

THE LIONS CLUB OF MORPETH

England & Wales · Charity number 1175272

Details

Status Registered

Legal form CIO

Registered 2017-10-20

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Activities

Objects: 1.1 THE OBJECTS OF THE CLUB ARE SUCH PURPOSES AS ARE EXCLUSIVELY CHARITABLE IN ENGLAND & WALES, INCLUDING IN PARTICULAR:1.1.1 THE ADVANCEMENT OF CITIZENSHIP BY:1.1.1.1 PROMOTING THE PRINCIPLES OF GOOD CITIZENSHIP;1.1.1.2 ENCOURAGING MEMBERS TO TAKE AN ACTIVE INTEREST IN THE CIVIC, CULTURAL, SOCIAL AND MORAL WELFARE OF THE COMMUNITY;1.1.1.3 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;1.1.1.4 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; 1.1.1.5 SUPPORTING YOUTH TO DEVELOP THEIR SKILLS, CAPACITIES AND CAPABILITIES TO ENABLE THEM TO PARTICIPATE IN SOCIETY AS MATURE AND RESPONSIBLE INDIVIDUALS;1.1.2 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;1.1.3 PROMOTING VOLUNTEERING;1.1.4 THE RELIEF OF POVERTY AND THE RELIEF OF THOSE IN NEED IN PARTICULAR BY PROVIDING HUMANITARIAN AID AND DISASTER RELIEF;1.1.5 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;1.1.6 PROMOTING FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE PUBLIC THE CONSERVATION PROTECTION AND IMPROVEMENT OF THE PHYSICAL AND NATURAL ENVIRONMENT; AND/OR1.1.7 PROMOTING COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION IN HEALTHY RECREATION.

Activities: The Lions Club of Morpeth engage in a wide range of activities in order to raise funds throughout the year. Examples of this are Sponsored Swimming events, Fishing Competitions, raffles, fundraising evenings, fireworks collection, Christmas event for elderly and disadvantaged. These events are organised by committees of Lions, and time is freely given. The Club mainly operates in SE Northumberland

Classification

- **How:** Makes Grants To Individuals, Makes Grants To Organisations, Other Charitable Activities
- **What:** General Charitable Purposes, The Prevention Or Relief Of Poverty, Overseas Aid/famine Relief, Environment/conservation/heritage, Other Charitable Purposes
- **Who:** Children/young People, Elderly/old People, People With Disabilities, The General Public/mankind

Geography

- North Tyneside
- Northumberland

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-06-30	£27,801	£31,337	-	-
2024-06-30	£33,130	£32,614	-	-
2023-06-30	£27,187	£29,845	-	-
2022-06-30	£40,797	£36,289	-	-
2021-06-30	£5,905	£6,172	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Dr Alan Benson		2025-01-28
GEOFF BUSHELL		2018-06-26
Graham Tait		2025-07-01
Louise Blease		2023-07-01
Nigel Christian Hedley		2024-07-01
RICHARD BENNETT NASH		2018-06-26
Richard Short		2023-07-01

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Accounts



Trustees Annual Report & Financial Statements

2024 - 2025



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Report of the Board of Trustees for the year ending 30th June 2025



The Lions Club of Morpeth hereby presents its Trustees Report and externally examined Financial Statements for the year ending 30th June 2025.

Reference and Administrative Information

Charity Name:	The Lions Club of Morpeth
Charity Registration Number (CIO):	1175272
Date of Registration:	27 th March 2018
Registered Club Address:	7 The Covers Morpeth NE61 2RU

Board of Trustees (as at 25th February 2026)

Nigel Hedley	-- President
Richard Nash	-- Treasurer
Geoff Bushell	-- Secretary
Richard Short	-- Immediate Past President
Alan Benson	-- Trustee
Louise Blease	-- Vice President
Graham Tait	-- Member Trustee

Independent Examiner – Michelle Wright MW Accounting.
Woodgate House. 5C Wood Street. Gateshead NE11 9NP

Bankers – Natwest. 4 Bridge Street, Morpeth. NE61 1NG

OUR AIMS & OBJECTIVES

The charity's objectives and purposes are set out in The Lions Club of Morpeth's Constitution and are to:

- 1) Promote the principles of good citizenship.
- 2) Encourage members to take an active interest in civic, cultural, social and moral welfare of the community.



- 3) Encourage service minded people to serve their community without personal reward.
- 4) Support youth to develop their skills to enable them to participate in society as mature and responsible individuals
- 5) Promote the voluntary sector to improve the conditions of life of people in local, national and International communities.
- 6) Promoting the relief of poverty in particular by providing humanitarian aid and disaster relief.
- 7) Promoting the advancement of health by preventing avoidable blindness, assisting disabled people to lead independent lives or helping to manage health issues.

