



Trustees' annual report (including Directors' report) for the period

From: Period start date 1 July 2023

To: Period end date 30 June 2024

Charity name: Derwent Lions Club

Charity registration number: 1174398

Objectives and activities

	SORP reference	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document.	Para 1.17	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. The advancement of citizenship.2. Promoting the voluntary sector for the public benefit.3. Promoting volunteering.4. The relief of poverty and the relief of those in need.5. Providing humanitarian aid and disaster relief.6. The advancement of health or the saving of lives.7. Promoting for the benefit of the public the conservation protection and improvement of the physical and natural environment.8. Promoting community participation in healthy recreation.
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.	Para 1.17 and 1.19	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. The advancement of citizenship. <p>We are committed to supporting young people to develop their skills, capacities and capabilities to enable them to participate in society as mature and responsible individuals.</p> <p>Our major fund-raising activity involves taking our Father Christmas sleigh around the 17 villages and some schools in our area in December. Without the support of a large number of our local Scouts, this would be beyond the resources of the Club.</p> <p>For their assistance, a donation was made to help their fund-raising to attend the International Jamboree in South Korea. Following this event, a presentation was given by a Scout to the Club about their experiences and what they had learnt.</p> <p>We believe strong, inclusive village community groups are vital in our rural area and we endeavour to forge strong links with youth and community groups so we can aid them in their ambitions. For example, a</p>

		<p>donation was made to support the purchase of a minibus for a 'not for profit' organisation provides alternative education for those children who find the classroom environment challenging.</p> <p>2. Promoting the voluntary sector for the public benefit.</p> <p>Our coconut shy continues to be in great demand at even more local church and village fetes than ever before. We use these opportunities of meeting the wider public to promote Lions and the voluntary sector. Those who seek donations are always invited to meet with members of the Club to gain a greater knowledge of the activities we undertake to raise the money in the first place.</p> <p>Recognising the importance of communicating to as wide an audience as possible, we maintain our Club website, advertise in parish magazines and continue our presence on social media. We were fortunate to have a radio interview to promote our Christmas activities too. We continue to provide financial support to volunteers who run multi-generational coffee mornings where parents with young children meet up with senior citizens in a local pub. This has proved very popular with an average attendance of 65 people. A new sink was provided at a local school for children with educational special needs. This supported the work that volunteers from the York Arts Society are provided culminating in a art show at the local racecourse.</p> <p>3. Promoting volunteering.</p> <p>All our members are volunteers in that we make donations to Lions Clubs International to cover our administration costs. We believe every penny we raise through fund-raising activities should count towards fulfilling our objectives.</p> <p>Promoting volunteering is essential to our well-being and to achieve the maximum public benefit. We encourage our community groups to volunteer with us so that we can achieve more. Without the large number of volunteers who join with us, we would not be unable to undertake the activities we do. Notable examples include involving non-members to help staff the water station at the local marathon, visiting 17 villages with our sleigh and collecting around 450 Christmas trees and shredding these for</p>
--	--	--

		<p>recycling.</p> <p>We provided financial support to two young people, one who was to work on community projects in Bulgaria and other tackling a challenge to raise money for The Meningitis Research Foundation.</p> <p>We provided a kitchen improvement grant for a local Scout hut to improve hygiene standards. This upgrade is expected to increase the frequency of renting out these facilities to other Scout groups raising additional income.</p> <p>We contributed funds to a project run by volunteers from Humberside Police who work with teams of young people on community projects in East Yorkshire.</p> <p>We supported a volunteer working at The Joseph Trust (Charity number: 1196928) in the purchase of bicycle work stands and sets of tools. Children outside of mainstream education attend these facilities and bicycle construction and maintenance have been found to be very popular.</p> <p>4. The relief of poverty and the relief of those in need.</p> <p>We continue to support local food banks through the winter and spring. Monthly financial donations were made to one while for another, we paid for fresh fruit and vegetables to be provided by a local greengrocer. In addition, we also delivered surplus food from a local allotment site to kitchens preparing meals for those less fortunate.</p> <p>Surplus food from our Senior Citizen event was delivered to a local homeless centre. In addition, we purchased various games for those attending this centre which include young people and those with mobility issues.</p> <p>5. Providing humanitarian aid and disaster relief.</p> <p>We make an annual donation to our International Foundation which responds rapidly to environmental and other crises all over the world.</p> <p>Specific donations were made in relation to the earthquakes in Taipei and Morocco.</p> <p>We made a large donation to help fund the provision of wood-burning stoves to those facing the winter in Ukraine.</p> <p>We gave support to a local Lions Club in their continued commitment to send children's books to those communities in Sri Lanka still recovering from the effects of the</p>
--	--	--

