

Trustees' Annual Report for the period

	Period start date			Period end date		
	Day 01	Month 07	Year 2021	Day 30	Month 06	Year 2022
From				To		

Section A

Reference and administration details

Charity name

Alton Lions Club (CIO)

Other names charity is known by

Registered charity number (if any)

1174502

Charity's principal address

4 Bennet Close

Alton

Hampshire

Postcode

GU34 2EL

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	Moira Baker	President		
2	Michael Baker	Treasurer		
3	Bretta Rains	Secretary		
4	Atul Patel			
5	Robert Barber			
6	Frances Parris			
7	Paul Taroni			
8	Michael Gwynne			
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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)

CIO Association Constitution

How the charity is constituted

(eg. trust, association, company)

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Trustee selection methods

(eg. appointed by, elected by)

Volunteer vetting and voting (election)

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;

Club Policies:

The Club has written policies covering nine topics and these are contained in Section 3 of the Club Manual which is issued to each club member. In addition, the Grant making policy can be found on the Club website. (www.altonlions.org.uk)

The policy topics are: -

- Finance
- Child Protection and Vulnerable Persons
- Risk Management
- Grant Making
- Complaints
- Volunteers
- Conflict of Interest
- Data Protection
- Fund Raising Standards

- trustees' consideration of major risks and the system and procedures to manage them.

Trustees took cognisance of the national and local government Covid-19 regulations and included these in risk appraisals where appropriate and amended event instructions and practices accordingly.

Section C

Objectives and activities

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

The objects of the club are such purposes as are exclusively charitable in England & Wales, including in particular:

1. The advancement of citizenship.
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.
3. Promoting volunteering.
4. The relief of poverty and the relief of those in need in particular by providing humanitarian aid and disaster relief.
5. The advancement of health or the saving of lives by preventing avoidable blindness, assisting disabled people to lead independent lives or helping to prevent or manage health issues.
6. Promoting for the benefit of the public the conservation protection and improvement of the physical and natural environment.
7. Promoting community participation in healthy recreation.

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)

The club organises local events (Party in the Park, 10mile road race, Craft Markets, Classic car show, Easter Eggstravaganza, Message in a Bottle, Spectrek) and activities (Re-Engage, Prostate Testing, Fuel Poverty Relief, Vouchers/Gifts/Donations for Christmas Young Leaders in Service, Environmental Competitions) either solely or in conjunction with other organisations and charitable providers. These events can be services where club members provide physical support to deliver an activity or assist others in achieving. In addition, funds raised are also used to provide public resources defibrillators and benches.

The trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit however it should be noted that the community still coping with the aftermath of the first lockdown. This included mandatory measures being brought in by local authorities restricting social activities.

In addition, it has also caused changes to our ways of working with the introduction of new initiatives, new technology and new partnerships.

In the coming year the trustees are planning to build on these new initiatives, technologies, partnerships, and experiences to evolve the programme of activities to meet the new challenges continuing to face the community.

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.

The Club recognises that volunteering is a great way to share an individual's enthusiasm, skills and ideas whilst having fun and meeting like-minded people. By volunteering for Alton Lions Club people will be making a positive contribution to community development locally, nationally, and internationally. Volunteers are vital to the work of the Club.

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

In the last year Alton Lions Club (CIO) has remained active, subject to the constraints of the covid pandemic. However, the Club has risen to the challenge, raising over 50K which has enabled the Club to donate and give grants to the community and wider Lions projects. Plus, the Club has continued to organise and deliver services. Letters of thanks from beneficiaries can be found on the Club's web site altonlions.org.uk.

1 Citizenship

The Club has provided donations for community projects including Message in a Bottle, a Community bench in Anstey Park and the Community Hospital, a Sports Scholarship through Alton College Foundation, Diabetes Awareness posters, Spectrek collections.

A fourth defibrillator has been provided for the town centre

The club has covered costs associated with organising events including the Golf Day, Party in the Park, the Classic Car Show, Craft Markets, Quiz, and Recruitment.



Installing the Bench with Alton Town Mayor

2 Promoting the voluntary Sector

The club has organised Quiz competitions at the Royal British Legion club and provided grants to local Charities including Bushy-Leaze, Alton Rehab, Re-engage, Community Cupboard, Home-Start, The Pink Place, and Dogs for Autism

The club organised and delivered the Easter Eggstravaganza project for Bushy Leaze.



