



ALTON LIONS CLUB (CIO)

CHARITY REGISTRATION NUMBER: 1174502

TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT FOR PERIOD 1ST JULY 2023 TO 30TH JUNE 2024

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1. OBJECTIVES & ACTIVITIES

1.1 Objectives.

- 1.The advancement of good citizenship
2. The relief of poverty and the relief of those in need.
- 3.Promoting the Voluntary Sector
- 4.Promoting volunteering.
- 5.The advancement of health or the saving of lives
6. Promoting the conservation protection and improvement of the physical and natural environment.
7. Promoting community participation in healthy recreation.

1.2 Activities

- 1.Young Leaders in Service, Re-engage, Eggstravagaza, District Family Day Out (Marwell Zoo), Student Sports Scholarship
- 2.Individuals in Need, Fuel Poverty Support, Christmas Gifts
- 3.Grant Awards, Lion's Den
- 4.Craft Market, Classic Car Show, Party in the Park, Santa Sleigh Run, Christmas Card Appeal
- 5.Diabetes Awareness, Message in a bottle, Recycle for Life, Prostate testing, Provision of Medical Equipment
- 6.Childrens Poster Competition, Litter picks
- 7.Golf Day,10M Road Race, Sponsored Walk

1.3 Trustees Statement

The trustees have undertaken the Lions MD105 Trustee training course including the Charity Commission guidance on public benefit.

1.4 Grant Making

Alton Lions has a policy for grant making and is detailed in Section 3.4 of the Alton Lions Club manual.

It is the Club's policy to apply funds in accordance with the terms of the Club's Charitable Objects as defined in the Club's CIO Constitution and to make grants to causes where the Club believes that its contribution will make a difference. The Club will only make grants in furtherance of its charitable objects and will apply at least 95% of the funds per annum to local charitable needs.

The remaining funds will be used for national or international aid as the needs arise, except in specific cases of disaster appeals where the funds raised must go (through Lions Clubs International Foundation) to the detailed cause.

(It is preferable that request for funds for national or international causes come from LCIF, MD105, or SC105 and that funds raised are returned through the appropriate LCIF, MD105, or SC105 accounts.)

Grants are made to enable partial or complete achievement of the charitable objects.

1.4 Grant Making Continued:

1.5 Contributions Made by Volunteers

The club encourages volunteering and volunteers are used on several of the projects including (but not limited to) Road Races, Eggstravaganza, Christmas Gift Programme, Craft Market, Classic Car Show, Party in the Park, Santa Sleigh Run, Recycle for Life. Volunteers contribute over 1000 hours annually and make donations.

2. ACHIEVEMENTS & PERFORMANCE

2.1 Summary

The club organises events, in accordance with its objects and includes general services and fund-raising events for specific purposes. This year the club has embarked upon a series of local service activities and been able to donate £33285 to local charities and good causes.

In addition, the club donated £1000 to the Lions Clubs International Foundation for international disaster relief, recruited seven new members and enabled other volunteers to donate some 1000 hours to the various services and events.

This year the plan was to consolidate the managing the Alton Lions Classic Car Show, Alton's biggest event and accept the challenge of absorbing the Santa Sleigh Run, a town wide event into the club's fund-raising event programme which have been achieved. Next year the plan is to seek opportunities to further develop the diversity of the club via its membership and ensure that all members are engaged with and feel included in the club's activities.

Each activity falls into the headings of the club objects as follows: -

2.2 Details

1. Citizenship.

- Young Leaders in Service (YLIS): The YLIS project has been restarted at Alton College after the 2-year pandemic interruption. The project is an international programme that provides the young people of the world with opportunities for achievement, learning, contribution, and service, individually and collectively, through sponsorship of activities identified as best practice in the field of youth development. Young Leaders benefit by experiencing the rewards of giving service to local people and becoming involved with local Lions activities. It is aimed at young people aged 8 - 18 years. Once enrolled participants receive a logbook or record sheet in which to record hours of service. These hours can be for anything where they are providing a service. There are awards for this service, a Bronze Seal for 25 - 49 hours, a Silver Seal for 50 - 99 hours and a Gold Seal for 100 or more hours.
- Re-Engage: Re-Engage aims to relieve the loneliness and isolation of socially isolated older people by developing intergenerational groups that meet regularly and where older people can get to know peers and other people in their communities. Alton Lions hosts a Sunday afternoon tea once a month providing support through driving the older people to the host's home and staying to chat and make friends of the group.