		<p>2004 tsunami.</p> <p>6. The advancement of health or the saving of lives.</p> <p>We continue to supply the Lions 'Message in the Bottle' free of charge to elderly people so their health needs would be available to emergency services should they collapse at home.</p> <p>We have facilitated donations from an individual for the Yorkshire Air Ambulance. Along with many other local Lions Clubs we gave a donation to help purchase specialist treatment chairs and to create a garden at a local hospital.</p> <p>We have increased the number of locations in our area to collect used spectacles. Over 2,000 were sent for cleaning, grading before being sent to countries throughout Africa and Asia where they are put to good use.</p> <p>Recently we have supplied used glasses to a local optician who provides the same service.</p> <p>We provided a donation to an event raising money for the charity '4Louis' (Charity number: 1172212). This charity provides memory boxes for those who have experienced stillbirths or lost babies or young children.</p> <p>7. Promoting for the benefit of the public the conservation protection and improvement of the physical and natural environment.</p> <p>Continuing to work closely with the charity 'Just Helping' (Charity number: 1149068), we organised the collection and recycling of a record number of Christmas trees. These were all recycled, some used to form a path through a snowdrop wood where further charitable donations were made. A record amount was collected in donations which were given to the local hospice.</p> <p>We paid for the materials for a Scout group to make bird and bat boxes. These were then put up in the local community orchard.</p> <p>8. Promoting community participation in healthy recreation.</p> <p>We funded awards for a local junior cricket club to help promote participation.</p> <p>We continue to maintain and insure a motorised wheel chair for a severely disabled person who wishes to continue to support her local cricket team.</p> <p>We provided a donation to help support the</p>
--	--	---

		<p>running costs of a local swimming pool.</p> <p>Acting as marshals, members supported a local Lions Club who had organised a bike ride in which approximately 250 riders of all ages participated.</p> <p>Again members and volunteers ran a drinks station at the Yorkshire marathon.</p> <p>We received sponsorship to fund coach trip to a Christmas show provided by a local Lions Club. A fish and chip supper was provided for senior citizens before the event which proved to be a great success.</p> <p>Our annual Christmas party for the elderly was very well attended. Transport was provided to this free event from care homes and outlying villages. Our guests contributed many prizes and a large amount in donations to the chosen charity of the entertainer we provided.</p>
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	Para 1.18	All trustees have been trained and provided with guidance in terms of their responsibilities.

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.	Para 1.20	<p>Derwent Lions are committed to serve our local, national and international communities.</p> <p>Our fund-raising efforts continue to be successful so we are in a healthy financial position to support those who seek assistance within the limits of our constitution.</p> <p>We continue to receive requests for support from a wider range of individuals and organisations. With our experience and contacts, we act as a 'sign post' to others offering support and assistance.</p> <p>Our activities outlined above have made a substantial difference to the lives of many people less fortunate and improved the health and well-being and vitality of those living in the villages we serve. In addition, our small contribution combined with that from Lions Clubs across Great Britain make a valuable contribution in the wider community and those less fortunate in other countries.</p> <p>The selfless service provided by our members has stimulated volunteers to help with our activities and take more active roles in improving society as a whole.</p>
---	-----------	--

Financial review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	The charity is in good standing with £15,353 available to fund charitable causes, including £800 restricted for specific ventures. This is considered to be a reasonable balance to cover cash flow variances and to give the club the capability to make a substantial donation should the need arise.
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	A reserve of funds is held which is sufficient to cover project liabilities should a project that is launched fail to generate income.
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	£2,000
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	N/A
Details of fund materially in deficit	Para 1.24	N/A
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	Nil at this date. However, the club requires sufficient members to carry out its objectives and we use every opportunity to attract new members to at least replace those expected to retire or leave. We have met this objective this year.

Structure, governance and management

Description of charity's trusts:		
Type of governing document: for example, trust deed , memorandum and articles of association etc	Para 1.25	Constitution and Bylaws
How is the charity constituted? for example limited company , unincorporated association , CIO	Para 1.25	CIO
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	Para 1.25	Trustees are appointed through election by club members. The procedures are specified in the Constitution and Bylaws documents.

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees	Para 1.51	Trustees receive induction training from the Lions accredited trainer.
--	-----------	--

The charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works	Para 1.51	Part of Lions Club International District 105N
Relationship with any related parties	Para 1.51	
Other		

Reference and administrative details

Charity name	Derwent Lions Club
Other name the charity uses	
Registered charity number	1174398
Charity's principal address	59 Kerver Lane Dunnington York YO19 5SL

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

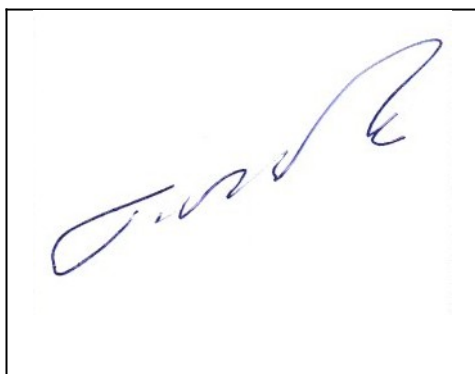
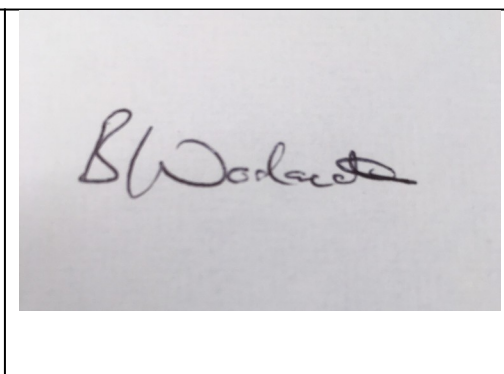
	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	Brian Woolacott	President		Derwent Lions Club
2	John Newlove	Secretary		Derwent Lions Club
3	Antony Feasby	Treasurer		Derwent Lions Club
4	Kenneth Sutcliffe	Immediate Past President		Derwent Lions Club
5	Kenneth Hardgrave	Vice President		Derwent Lions Club
6	Jon Wells	Membership		Derwent Lions Club