Ensuring our work delivers our aims

We constantly review our aims, objectives and activities each year to ensure that we are focussing on the most effective means to raise funds and help local communities and individuals. This does change each year depending on circumstances and needs.

The review looks at the success of each activity and event and the benefit accomplished. As a result, less effective activities may be replaced by new events as we move forward.

We refer to the guidance contained in the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit when reviewing our success and planning for the future.

During the year, we raised finance from the public at a number of events as outlined in the Fundraising Report. Hospitals and health related Charities were actively supported by the club during 2024 - 25 and further details of this support is included in the Community Services Report. Message in a Bottle popularity increased significantly this year and was well supported by the Club.

The Club continued to increase its Environmental Activities throughout the year with further involvement with the Morpeth Railway Station and the Greater Morpeth Development Trust. Full details are outlined in the Environmental Activity Report.

Christmas activities included the operation of Santas Sleigh and the Club was invited to a number of functions with the Sleigh much to the delight of many thousands of children and well wishers.

The strategies we use in order to meet our objectives

Provide a range of club wide activities, events or donations that will give benefit to Youth, the General Community, Health or the elderly. The activity or organised events are tailored to meet the needs of that particular group. The following reports will provide fuller information on these activities and organised events that have taken place during the year.

Other organised events may be general fund raisers held in order to provide funds for local causes and families in need, especially towards Christmas where strong provision is made for Children and needy families in the local and outlying area.

A number of events will change from year to year depending on popularity and whether the Trustees feel that the event is likely to be supported by the public.

Since the Club is an integral part of Lions Club International Foundation, we are always mindful of International emergencies and disasters where immediate relief is necessary. As indicated in the various reports, Lions Club of Morpeth are always very active in organising street



collections or other events where appropriate in order to make significant donations to International Disaster Appeals in line with LCIF requests.

Of course it is not always about money and donations. This year Lions have been very actively involved in providing services to the community such as gardening assistance to a local organisation who provide facilities for the blind and partially sighted, to a local Community Hub and the maintenance of flower beds at the local railway station.

How our activities deliver public benefit

More detail on how we deliver public benefit can be gained from the Community Services, Fundraising and Environment reports below.

Over the year, The Lions Club of Morpeth have responded to a wide range of needs from local community to National and International Disaster Relief.

Each request for help and each donation is carefully considered by the Community Services Committee and the Trustees entirely on its merits before being approved by the Club Membership.

The Focus of our Work

In 2024 - 2025 the Club carried out a wide range of successful events which are detailed in the following reports, which form part of this Annual Report.

Organisation of activities and events is the responsibility of the 'Fundraising Committee', supported by the full membership of the Club.

The 'Community Services' Report and the 'Fundraising Committee' Annual Report which follows (pages 7 & 8 respectively), provide greater detail on the events and fund raising activities that we have been able to complete during the year.

The President and Trustees thank all Members of the Club and the Committees for their valued support and contribution in both fundraising and social events throughout the year.

Lastly, sincere thanks must go to the generous public of Morpeth and outlying areas who have also given such strong and consistent support to the Club throughout the year.

Geoff Bushell
Secretary (2024 - 2025)

PRESIDENTS REPORT FOR THE YEAR 2024 - 2025

The Club continued to be active in the community of both Morpeth and the surrounding area of South East Northumberland. The club maintained it's highly respected status for the work which we do.

We did work to improve the effectiveness of the club. Trustees attending Lions Trustee training initiatives. We updated our guidance on how we allocate funds to organisations



and individuals. We implemented Service Reporting, which is a global Lions initiative to demonstrate the impact we have on our community.

Our Committee chairs, and club officers, worked hard throughout the year.

We again ran two successful Book Sales in the Town Hall.

We continued to expand our Christmas events with the Santa Sleigh. We took part in the Christmas Lights switch on in Ashington and Morpeth, held fundraising visits, and visited local SEND schools with gifts of selection boxes.

The Community Services Committee worked hard to make sure that we gave appropriate support, often at short notice, to groups and individuals in need.

In other work in the community work we focused on education about, and distribution of, Message in a Bottle. This helps emergency services personnel to save valuable time by knowing if someone has any allergies or medication.

We supported Vision Northumberland's Talking newspaper and helped to maintain gardens at Vision Northumberland and Morpeth Railway Station.

We welcomed two new members into the club this year.

An essential part of being a member of a Lions club is to enjoy ourselves.

We hosted a visit of several members of the Leiden Lions club in the Netherlands and had an enjoyable and social weekend.

We had a successful Charter Evening at the Rugby club, a partners evening in June, and also had informal meals after the Book fair, as well as regular monthly Monday meals at various local restaurants.