Citizenship Continued:

- **Eggstravaganza:** Large Chocolate Easter Eggs are distributed to local hospitality outlets and raffled in the lead up to Easter together with a challenge to name a fluffy toy Lion that is included as a prize. This year 19 hospitality outlets participated enabling a donation of £800 for Bushy Leaze Children & Family Centre (Special Needs).
- **Sport Scholarship:** This is an award of £500 to a selected sports student at Alton College who is studying and actively pursuing a particular sport and involved in local community service and this year it was awarded to a Netball player at Alton College.

2. Relief of Poverty

- **Individuals in Need:** Alton Lions works with professional social support organisations such as GP Social Prescribers, County & District Family & Social Workers, Citizens Advice etc to determine specific local needs. This year £4460 has been donated to 19 individuals in need.
- **Fuel Poverty Relief:** Alton Lions together with Citizens Advice have provided financial support to those struggling to pay for continual increasing energy costs. This has relieved some consumers, especially those on fixed pensions, from sinking into unsurmountable debt. Previously this system has worked well, and today national and local governments and the energy providers have recognised this evolving situation and have taken up to resolving the problem themselves using grants and set aside fund. As a result, Alton Lions have not needed to provide this support this year.
- **Christmas Gifts:** Each year Alton Lions makes a specific collection through the town to help people within our community who are struggling, so that they too can enjoy Christmas. The collection is used to provide vouchers and gifts to families and individuals in need and those suffering from social isolation or separated from their families. This year this project provided seasonal cheer to over 120 individuals, families and charitable organisations who were in need at Christmas.

3. Promoting the Voluntary Sector

- **The Lion's Den:** Alton Lions sets aside an affordable amount of unrestricted funds and invites local voluntary organisations to bid for a portion of the fund to them help achieve specific projects that will enhance the organisations support activities. This year eight local organisations shared £4898 from the Lion's Den.
- A further £1380 was donated to other local charities from ad hoc appeals for help.
- The Classic car show enabled a donation of £1700 to Young Lives versus Cancer.
- The Santa Sleigh project enabled a total of £8733 to be donated to 16 voluntary organisations, local good causes and people in need.
- The Party in the Park project enabled a donation of £1500 to the Kings Arms a local volunteer organisation for young people.

4. Promoting Volunteering

- **Craft Markets:** The club manages 10 craft markets each year in Alton town centre on the second Saturday, from March through to September. Alton Lions has a pitch on the market, staffed by club members and volunteers, and this used to promote Lions activities and to recruit new members and volunteers.

4 Craft Market Continued:

This pitch is also used to sell second-hand paperback books and other seasonal items. The market pitch fees are unrestricted funds and together with sales of items at the Lions pitch, this year raised £4834 which was used to support appropriate local charitable needs.

- Alton Lions Classic Car Show: This is the town centre event of the year and is now organised by Alton Lions and supported by volunteers and local businesses. This year the theme was auto sport and as well as 165 classic cars attracted a range of sport cars from a Formula 2 racing car to Ninja Cars with aspiring young drivers. The event includes local entertainers, together with town centre hospitality and attracted some 2000 visitors to the town.
- Santa Sleigh Run: The local team that manages the Santa Sleigh (a power assisted tricycle adapted with lighting and audio to look like a Christmas sleigh) came to Alton Lions to ask for assistance because of natural reductions in the existing team. After consideration Alton Lions agreed to help as it's a great town wide Christmas event that brings excitement and joy to children (and adults) and raises funds to help organisations, local good causes and people in need. In addition, the project encourages volunteers to help with the collection on the nights that the sleigh is taken to the various housing estates in the town.
- Party in the Park: The theme this year was Safari in the Park and held in the town centre Public Gardens and designed to attract families and younger children with themed trails, displays, games, music, and refreshments. This year the event was used to raise funds for The Kings Arms, a local charity that has been supporting young people by organising a range of appropriate clubs and activities.
- Other: Alton Lions together with its local volunteers provide marshals for other charitable events in and around Alton at which unrestricted funds can be raised.