Declarations

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report (including directors' report) above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees/directors

Signature(s)

	
---	--

Full name(s)	John Newlove	Brian Woolacott
---------------------	--------------	-----------------

Position (for example Secretary, Chair, etc)	Secretary	President
---	-----------	-----------

Date	26 March 2025
-------------	---------------



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Charity Name
Derwent Lions Club

No (if any)
1174398

Receipts and payments accounts

CC16a

For the period from	Period start date	To	Period end date
	01/07/2023		30/06/2024

Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted to the nearest £	Restricted to the nearest £	Endowment to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £
A1 Receipts				
Transfer from previous entity	-			-
Donations from Members				
Membership	605.00			605
Personal	18.08			18
Other Grants and Donations				
External Sources	467.29			467
Fundraising				
Rocking Rudolph Campaign	8,570.24	-	-	8,570
Coffee for Ukraine	249.90	-	-	250
Concert for Ukraine receipt	294.10			294
Hamper Project	199.78	-	-	200
Christmas Tree Recycling Project	674.09	-	-	674
Christmas Tree Recycling Project (restrict 23/24)		1,779	-	1,779
Coconut shy	559.92	-	-	560
Grants				
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	11,638.40	1,779	-	13,418

A2 Asset and investment sales, (see				
	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	11,638.40	1,779	-	13,418

A3 Payments

Costs for Generating Funds

Xmas Tree Recycling *(See note)	674.09		-	674
Rocking Rudolph costs	1,151.54	-	-	1,152
Licences and Insurances	108.15	-	-	108
Coconut Shy costs	227.35	-	-	227
Hamper project costs	69.02	-	-	69

External Grants & Awards

Christmas OAP Project	-	1,100		1,100
Spectacle recycle project	28.26			28
Foodbank project - Tang Hall	1,500.00			1,500
Foodbank project - Pocklington	1,500.00			1,500
Teach Me Happy	1,000.00			1,000
Reuban Gedge sponsorship	250.00			250
Stamford Bridge Pool	500.00			500
Sharing Life	500.00			500
Donation to local scout groups	1,000.00			1,000
Dunnington scooter project	59.00			59
Sutton on Derent coconuts donation	50.00			50
The Arts Society	500.00			500
Dunnington Youth Cricket sponsorship	250.00			250
Heslington Scout Bird Box appeal	61.41			61
Ukraine appeal	300.00			300
Ukraine stoves appeal	1,600.00			1,600
LCIF Disaster fund	500.00			500
LCIF Unspecified fund	500.00			500
The Joseph Trust	700.00			700
Haley Patrick appeal	300.00			300
Scarborough Hospital Appeal	200.00			200
District Youth Projects	30.00			30
MD Youth Trust	52.00			52

Costs of Services Provided

Promoting Volunteering				-
				-

Promotional Events	152.55			153
				-
Club Administration & Governance				
Lions Club Registration with LCI	1,038.86	-	-	1,039

Sub total	14,802.23	1,100	-	15,902
------------------	-----------	-------	---	--------

A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)				
	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-

Total payments	14,802.23	1,100	-	15,902
-----------------------	-----------	-------	---	--------

Net of receipts/(payments)	- 3,163.83	680	-	- 2,484
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	14,359.50	3478	0	17838
Cash funds this year end	11,195.67	4,158	-	15,353

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

Categories	Details	Unrestricted to nearest £	Restricted to nearest £	Endowment to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	Treasurers Account	11,196	4,158	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds (agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	11,196	4,158	-
B2 Other monetary assets	Details	Unrestricted to nearest £	Restricted to nearest £	Endowment to nearest £
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
B3 Investment assets	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-


B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use

Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
Rocking Rudolph Equipment (50% shared)	Treasurer Account	-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-

B5 Liabilities

Details	Fund to which	Amount due	When due
		-	
		-	
		-	
		-	
		-	

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all

Signature	Print Name	Date of
	A Feasby	24/03/25

*(Note) - Christmas Tree Recycling

Project within the charity 'Just Helping reg 1149068' in aid of hospices

All income received by Derwent Lions routed to St Leonards Hospice less project costs incurred by Derwent Lions

Net balance owed to St Leonards Hospice not released to SLH until 1st July 2024 therefore shown as restricted funds for 23/24