We ran a Race Night social event which raised £900 for Pegswood Brownies.

As always, we thank our wives and partners for the support that we receive across the whole range of our events.

Richard Short - President 2024 / 2025



Thanks to the Club's fundraising activities the Community Services Committee was able to give donations and make purchases of some £30,000 during the year.

With considerable hardship being felt within our communities we have been asked for help by numerous organisations. The Wansbeck Valley Food featured highly on the list of recipients, not only for donations of financial help in providing food but in individual cases of need in unusual circumstances. For instance we provided a microwave oven and hot water bottles to a family with a member undergoing cancer treatment, they were temporarily without heat or cooking facilities.

Youth projects and schools have been assisted with both funds and equipment for projects and trips

The Club works closely with Northumberland County Council and local support agencies in helping those in need. The Club donates presents and sweets to those families in need at Christmas and these have been supplemented by welcome donations from local firms and individuals.

Hospitals and the associated health related charities received donations. These included Tiny Lives, the Bubble Foundation, Children's Cancer North, the Sick Children's Trust, Great North Air Ambulance, Northumberland Blood Bikes,

Our Message in a Wallet initiative, which supplements the existing Message in a Bottle, is going from strength to strength, with the club working closely with, and giving talks to groups. We took a stand taking a stand at the area Dementia Roadshow enabling us to not only liaise with more groups but also the emergency services with the scheme.

The children's book designed to help children who have suffered or are suffering child abuse, written by a local author who suffered abuse as a child and was supported by the club in it's introduction to many local schools, has in fact been adopted by other clubs and is getting out beyond our catchment area.

Youth projects were also helped by providing funds for first aid training for the local youth rugby club. Funding for a youth football group in our area and providing books to a specialised teaching class for the improvement of adolescent literacy. We also donated toys and clothing for families in need.

Provided summer holiday activities to some children in need and also a holiday for a family in need.

Under the Environment Committee, the Club continues to help with the vision Northumberland garden with both financial and practical input.

The Club continues to collect unwanted spectacles as part of a Lions nationwide initiative for distribution to countries without adequate eyecare services.

The Club supported humanitarian crises worldwide through Lions Clubs International Foundation.

Louise Blease - Chair Community Services



FUNDRAISING REPORT 2024 / 2025

In line with previous years, **The Lions Club of Morpeth** followed its successful program of events, and as always was prepared to raise funds and assist smaller local organisations at short notice.

Our main fundraising events are listed below:

- 1) Book fairs.
- 2) Charity Banquet evenings.
- 3) Wine tasting evenings.
- 4) Rugby Club fireworks collection.
- 5) Supermarket collections.
- 6) Local community event collections.
- 7) Local Dance/Theatre collections after performances.
- 8) We continue to receive great support from local businesses that have our collecting cans in their premises.
- 9) Our club annual Football score predictor.
- 10) Private sponsors for events.
- 11) We continue to receive donations from private individuals.
- 12) As members of the largest service organisation in the world, **Lions Clubs International**, we continue to respond and give support with International humanitarian projects.
- 13) The Morpeth Lions Santa Sleigh has proved a great hit with the local communities and at Christmas time each year we support approximately 14 public events with Santa and his sleigh which has brought much joy to families and generated significant charitable funds.

Graham Tait
Fundraising Chairman
2024/2025

ENVIRONMENT REPORT 2024 / 2025

The Club undertook the following projects.

William Turner Woodland, Carlisle Park, Morpeth

Ten year ago as part of the Club's 40 year celebrations, the Club planted 40 trees on a grass bank adjoining the town's William Turner garden in the main park. William Turner (1508 – 1568) was a Morpeth born physician and naturalist who became the first person to identify and name plants correctly in English. The Garden includes many species he identified for use in medicine. The Lions



have complimented the garden with a woodland bank of flower and fruit trees identified by William Turner for medicinal properties.

This woodland needs continual management and a small team of Lions has continued this with help from the County Council's Grounds Team.

Morpeth Station Landscape Project

Four years ago Morpeth Station buildings were undergoing a major facelift. As part of the facelift the Club combined with the Greater Morpeth Development Trust and the Rotary Club to provide two raised shrub and flower beds and a rockery garden. Each year, for two "summer" months, the Club is responsible for weeding and watering the plants. GMDT and Rotary are responsible for another four months. The Club looked after the plants in both the autumn of 2004 and the spring of 2025. Discussions are continuing with Northern (Rail) about landscaping a further area at the Station.