Happy day at Bushy Leaze

3 Promoting Volunteering

The club has continued to organise town centre Craft Markets through March to December.



Alton Lions Craft Market

The club has organised the Party in the Park with Treloar's and made a resulting donation for specific technological developments for individual students.



The Classic Car Show with Alton Town Council and has continued to manage the Alton Lions Supporters 100 club. Planning for the next Car Show is well in hand and to be bigger and better than last year



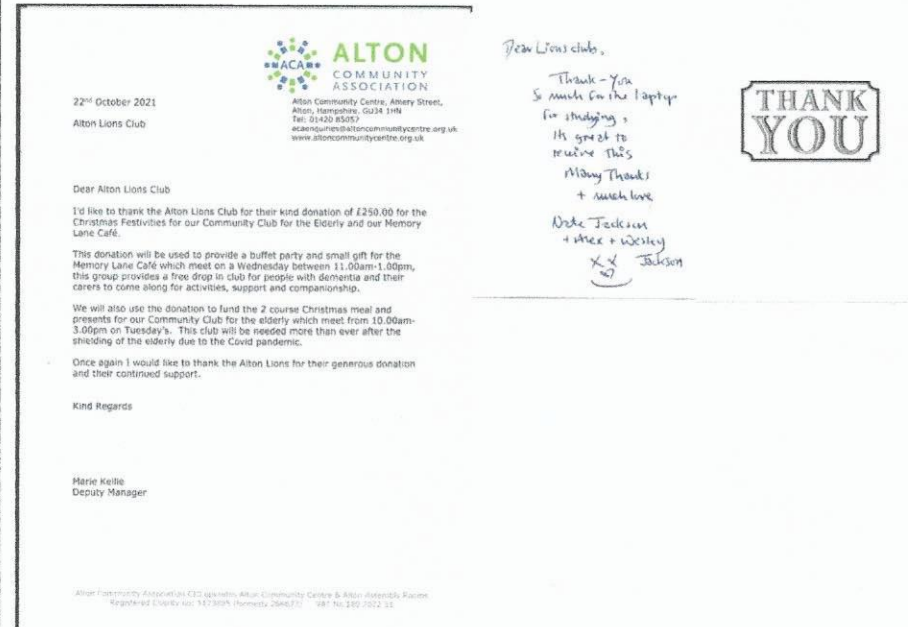
Alton Lions Classic Car Show

4 Relief of Poverty

The club delivered appeal cards through the town and local villages and organised a Christmas Collection at Sainsburys. This resulted in a delivery of vouchers and gifts to individuals and families in need at Christmas. The club arranged Disaster Appeals with Sainsbury's to support work of the Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF),

The club has provided grants, together with the Alton and District Community Resilience Fund, to individuals in need (including Ukrainian refugees) and organising the upgrading of used laptops for children home schooling.

The club organised the Winter Fuel support collection with Alton Herald and delivered support to people in fuel poverty as notified by Citizens Advice. The club has made international disaster aid donations through the Lions Clubs International Foundation specifically for Ukraine, Haiti & Tonga. The club has successfully submitted Gift Aid applications.



Mr & Mrs M Baker,
Alton Lions,
c/o 1 Archery Rise,
Alton,
Hampshire,
GU34 1PG.

25th March 2022

Dear Moira and Mike,

Alton & District Community Resilience Fund

The Resilience Fund Panel have asked that a formal letter of thanks be sent to you both and the Alton Lions for securing the grant from East Hampshire District Council under the Connect4Communities funding. As you know the Resilience Fund has received more than 50 applications and has helped many more families in the last two years with the refurbished computers and applications for support.

The additional funding you have donated will ensure the fund can continue the good work and give families faced with hardship hope for the future.

Please pass on the gratitude of the Panel to the Alton Lions and we all look forward to make a difference to people in Alton and the surrounding communities for the rest of 2022.

Yours sincerely

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Leah Coney (Mrs)
Alton Town Clerk

5 Advancement of Health

The club has raised funds for a Prostate Testing Day at the Community Centre and delivered a Prostate Testing Day in Alton Community Centre. This year's event tested 268 men, aged between 40 and 75, 259 of whom received a green (clear) result, with 6 men given an amber warning (get checked) and **three receiving a red result** (seek immediate attention).