5. Advancement of Health

- Message in a Bottle: This scheme is designed to encourage people to keep their personal and medical details on a standard form and in a common location - in a plastic bottle in the fridge. The emergency services will expect to look for it in the event of being called to a home. They will be alerted to the scheme by two 'green cross' labels. One is fixed to the back of the front door (or the door most used to access the premises), the second is attached to the door of the fridge. The bottles are free to folk on medication and can be obtained from many outlets locally including health centres, doctor's surgeries (including Alresford), chemists, the Community Centre, and The Lions Stall on the monthly Craft Market. The club distributes over 200 bottles each year and are purchased by the club from the UK Lions HQ and are paid for from unrestricted funds.
- Re-cycle for Life: As part of an international project Alton Lions collect spectacles that are no longer needed by the current owner, to be recycled and used to improve the eyesight of children and adults in third world countries. Spectacles are collected from the four local opticians and local schools and this year 5000 pairs of spectacles have been collected for delivery to Lions headquarters in Birmingham. All costs associated with this project are from unrestricted funds.

5 Advancement of Health Continued

- Prostate Testing: Alton Lions has been organising prostate tests with the local Prostate Cancer Support Organisation (PCaSO) since 2018. The last one in was conducted in March 2023 when tests were carried out on 360 men and resulted in 27 receiving a red alert indicating urgent action. The next session is planned to take place in September 2024. Whilst donations are taken on the day and grants applied for to cover the costs of advertising, hiring suitable premises and professional phlebotomists' fees any shortfall is taken from unrestricted funds.
- Medical Equipment: This year, following an appeal from a local GP practice, the Lions were able to provide a dermatoscope which is a powerful handheld skin microscope which allows doctors to look more closely at skin lesions than is possible with the naked eye. The device helps with early detection of skin cancer with the smart phone mount acting as a camera to take images through the dermatoscope. Skin cancer is the fifth most common cancer in the UK with rates of malignant melanoma increasing rapidly. In addition, the local community hospital appealed for support to provide its Physio-Therapy department with a Leg press/Calf extender which combines leg press, hack squat, and hip sled exercises for versatile lower-body workouts. This equipment was purchased using unrestricted funds.

6. Conservation & Improvement

- Litter Picks: Litter picks are organised four times each year by the Alton Society, a local volunteer organisation dedicated to Alton's heritage, protecting the built and natural environment, and shaping the future of the town. Alton Lions provides volunteers to help with the litter picks clear up the town.
- Poster Competition: Alton Lions organises a poster competition for local primary schools with environment issues as the focus. Suitable environment Prizes are provided for individuals and schools.

7. Healthy Recreation

- Golf Day: The club organises a Golf Day in August each year aimed at raising funds for the local Cardiac REHAB facility which is dedicated to helping improve Heart Health, fitness, and wellbeing of individuals with, or at risk of developing heart disease. The event is open eighteen (competitive) teams of 6 playing eighteen holes from a shotgun start. The day itself provides recreation in terms of walking (playing) the course in the fresh air and this year resulted in a donation of £2000 to Cardiac REHAB.
- 10m Road Race: Alton Runners, together with Alton Lions Club organises a 10-mile road race through the local countryside. Alton Lions provide some 30 members and volunteers to marshal the event ensuring the safety of runners on the roads This year the event raised £3000 which is regarded as 'unrestricted fund' to be used to meet the needs of local charitable needs.

3. YEAR END FINANCIAL REVIEW

3.1 Total Assets

UNRESTRICTED FUNDS	RESTRICTED FUNDS	01.07.24	30.06.23
12001	49794	61795	62946

3.2 Highlights

The increase in overall Service Account income (+24%) and expenditure (+76%) has continued as the community adjusts to a new norm following the ending of the covid pandemic. It should be noted that income and expenditure benefitted from grants from Hampshire County Council which were transferred to the Alton & District Community Relief Foundation (ADCRF). It is expected that this will be the end of these grants and without including these grants the overall results would be a more normal level of growth at about of 4.5%.

Income benefitted from improved overall performance by the addition of the Santa Sleigh project together with improving performances from the Craft Market, Christmas appeal, Golf Day, and 'Safari (Party) in the Park'.

Sadly, there were declines in revenue from the Charity Walk, Eggstravaganza and the Winter Fuel Project and these will be reviewed by the Service Committee.

All the good work by the club resulted in a total of £33285 being donated to local charities, community services and projects (including a fourth defibrillator), individuals in need, and Christmas vouchers and gifts.

A staggering achievement!

At the end of this year the levels of restricted and unrestricted funds remain strong.