The Northumberland County Blind Association (Vision Northumberland)

The NCBA's HQ is near the centre of Morpeth. Part of the garden held the award winning Chelsea Flower Show exhibit of some 13 years ago based on the town's William Turner garden. The garden was neglected due to lack of volunteers with Covid restrictions. The Club formed a gardening team to restore the garden surrounding the HQ. However two years ago it was decided to replace the William Turner element of the garden as it was unsafe for use by the visually impaired. The Club helped in demolishing the previous garden and securing grants for the replacement landscape scheme. This landscaping was completed last summer and includes a paved area and raised flower beds. Since then the Club has continued with the maintenance of the raised beds as well as those parts of the garden outside the paved area.

Bulb Planting

The Greater Morpeth Development Trust planned to plant bulbs on a neglected area adjoining the Morpeth Leisure Centre and Library. The Club took the lead in planning a scheme and organising the planting of several thousand spring bulbs. These gave a magnificent display early in 2025.

Cleaswell Hill School

The Club has agreed to fund gardening equipment for this Special School who are developing a vegetable and fruit garden within their grounds.

Litter Picks

Club members help with Morpeth's litter picks.

Chris Offord
Chair – Environment Committee
2024 – 2025

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Registered Charity 1175272



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REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS For the year ended 30 June 2025

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Charity Number 1175272

THE LIONS CLUB OF MORPETH

TREASURERS ANNUAL REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The trustees are pleased to present their annual trustees' report together with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 30 June 2025.

The financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2022, the Memorandum and Articles of Association, and Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019)

Full sets of accounts were presented to the Lions Club of Morpeth on 1st April 2026 and were approved. The approval was recorded in the Minutes of that Trustees Meeting.

1. Financial Review of the year

The results for the year and the charity's financial position at the end of the year are shown in the attached financial statements.

During the year the Charity had income of £27,801 (2024: £33,130) of which £0 was restricted (2024: £0) and expenditure of £31,337 (2024: £32,614) of which £0 was restricted (2024: £0). There was an operating deficit of £3,536 (2024: surplus £517) of which a £0 was restricted (2024: £0).

At 30 June 2025 the Charity had net assets of £5,646 (2024: £9,182) of which £0 was restricted (2024: £0).

Reserves policy/Going concern

The Trustees consider the level of reserves, £5,646 (2024: £9,182), prudent for the Charity at this time. Our Reserves Policy is reviewed annually.

2. Risk Management

The Trustees have conducted a review of the major risks to which the charity is exposed. A risk register has been established and is updated at least annually. Where appropriate, systems or procedures have been established to mitigate the risks the charity faces. Procedures are in place to ensure compliance with health and safety of volunteers, clients and beneficiaries. These procedures are periodically reviewed to ensure that they continue to meet the needs of the charity.

3. Reference and administrative details of the charity, its trustees and advisors **Registered charity name**

The Lions Club of Morpeth

Charity number 1175272

Registered office 7 The Covers
Morpeth NE61
2RU

Trustees and Members of the Board

Geoff Bushell
Richard Nash
Peter Crook Resigned 30 June 2024
Margaret Trewick Resigned 28 Jan 2025
Christopher Offord Resigned 30 June 2025 Louise
Blease
Richard Short Nigel
Hedley
Dr Alan Benson Appointed 28 Jan 2025
Graham Tait Appointed 01 July 2025

Independent Examiner Michelle Wright
MW Accounting Services
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Bankers Natwest
4 Bridge Street Morpeth
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4. Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities

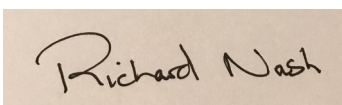
The trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Annual Report and the Financial Statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

Charity SORP requires the trustees 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 incoming resources and application of resources, including the receipts and payments of the charity for that year. In preparing those financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operation.

The trustees are responsible for keeping accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Approved by the Trustees on ...1st April 2026.....and signed on their behalf by:



Richard Nash Treasurer

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES

For the year ended 30 June 2025

I report on the financial statements of The Lions Club of Morpeth for the year ended 30 June 2025, which are set out on pages 5 to 12.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 of the Charities Act 2022 ("the Charities Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

Having satisfied myself that the charity is not subject to audit under company law and is eligible for independent examination, it is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act,
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5) (b) of the Charities Act), and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's statement

My examination was carried out in accordance with general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from the trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair view' and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no material matters have come to my attention 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 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.