Prostate Testing at Alton Community Centre

A donation was made to the Alton Pink Place which will enable the charity to continue to support women and men whose lives have been affected by cancer



Registered charity no: 1153494
Email: events@thepinkplace.org.uk
Mobile: 0787 9695190

20th January 2022

Dear Alton Lions Club

I would like to take this opportunity to say a massive 'thank you' for your generous donation of £120 in support of the costs of room hire of The Alton Maltings for our 'Coffee and Chat' Cancer Support Sessions during 2022.

Your donation will enable our small charity to continue to support ladies and gents living in the community of Alton and the surrounding towns and villages whose lives have been affected by cancer.

Over the last 11 years, we have received some wonderful feedback from those whom we support and none more so than in these last 2 years since Covid-19 hit. The following are some messages we have recently received, and the people concerned agreed to share their comments with you.

Lesley - "I just wanted to say that 'The Pink Place' has been a lifesaver to me during this awful time of my life and has given me something else to focus on rather than my cancer. Being able to talk to others in the same situation and hear how they are coping and sharing experiences has been so beneficial and has filled me with so much positivity. Just to have a chat over a cup of tea served with a slice of homemade cake and with the wonderful addition of support, friendship and laughter has helped me so much. Knowing that you are there for us, even on the bad days is just wonderful. I can't thank you enough for all that you do"

Rob - "Thank you to 'The Blue Space'. I am indebted to you. I don't know what would have happened to my mental health without you being there for me, especially when dark thoughts creep in"

Once again, my heartfelt thanks for your kind donation and I'm so very appreciative of Alton Lions Club and the support they have given to The Pink Place and The Blue Space.

Kind regards

Christine Griffiths
Fundraising and Events Manager



The Pink Place Cancer Charity provides wellbeing and support services for adults affected by cancer

6 Conservation & Environment

Club members organised an environmental poster competition themed 'My Perfect Earth' to raise awareness in young people and harvest ideas. Twenty-five children from four junior schools took part and awards were made to 11 children.



Environment Poster Competition Winners

The Club has become part of the Alton Climate Action Network (ACAN) and participates in environmental clean-up and improvement projects.

A donation was made to Alton Community Cupboard to ensure their work to reduce food waste could continue.



ALTON COMMUNITY CUPBOARD

Dear Alton Lions

The Alton Community Cupboard would like to thank you for your generous donation of £400 towards our running costs.

This will make a significant difference to the work we carry out, saving food from landfill and helping those who need it.

We really appreciate your support and know we could not do what we do without people like you.

We wish you all a very Merry Christmas.

From all of the volunteers and trustees at the Alton Community Cupboard.

Alton Community Cupboard is a community project set up to reduce waste. A bunch of local volunteers collect surplus food (and other surplus goods) from supermarkets, allotments and peoples' fridges and makes it available to anyone and everyone from the local area.

The Community Cupboard is available to all – it's aim is purely to reduce waste and everyone can help with that. Always Free!

7 Healthy Recreation

The club is organising The Alton Lions Golf Day with Alton REHAB, to be held in August, and the 10mile Road Race with Alton Runners bringing both events back into the calendar after missing two years through Covid.

A near record number of runners participated in this year's event a good omen for the future.

In addition, the club is working with Walk Alton to develop a sponsored walk, in aid of Home Start Hampshire.



The 10-mile race start

Section E

Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

The Contingency Account is designed as a risk mitigation fund to cover all events managed through the Activities Account. It is intended to enable event organisers to operate without the need to retain funds from one year to the next for seed funding purposes or for unforeseen circumstances or emergencies. The account is held at the Newbury Building Society (a local mutual bank) and subject to the same signatory processes as applies to other club accounts. The account should be maintained through minor surpluses from the events and be reviewed annually by the board of trustees.

Details of any funds materially in deficit

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.

The club raises funds from the public principally by organising events either directly or together with other appropriate organisations. On occasion local government grants are sought where the particular authority has similar specific interests. (eg Town Centre Events, Health Issues, relief of poverty)

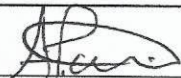

Section F

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)		
Full name(s)	ATUL PATEL	Moira Baker
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	SERVICE CHAIR	President
Date	06.02.23 .	