Last year it was recognised that club membership needed to grow to sustain the increase in Service activities. The club membership has grown by seven members this year and now stands at 35 members.

3.3 Reserves

The Contingency Account (Reserves) is designed as a risk mitigation fund to cover all events managed through the Activities Account. It is intended to cover any unforeseen circumstances or immediate 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.

3.3 Reserves Continued

The account is maintained through interest payments and minor deposits and is reviewed routinely by the board of trustees to determine whether withdrawals or additional deposits are required. The account currently stands at £2924.

3.4 Funding Sources

The principal source of funds is from the public and results from: -

- Appeals such as street or house to house collections to support the relief of poverty and the voluntary sector (Objects 2 & 3).
- Organising public events such as car shows, family fun days, and Easter egg raffles to support specific charities (Object 1, 3 & 4)
- Being involved in or organising activities such as 10m road race, the golf day that enable the club to encourage healthy recreation (Object 1 & 7) and raises funds to support the relief of poverty (Object 2)
- Organising fund raising events such as the craft market which encourages volunteering (Object 4) and raises funds that can be used to support the advancement of health (Object 5) and the conservation of the environment (Object 6)

4 STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

4.1 The Charity

The club is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) registered (Charity Number 1174502) with the Charity Commission of England and Wales.

The club's organisation and its operations are detailed in the Lions MD 105 Standard CIO Format Constitution and the Lions Club International By-Laws (Cub number No 19906). The Club is Chartered under the jurisdiction of the International Association of Lions Clubs.

The affairs of the club are managed by eight trustees led by the President. Trustees are volunteers from the club membership and elected by club members at the Annual General Meeting held March.

4.2 Policy for Trustees

Trustee Training is a requirement and is organised and conducted by the LIONS 105SC Global Leadership Team. Other details including documents to be provided to a trustee are contained in the Constitution

5. REFERENCE & ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Name: Alton Lions Club (CIO)

Charity Number: 1174502

Address: 4 Bennet Close, Alton, GU34 2EL

6. TRUSTEES

Trustee Name	Office
John Mill	President
Bretta Rains	Secretary
Michael Baker	Treasurer
Frances Parris	Trustee/Vice President
Atul Patel	Trustee
Maira Baker	Trustee
Gary Harvey	Trustee
Paul Taroni	Trustee

7. DECLARATIONS

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

Signed on behalf of the trustees

Signature(s)		
Full Name(s)	Maira Enid Baker	John Mill
Position	President	Vice President
Date		

SAMPLE OF THANK YOU LETTERS

The collage is a collection of handwritten and printed notes, photos, and logos. At the top left, a letter from Alton Lions Club dated 13th April 2024 thanks the 'Lion's Den' for its support. Below it is a photo of a group of people at a Christmas shopping event. To the right, a letter from Wootey Junior School dated Monday 29th April 2024 expresses gratitude for the school's donation to the club. Below this is a letter from Helen Wheatland, Year 4 Class Teacher, dated 12th April 2024. The center of the collage features a large, handwritten letter from Moira Barker, dated 12th April 2024, thanking the club for the 'Lion's Den' and the Christmas event. To the right of this is a letter from the Alton Lions Club dated 12th April 2024, thanking the club for the 'Lion's Den' and the Christmas event. At the bottom, there is a photo of a group of people at the Christmas shopping event, with a caption that reads 'The event featured early Christmas shopping, hand made...'. The collage also includes several logos, including the Alton Lions Club, Wootey Junior School, and The King's Arms Youth Centre.



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Charity Name
ALTON LIONS CLUB (CIO)