Michelle Wright
MW Accounting, Bookkeeping & Training
Woodgate House
5c Wood Street
Gateshead
NE11 9NP
Date: 02/04/2026

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RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT

For the year ended 30 June 2025

	NOEs	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2025 £	Total 2024 £
Receipts					
Donations and legacies	5	7,365	-	7,365	14,407
Charitable activities	6	15,151	-	15,151	15,427
Other trading activities	7	5,271	-	5,271	3,278
Investments	8	15	-	15	20
Total income		27,801	-	27,801	33,131
Payments					
Charitable activities					
Operation of the charity	9	31,337	-	31,337	32,614
Total expenditure		31,337	-	31,337	32,614
Net movement of funds		(3,536)	-	(3,536)	517
Reconciliation of funds					
Total funds brought forward		9,182	-	9,182	8,665
Total funds carried forward		5,646	-	5,646	9,182

The Receipts and Payments Statement includes all gains and losses recognised in the year. All receipts and payments derive from continuing activities

The notes on pages 7 to 12 form an integral part of these accounts.

**STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND
LIABILITIES**

As at 30 June 2025

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2025 £	Total 2024 £
<u>Cash funds</u>					
Current account		5,646	-	5,646	9,182
Total cash funds		5,646	-	5,646	9,182
<u>Assets retained</u>					
Fixed asset purchase	9	2,400	-	2,400	-
Total assets		2,400	-	2,400	-
<u>Liabilities</u>					
Accountancy and independent examination	10	200	-	200	200
Uncleared cheques		-	-	-	1,500
Total assets		200	-	200	1,700

The notes on pages 7 to 12 form an integral part of these accounts.

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These financial statements were approved by the Board on:

and are signed on its behalf by:

Richard
Short
President

R D Short

01/04/2026

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

For the year ended 30 June 2025

1 Accounting Policies

The accounts have been prepared on the receipts and payments basis. An audit is not required by the charity's constitution and has not been requested by the trustees.

2 Basis of accounting

2.1 Preparation of the accounts on a going concern basis

The charity reported total unrestricted funds at the year end of £5,646 and has already secured a significant amount of funding for the current year.

The trustees are of the view that the immediate future of the charity for the next 12 months is secure and that on this basis the charity is a going concern.

The financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis. The Trustees have reviewed and considered relevant information, including the annual budget and future cash flows in making their assessment. The Trustees are of the view that the immediate future of the charity, for the next 12 months is secure and that on this basis the charity is a going concern.

3 Receipts

3.1 Recognition of receipts

Receipts are recognised when the charity has received the receipt.

3.2 Grants and donations

Income from government and other grants are recognised when the charity has received the funds.

3.3 Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds are available to spend on activities that further any of the purposes of the charity. Designated funds are unrestricted funds of the charity which the trustees have decided at their discretion to set aside to use for a specific purpose. Restricted funds are donations which the donor has specified are to be solely used for particular areas of the charity's work or for specific projects being undertaken by the charity.

4 Payments and liabilities

4.1 Liability recognition

Liabilities are recognised when it is more likely than not that there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to pay out resources and the amount of the obligation can be measured with reasonable certainty.

4.2 Charitable activities

Payments on charitable activities includes the costs of promoting the relief of poverty in particular by providing humanitarian aid and disaster relief as well as other activities undertaken to further the purposes of the charity and their associated support costs.

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4.3 Governance and support costs

Support costs have been allocated between governance cost and other support.

Governance costs comprise all costs involving public accountability of the charity and its compliance with regulation and good practice.

Support costs are those functions that assist the work of the charity but do not directly undertake charitable activities. Support costs include central functions and have been allocated to activity cost categories on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

4.4 Liabilities

The charity has liabilities which are measured at settlement amounts less any trade discounts.

4.5 Provision for liabilities

A liability is measured on recognition at its historical cost and then subsequently measured at the best estimate of the amount required to settle the obligation at the reporting date.

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For the year ended 30 June 2025

Analysis of receipts

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2025 £	Total 2024 £
5 Donations and legacies				
Donations and Gift Aid	7,365	-	7,365	14,407
	<u>7,365</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>7,365</u>	<u>14,407</u>
6 Charitable activities				
<u>Income from fundraising activities</u>				
Fundraising events	13,606	-	13,606	13,931
Mulan	1,545	-	1,545	1,496
	<u>15,151</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>15,151</u>	<u>15,427</u>
7 Other trading activities				
Membership Subscriptions	2,971	-	2,971	3,278
Other income	2,300	-	2,300	-
	<u>5,271</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>5,271</u>	<u>3,278</u>
8 Income from investments				
Bank interest	15	-	15	20
	<u>15</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>15</u>	<u>20</u>

Receipts were £27,801 (2024: £33,130) of which £27,801 was unrestricted or designated (2024: £33,130) and £0 was restricted (2024: £16,852)