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Charity Name

No (if any)

Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period from	Period start date	To	Period end date
	01.07.2021		30.06.2022

Section A Receipts and payments


	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
ADCRF Activities	-	15,000	-	15,000	2,124
Appeals	-	4,466	-	4,466	418
Classic Car Show	-	2,464	-	2,464	595
Community Donations	1,726	-	-	1,726	3,236
Craft Market	5,633	-	-	5,633	2,747
Easter Eggstravaganza	-	1,876	-	1,876	865
Gift Aid	175	443	-	618	2,817
Golf Day	-	4,639	-	4,639	1,450
House to House	-	5,090	-	5,090	6,153
Party in the park	-	3,641	-	3,641	45
Prostate Testing	-	397	-	397	-
Quiz	-	663	-	663	-
Races	-	-	-	-	1,500
Recruiting	-	-	-	-	-
Transfers In	998	-	-	998	1,797
From Supporters	-	762	-	762	-
Winter Fuel Fund	-	1,955	-	1,955	5,170
Administration	-	-	-	-	-
Subscriptions	2,575	2,409	-	4,984	5,145
Supporters	-	-	-	-	-
Supporter Payments	-	1,036	-	1,036	1,076
Interest	-	0	-	0	-
Newbury (Contingency)	-	153	-	153	28
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	11,108	44,994	-	56,102	35,166
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	11,108	44,994	-	56,102	35,166

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Last year
A3 Payments					
ADCRF		15,928	-	15,928	2,124
Christmas Gifts		4,990		4,990	4,001
Classic Car Show		1,769		1,769	
Community Donations	3,294			3,294	2,022
Community Projects				-	
Contact The Elderly				-	
Easteregstavaganza		626		626	118
Golf Day		2,692		2,692	60
Individuals in Need	246			246	2,065
Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF)	503	4,452	-	4,955	418
Local Charities	2,131	6,694		8,825	4,952
Lions National Projects				-	-
Markets	932			932	515
MMPRA	483			483	133
Other	1,556			1,556	67
Party in the Park		2,330		2,330	-
Prostate Testing		440	-	440	-
Quiz		18		18	
Re-engage				-	142
Supporter Projects		2,440		2,440	-
Transfers to Other A/c	12		-	12	-
Winter Fuel Payments		2,622	-	2,622	2,013
Administration					
Members Dues	4,183	2,409		6,592	2,201
Other				-	1,577
Refunds				-	1,427
Social				-	-
Transfers to Other A/c				-	-
Supporters					
Supporter Prizes		280	-	280	290
Transfers to Activities		750	-	750	750
Charges		34		34	
Newbury (Contingency)			-	-	-
Sub total	13,340	48,474	-	61,814	24,875
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	
	-	-	-	-	
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	13,340	48,474	-	61,814	24,875
Net of receipts/(payments)	- 2,232	- 3,481	-	- 5,713	10,291
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	-	-	-	-	-
Cash funds this year end	- 2,232	- 3,481	-	- 5,713	10,291

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

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	ACTIVITIES	10,652	23,881	-
	ADMINISTRATION	2,279	1,125	-
	SUPPORTERS		970	-
	NEWBURY	-	12,553	-
	Total cash funds	12,931	38,529	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	Agreement Error	Agreement Error	OK

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

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
	Anil Patel	06.02.23
M. Baker	MOIRA BAKER	06.02.23



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Independent examiner's report on the accounts

Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/
members of

ALTON LIONS CLUB(CIO)

On accounts for the year
ended

30/06/2022

Charity no
(if any)

1174502

Set out on pages

(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended DD/MM/YYYY.

Responsibilities and
basis of report

As the charity's trustees, 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 Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent
examiner's statement

[The charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 and I am qualified to undertake the examination by being a qualified member of [insert name of applicable listed body]]. Delete [] if not applicable.

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination (other than that disclosed below *) which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did 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 have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

* Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.

Signed:

Date:

3rd January 2023

Name:

DAVID JOHN WILLOUGHBY

Relevant professional
qualification(s) or body

EX - ASSOCIATE OF THE INSTITUTE OF BANKERS