committee, secretarial and other Club support activities;</li> <li>• Supporting special schools and the work of organisations working with children with special needs;</li> <li>• Running, together with Tynedale Rugby Club, the annual Tynedale Beer and Cider Festival;</li> <li>• An exceptional number of volunteer hours logged in with numerous other charities across Tynedale.</li> </ul>

Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	<b>In its approach to and execution of the above activities, Trustees follow the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit.</b>
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Policy on grant making	<b>We have a policy on grant making that is reviewed annually</b>
Policy on social investment including program related investment	<b>Not applicable</b>
Contribution made by volunteers	<b>We have a volunteer policy and record all contributions. Tynedale Lions' volunteer commitment totalled approximately 3,100 hours benefitting approx. 4,000 people through 173 service activities.</b>

## **Achievements and Performance**

Summary of the main achievements of the charity, identifying the difference the charity's work has made to the circumstances of its beneficiaries and any wider benefits to society as a whole.	<p><b>The achievements of and the differences Tynedale Lions makes are related not only to financial support but also to the many hours of volunteer support provided to other organisations.</b></p> <p><b>During the period of this report we have supported 36 different organisations in the UK and, through Lions Clubs International, also supported disaster initiatives across the world. Beneficiaries include many under-represented, seldom heard, disadvantaged people. Many of the organisations we have supported are in urgent need of the help we are able to provide.</b></p> <p><b>Our Men's Shed continues to provide activities and social interaction for local men.</b></p> <p><b>We work closely with voluntary organisations in the area.</b></p> <p><b>Tynedale Lions also maintains close links with neighbouring Lions Clubs, with a view to collaborating in activities and financial support to projects that are to the benefit of the joint communities.</b></p>
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Achievements against objectives set	<b>We believe our achievements match our objectives.</b>
Performance of fundraising activities against objectives set	<b>Performance not only matches but exceeds previous years. No fundraising objectives are set.</b>
Investment performance against objectives	<b>Not applicable</b>

## Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	<b>We are happy with the charity's financial position at the end of the period</b>
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	<p><b>Reserves policy is considered and agreed by trustees and ratified by members.</b></p> <p><b>Grant awards are only ever made from available funds. Members' six-monthly contributions cover all Club administration costs including Lions UK and Lions International dues.</b></p> <p><b>The Club operates 3 bank accounts with individual policies:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Administration – there is no minimum balance requirement for this account</b></li> <li>• <b>Charity – maintain a minimum balance of £500 to allow a response to an urgent appeal (unrestricted reserves)</b></li> <li>• <b>Men's Shed – there is no minimum balance requirement for this account (restricted reserves)</b></li> </ul>
Amount of reserves held	<b>£7,351 unrestricted reserves</b>
Reasons for holding zero reserves	<b>n/a</b>
Details of fund materially in deficit	<b>n/a</b>
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	<b>n/a</b>

The charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising)	<p><b>The Club's main annual fundraiser is the Tynedale Beer &amp; Cider Festival (TBCF) in conjunction with our joint-venture partners, Tynedale Rugby Football Club. This event in June 2023 provided £35,081 for our Grant Awards programme in 2023-24.</b></p> <p><b>"Santa's Sleigh" had a very successful season in December 2023, raising a total of £5,547, including Gift Aid.</b></p>
A description of the principal risks facing the charity	<b>An ageing membership and reducing number of new members.</b>

## Structure, Governance and Management

Type of governing document	<b>Constitution supported by By-Laws</b>
How is the charity constituted?	<b>CIO</b>
Trustee selection methods including details of any constitutional provisions e.g. election to post or name of any person or body entitled to appoint one or more trustees	<b>Nominated by and voted upon by members of the club</b>

Policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees	<b>Trustees are encouraged to read the charity commission guidance online and asked to review annually. All Club members hold basic DBS check certificates.</b>
The charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works	<p><b>The Club operates democratically with each member having one vote in all its decision making. Club meetings receive reports and recommendations from the various Committees (Community Service; Membership &amp; PR; Fundraising; Programme &amp; Events) and votes on these. Members may also raise matters to a full Club meeting. Trustees consider the outcome of members voting to ensure that they meet the Club's aims as stated in the Constitution as a final authorisation.</b></p> <p><b>The Club is affiliated with Lions District 105N and Lions Multiple District 105, for the UK, and Lions Clubs International based in the US.</b></p>

## Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	<b>The Lions Club Of Tynedale</b>
Other name the charity uses	<b>Tynedale Lions</b>
Registered charity number	<b>1173322</b>
Charity's principal address	<b>Sue Taylor (Secretary) The Farmhouse, Cottonshopeburnfoot Otterburn, Northumberland NE19 1TF</b>

## 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	Julia D'Auvergne Oake	President		Tynedale Lions Members
2	Graham Morgan	Vice President		ditto
3	Sue Taylor	Secretary		ditto
4	Alan Brown	Treasurer		ditto
5	Ian Cave	Membership and PR		ditto
6	Hugh Williamson	Health and Safety		ditto
7	Steven Forster	Immediate Past President		ditto