Analysis of payments on charitable activities

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2025 £	Total 2024 £
9 Charitable payments				
<u>Direct costs</u>				
Donations made	15,716	-	15,716	16,685
Ukraine fundraiser	-	-	-	925
Fundraising activities	5,456	-	5,456	3,431
Events	1,935	-	1,935	5,337
Project equipment	-	-	-	534
Venue hire	1,240	-	1,240	2,085
<u>Support costs</u>				
Membership costs	3,004	-	3,004	2,789
Website costs	155	-	155	127
Postage & carriage	5	-	5	13
Repairs and renewals	1,185	-	1,185	-
Professional fees	240	-	240	688
<u>Asset and investment purchase</u>				
Purchase of fixed asset	2,400	-	2,400	-
	<u>31,337</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>31,337</u>	<u>32,614</u>

Payments on charitable activities were £31,337 (2024: £32,614) of which £31,337 was unrestricted or designated (2024: £32,614) and £0 was restricted (2024: £16,852)

THE LIONS CLUB OF MORPETH

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

For the year ended 30 June 2025

10 Fees for examination of the accounts

	2025	2024
	<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>
Independent examiner's fees for reporting on the accounts	200	200
	<u>200</u>	<u>200</u>

There were no other fees paid to the examiner (2024: £nil)

11 Analysis of staff costs and the cost of key management personnel

No employee received remuneration above £60,000 (2024: nil)

The key management personnel of the charity, comprise the trustees. The total employee benefits of the key management personnel of the charity were £nil (2024: £nil).

THE LIONS CLUB OF MORPETH

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For the year ended 30 June 2025

12 Transactions with trustees

None of the trustees have been paid any remuneration or received any other benefits from an employment with the charity or a related entity.

Trustees' expenses

No trustee expenses have been incurred in the year.

Transaction(s) with related parties

There have been no related party transactions in the reporting period.

13 Corporation Taxation

The charity is exempt from tax on income and gains falling within section 505 of the Taxes Act 1988 or section 252 of the Taxation of Chargeable Gains Act 1992 to the extent that these are applied to its charitable objectives.

14 Cash at bank and in hand

	2025	2024
	<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>
Cash at bank and in hand	5,646	9,182
	<u>5,646</u>	<u>9,182</u>

15 Events after the end of the reporting period

No events requiring adjustment to the accounts have occurred after the end of the reporting period but before the accounts are authorised which relate to conditions that arose after the end of the reporting period.

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16 Analysis of charitable funds

Analysis of movements in unrestricted funds

For the year ended 31 December 2022

	Fund	Incoming	Resources	Fund
	balances			
	brought	carried forward	resources	forward
		expended	Transfers	
	£	£	£	£
Unrestricted funds				
General unrestricted fund		9,182	27,801	(31,337)
				5,646
Totals	9,182	27,801	(31,337)	5,646

Purpose of unrestricted funds

General unrestricted fund The 'free reserves' of the charity

17 Capital commitments

As at 30 June 2025, the charity had no capital commitments (2024: £nil)

18 Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted Funds	Total
	£	£
Cash at bank and in hand	5,646	5,646
	<u>5,646</u>	<u>5,646</u>
	Unrestricted Funds	Total
	£	£
Cash at bank and in hand	9,182	9,182
	<u>9,182</u>	<u>9,182</u>

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THE LIONS CLUB OF MORPETH

England & Wales - Charity number 1175272

Accounts



Trustees Annual Report & Financial Statements

2023 - 2024



Trustees Annual Report & Financial Statements
For the Year Ended 31st June 2024

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Report of the Board of Trustees for the year ending 30th June 2024

The Lions Club of Morpeth hereby presents its Trustees Report and externally examined Financial Statements for the year ending 30th June 2024.

Reference and Administrative Information

Charity Name:	The Lions Club of Morpeth
Charity Registration Number (CIO):	1175272
Date of Registration:	27 th March 2018
Registered Club Address:	7 The Covers Morpeth NE61 2RU

Board of Trustees (as at 25th February 2025)

Richard Short	-- President
Richard Nash	-- Treasurer
Geoff Bushell	-- Secretary
Chris Offord	-- Immediate Past President
Alan Benson	-- Member Trustee
Nigel Hedley	-- Vice President

Independent Examiner – Michelle Wright MW Accounting.
Woodgate House. 5C Wood Street. Gateshead NE11 9NP

Bankers – Natwest. 4 Bridge Street, Morpeth. NE61 1NG

The fully audited accounts were presented by the Treasurer and approved by The Lions Club of Morpeth and recorded in the Minutes of Meeting on 25th February 2025.

OUR AIMS & OBJECTIVES

The charity's objectives and purposes are set out in The Lions Club of Morpeth's Constitution and are to:

- 1) Promote the principles of good citizenship.