No (if any)
1174502

Receipts and payments accounts

CC16a

For the period
from

Period start date
01.07.2023

To

Period end date
30.06.2024

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	-	10,000	-	10,000	-
APPEALS	-	525	-	525	5,000
CHRISTMAS COLLECTION	-	5,677	-	5,677	5,401
CHARITY WALK	-	-	-	-	2,598
CLASSIC CAR SHOW	-	5,360	-	5,360	4,671
CRAFT MARKET	5,883	-	-	5,883	4,397
DONATIONS	1,198	-	-	1,198	4,526
EASTER EGGS PROJECT	-	1,464	-	1,464	1,558
GIFT AID	2,524	-	-	2,524	2,462
GOLF DAY	-	7,118	-	7,118	3,690
LCIF	-	-	-	-	1,905
OTHER	1,163	-	-	1,163	205
PARTY IN THE PARK	-	4,282	-	4,282	1,246
PROSTATE TESTING	-	-	-	-	795
QUIZ	-	752	-	752	-
RACES	3,000	-	-	3,000	4,000
SANTA SLEIGH	-	10,535	-	10,535	-
TRANSFERS IN	-	750	-	750	2,737
WINTER FUEL FUND	-	2,060	-	2,060	4,875
MEMBERS SUBS	11,455	5,127	-	16,582	16,433
SUPPORTERS	-	1,018	-	1,018	1,013
NEWBURY	-	318	-	318	53
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	25,223	54,986	-	80,209	67,565
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	25,223	54,986	-	80,209	67,565

A3 Payments

ADCRF	-	15,000	-	15,000	-
BANK CHARGES	113	-	-	113	138
CHRISTMAS GIFTS	-	5,365	-	5,365	4,934
CAR SHOW	-	2,950	-	2,950	3,986
COMMUNITY DONATIONS	1,607	-	-	1,607	2,357
COMMUNITY PROJECTS	820	-	-	820	1,640
RE-ENGAGE		96	-	96	-
EASTER EGG PROJECT		656		656	1,558
GOLF DAY		3,208		3,208	4,326
INDIVIDUALS IN NEED	2,637			2,637	1,692
LCIF	1,000	-	-	1,000	2,155
LOCAL CHARITIES	6,247	14,448		20,695	2,847
LIONS PROJECTS	173			173	1,200
MARKETS	1,050			1,050	1,539
MMPRA	1,388			1,388	601
OTHER	2,774	12		2,786	3,421
PARTY IN THE PARK		2,641		2,641	2,084
PROSTATE TESTING	-	-		-	850
QUIZ		212		212	50
ROOM HIRE	-	-		-	443
SUPPORTER PROJECTS		1,741		1,741	706
SANTA SLEIGH		814		814	-
WINTER FUEL SUPPORT					381
ADMINISTRATION	12,515	2,843		15,358	18,060
SUPPORTER DRAW		230		230	290
TRANSFERS OUT		750		750	750
BANK CHARGES		70		70	72
Sub total	30,324	51,036	-	81,360	56,080

A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)

	-	-	-	-	
	-	-	-	-	
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-

Total payments	30,324	51,036	-	81,360	56,080
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Net of receipts/(payments)	- 5,101	3,950	-	- 1,151	11,485
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A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
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A6 Cash funds last year end	11,784	51,161	-	62,945	-
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Cash funds this year end	6,683	55,111	-	61,794	11,485
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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	10,495	34,536	-
	ADMINISTRATION	1,495	1,506	-
	NEWBURY		12,924	
	SUPPORTERS	-	839	-
	Total cash funds	11,990	49,805	-

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

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
John Mill	JOHN MILL	13.02.25
Moira Baker	MOIRA BAKER	13.02.25



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

Charity Name
ALTON LIONS CLUB (CIO)

On accounts for the year
ended

30/06/2024

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 trustees of the Trust, 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 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 (other than that disclosed below *) 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.

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

Signed:

N. Kinney

Date:

13/02/2025

Name:

NICOLA KINNEY

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

ICB

Address:

55 WINDMILL LANE
ALTON
HAMPSHIRE GU34 2SN

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.

<p>Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.</p>		<p>Report to the Board of Examiners</p>	
<p>On account for the year ended</p>	<p>Set out on page</p>	<p>Responsible and date of report</p>	
<p>As the chief accountant of the firm, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts of the firm and the accuracy of the figures shown in the accounts.</p>		<p>Independent examiner's statement</p>	
<p>I have compared the accounts of the firm with the accounts of the firm as shown in the accounts of the firm and the accuracy of the figures shown in the accounts.</p>		<p>Signature</p>	
<p>The accounts of the firm are true and correct and the figures shown in the accounts are accurate.</p>		<p>Name</p>	
<p>I have no objection to the accounts of the firm being used for the purpose of the accounts of the firm.</p>		<p>Responsible position qualification(s) or none (if any)</p>	
<p>Signature</p>		<p>Signature</p>	
<p>Name</p>		<p>Name</p>	
<p>Responsible position</p>		<p>Responsible position</p>	
<p>qualification(s) or none</p>		<p>qualification(s) or none</p>	
<p>(if any)</p>		<p>(if any)</p>	