## Corporate trustees – names of the directors at the date the report was approved

Director name		
n/a		

## Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity

Trustee name	Dates acted if not for whole year	
n/a		

## Names and addresses of advisers

Type of adviser	Name	Address
Independent Examiner	Gabrielle-Anne Keaveny	12 Crag Bank Road, Carnforth, Lancashire LA5 9EG


## Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members

n/a – the Constitution states that the President acts as Chief Executive (volunteer)
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## Declarations

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)		
Full name(s)	Julia D'Auvergne Oake	
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	President and Chair of Trustees	
Date	16/04/2025	



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**Independent examiner's  
report on the accounts**

**Section A**

**Independent Examiner's Report**

**Report to the trustees/  
members of**

**THE LIONS CLUB OF TYNEDALE**

**On accounts for the year  
ended**

**30 JUNE 2024**

**Charity no  
(if any)**

**1173322**

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I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity for the year ended **30/06/2024**.

**Responsibilities and  
basis of report**

As the charity trustees of the Lions Club of Tynedale, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

I report in respect of my examination of the charity's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of 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 which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

**Signed:**

*Gabrielle-Anne Keaveny*

**Date:**

**18/04/25**

**Name:**

**GABRIELLE-ANNE KEAVENY**

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

**Address:**

**12 CRAG BANK ROAD**

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**LA5 9EG**





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## Receipts and payments accounts

For the period  
from

01/07/2023

to

30/06/2024

### Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Administration funds	Total funds	Last year
	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £
<b>A1 Receipts</b>					
Activity donations	-	-	1,673	1,673	2,311
Charity events	43,109	-	-	43,109	37,775
Contributions from beneficiaries	-	-	-	-	-
Donations	334	50	-	384	41
Gift Aid HMRC	1,640	-	594	2,234	2,032
Grants	-	-	-	-	1,820
Mens' shed products	-	664	-	664	-
Member donations	-	-	1,935	1,935	2,285
<b>Sub total (Gross income for AR)</b>	<b>45,083</b>	<b>714</b>	<b>4,202</b>	<b>49,999</b>	<b>46,264</b>
<b>A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).</b>					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total receipts</b>	<b>45,083</b>	<b>714</b>	<b>4,202</b>	<b>49,999</b>	<b>46,264</b>
<b>A3 Payments</b>					
Activities	-	-	1,164	1,164	2,338
Independent examination	275	-	-	275	275
District dues	-	-	1,377	1,377	1,319
Donations re Santa Sleigh help	2,405	-	-	2,405	2,405
Donations UK	34,671	-	-	34,671	35,008
Insurance	-	205	-	205	190
International dues	-	-	1,225	1,225	1,188
Lions International donations	1,200	-	-	1,200	2,788
Planning application fees	-	-	-	-	371
Prizes	551	-	-	551	466
Publicity/advertising	-	-	-	-	-
Men's shed running costs	-	1,262	-	1,262	193
Cost of raising funds	565	-	-	565	570
Subscription (UK Men's Shed Assoc)	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>39,667</b>	<b>1,467</b>	<b>3,766</b>	<b>44,900</b>	<b>47,111</b>
<b>A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)</b>					
Men's shed	-	-	-	-	-
Shed furniture	-	-	-	-	-
Men's shed tools	-	85	-	85	160
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>85</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>85</b>	<b>160</b>
<b>Total payments</b>	<b>39,667</b>	<b>1,552</b>	<b>3,766</b>	<b>44,985</b>	<b>47,270</b>
<b>Net of receipts/(payments)</b>	<b>5,416</b>	<b>- 837</b>	<b>435</b>	<b>5,014</b>	<b>- 1,006</b>
<b>A5 Transfers between funds</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>A6 Cash funds last year end</b>	<b>1,934</b>	<b>4,136</b>	<b>1,398</b>	<b>7,468</b>	<b>8,474</b>
<b>Cash funds this year end</b>	<b>7,351</b>	<b>3,298</b>	<b>1,834</b>	<b>12,482</b>	<b>7,468</b>

## Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

		Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Admin funds to nearest £
<b>B1 Cash funds</b>	Admin Account	-	-	1,834
	Charity Account	4,809	-	-
	Community Saver Account	2,542		
	Tynedale Shed Account	-	3,298	-
	<b>Total cash funds</b>	<b>7,351</b>	<b>3,298</b>	<b>1,834</b>

		Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
<b>B2 Other monetary assets</b>		-	-	-
		-	-	-

		Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
<b>B3 Investment assets</b>		-	-	-
		-	-	-

		Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
<b>B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use</b>	Crockery, glasses, cutlery etc	Administration	-	500
	Display stand, pull ups, table, banners	Unrestricted	-	500
	Gazebo, weights, flags and stands	Unrestricted	-	900
	Meeting paraphernalia	Administration	-	300
	Men's shed	Restricted	-	9,000
	Men's shed tools and furniture	Restricted	-	7,000
	President's collar	Administration	-	300
	Santa Sleigh on trailer	Unrestricted	-	6,000
	Tabards, HiViz, collecting buckets etc	Unrestricted	-	200

		Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
<b>B5 Liabilities</b>				

Signed by one or two trustees on  
behalf of all the trustees

Signature

*J. D'Auvergne Oake*

Print Name

**JULIA D'AUVERGNE OAKE**

Date of approval

**08/04/2025**