- 2) Encourage members to take an active interest in civic, cultural, social and moral welfare of the community.
- 3) Encourage service minded people to serve their community without personal reward.
- 4) Support youth to develop their skills to enable them to participate in society as mature and responsible individuals
- 5) Promote the voluntary sector to improve the conditions of life of people in local, national and International communities.
- 6) Promoting the relief of poverty in particular by providing humanitarian aid and disaster relief.
- 7) Promoting the advancement of health by preventing avoidable blindness, assisting disabled people to lead independent lives or helping to manage health issues.

Ensuring our work delivers our aims

We constantly review our aims, objectives and activities each year to ensure that we are focussing on the most effective means to raise funds and help local communities and individuals. This does change each year depending on circumstances and needs.

The review looks at the success of each activity and event and the benefit accomplished. As a result, less effective activities may be replaced by new events as we move forward.

We refer to the guidance contained in the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit when reviewing our success and planning for the future.

During the year, we raised finance from the public at a number of events as outlined in the Fundraising Report. Hospitals and health related Charities were actively supported by the club during 2023 - 24 and further details of this support is included in the Community Services Report. A new venture - Message in a Wallet was also launched and proved to be very popular. The Club continued to increase its Environmental Activities throughout the year with further involvement with the Morpeth Railway Station and the Greater Morpeth Development Trust. Full details are outlined in the Environmental Activity Report.

The strategies we use in order to meet our objectives

Provide a range of club wide activities, events or donations that will give benefit to Youth, the General Community, Health or the elderly. The activity or organised events are tailored to meet the needs of that particular group. The following reports will provide fuller information on these activities and organised events that have taken place during the year.

Other organised events may be general fund raisers held in order to provide funds for local causes and families in need, especially towards Christmas where strong provision is made for Children and needy families in the local and outlying area.

A number of events will change from year to year depending on popularity and whether the Trustees feel that the event is likely to be supported by the public.

Since the Club is an integral part of Lions Club International Foundation, we are always mindful of International emergencies and disasters where immediate relief is necessary. As indicated in the various reports, Lions Club of Morpeth are always very active in organising street collections or other events where appropriate in order to make significant donations to International Disaster Appeals in line with LCIF requests.

Of course it is not always about money and donations. This year Lions have been very actively involved in providing services to the community such as gardening assistance to a local



organisation who provide facilities for the blind and partially sighted, to a local Community Hub and the maintenance of flower beds at the local railway station.

How our activities deliver public benefit

More detail on how we deliver public benefit can be gained from the Community Services, Fundraising and Environment reports below.

Over the year, The Lions Club of Morpeth have responded to a wide range of needs from local community to National and International Disaster Relief.

Each request for help and each donation is carefully considered by the Community Services Committee and the Trustees entirely on its merits before being approved by the Club Membership.

The Focus of our Work

In 2023 - 2024 the Club carried out a wide range of successful events which are detailed in the following reports, which form part of this Annual Report.

Organisation of activities and events is the responsibility of the 'Fundraising Committee', supported by the full membership of the Club.

The 'Community Services' Report and the 'Fundraising Committee' Annual Report which follows (pages 7 & 8 respectively), provide greater detail on the events and fund raising activities that we have been able to complete during the year.

The President and Trustees thank all Members of the Club and the Committees for their valued support and contribution in both fundraising and social events throughout the year.

Lastly, sincere thanks must go to the generous public of Morpeth and outlying areas who have also given such strong and consistent support to the Club throughout the year.

Geoff Bushell
Secretary
Lions Club of Morpeth
2023 _ 2024

PRESIDENTS REPORT FOR THE YEAR 2023 - 2024

As with last year's President this is my fourth term in the office of President. On taking office, I considered it to be a holding year as newer, younger members come forward to take on the role. I might have thought that but, in the event, the year was as busy, if not busier, than previous years.

Much of the increased activity was due to the purchase of a Christmas sleigh complete with Rudolph. Our usual Christmas activities were supplemented by additional appearances of the sleigh, Rudolph and Santa. On the downside for the local community, I had to dress in an elves costume - not my best look but great fun.



When I took office I had not reckoned of having a hip and cataract operations. This resulted in some time out from meetings but fortunately not that much. I am indebted to Vice President Richard Short for stepping in when required. Indeed I could not have undertaken the role without the Trustees, Committee Chairs, members and their wives, partners and families.

Fundraising goes from strength to strength. The main source of income is again the two Book Fairs, helped now by being held in the shelter and warmth of the Town Hall. Other events such as the street and supermarket collections went well as did the more social fundraisers such as the Chinese banquet. Many thanks go to our event sponsors such as Bella Boo, Ashington Asda, the Co-op, Dobbies, The Works, Doves Builders Merchants, Castle Carpets and private individuals. As well as sponsoring sweets for children at Christmas, Winn Electrical have provided accommodation for our sleigh and Rudolph. St Georges Church and Morpeth Methodist Church have helped in collecting toys for our Christmas appeal.

We continue to make financial and other practical donations to local charities, good causes, hardship cases and individuals with special needs. More details of this are given elsewhere in this Report. I will not forget delivering Easter eggs to the local Bikers at Woodhorn Colliery before they set off to deliver to local hospitals. There were hundreds of bikers, many in fancy dress and what a noise.

We had yet another successful Charter night at the Rugby Club and thanks must go to Lion John and his wife Anne Gray in organising this. I even managed to persuade my younger family members to come along.

It has been an enjoyable year and thanks to all those who made it happen and to the communities of Morpeth and Ashington and surrounding towns and villages for their tremendous support. Finally thanks to my wife Joy, without whom I could not have managed to take on the role of President.

*Chris Offord
President 2023/2024
Lions Club of Morpeth*

COMMUNITY SERVICES REPORT 2023 / 2024

Thanks to the Club's fundraising efforts the Community Services Committee was able to give donations and make purchases of some £20,000 during the year. There is much hardship being felt within our communities and it was no surprise that the Wansbeck Valley Food featured highly in the list of recipients, along with local schools and



individual cases of need. The Club works closely with Northumberland County Council and local support agencies in helping those in need and the homeless. The Club donates presents and sweets to those families in need at Christmas and these have been supplemented by welcome donations from local firms and individuals. Hospitals and the associated health related charities received donations. These included Tiny Lives, the Bubble Foundation, Children's Cancer North, the Sick Children's Trust, Great North Air Ambulance, Northumberland Blood Bikes, Sir Bobby Robson Foundation, the Rainbow Trust and Northumberland Hospital Radio. A new venture for this year was Message in a Wallet which supplements the existing Message in a Bottle. Another new venture was to help fund a book on child abuse. This has been written by a local author who suffered abuse as a child and the Club were delighted to support its introduction to many local schools. It is hoped that other Lions Clubs will help get this out beyond our catchment area. Youth projects were also helped through Teenage Care, the Bedlington Air Cadets and the True Colours Theatre as well as toys and clothing for families in need. Under the Environment Committee, the Club helped secure a grant for Vision Northumberland to help refurbish their garden for the partially sighted. The Club continues to collect unwanted spectacles as part of a Lions nationwide initiative for distribution to countries without adequate eyecare services. The Club supported humanitarian crises worldwide through Lions Clubs International Foundation. The Club was very keen to help those suffering in the conflict in Gaza and was able to do this with a donation to UNICEF.

FUNDRAISING REPORT 2023 / 2024

In line with previous years, **The Lions Club of Morpeth** followed its successful program of events, and as always was prepared to raise funds and assist smaller local organisations at short notice.

Our main fundraising events are listed below:

- 1) Book fairs.



- 2) Charity Banquet evenings.
- 3) Wine tasting evenings.
- 4) Rugby Club fireworks collection.
- 5) Supermarket collections.
- 6) Local community event collections.
- 7) Local Dance/Theatre collections after performances.
- 8) We continue to receive great support from local businesses that have our collecting cans in their premises.
- 9) Our club annual Football score predictor.
- 10) Private sponsors for events.
- 11) We continue to receive donations from private individuals.
- 12) As members of the largest service organisation in the world, **Lions Clubs International**, we continue to respond and give support with International humanitarian projects.
- 13) Over the last two years we have developed a Santa Sleigh which has proved a great hit with the local communities. Approximately 14 public events with Santa and his sleigh have brought much joy to families and generated significant charitable funds.

Graham Tait
Fundraising Chairman
2023/2024

ENVIRONMENT REPORT 2023 / 2024

It has been a very wet year and this has curtailed some of the Club's environmental activities. Nevertheless the following projects have been undertaken.

William Turner Woodland, Carlisle Park, Morpeth

Ten year ago as part of the Club's 40 year celebrations, the Club planted 40 trees on a grass bank adjoining the town's William Turner garden in the main park. William Turner (1508 – 1568) was a Morpeth born physician and naturalist who became the first person to identify and name plants correctly in English. The Garden includes many species he identified for use in medicine. The Lions have complimented the garden with a woodland bank of flower and fruit trees identified by William Turner for medicinal properties.

This woodland needs continual management and a small team of Lions has continued this with help from the County Council's Grounds Team.



Morpeth Station Landscape Project

Three years ago Morpeth Station buildings were undergoing a major facelift. As part of the facelift the Club combined with the Greater Morpeth Development Trust and the Rotary Club to provide two raised shrub and flower beds and a rockery garden. Each year, for two “summer” months, the Club is responsible for weeding and watering the plants. GMDT and Rotary are responsible for another four months. In addition, this year the Club has planted up six wooden tubs on the platforms and added extra plants to the rockery. Discussions are continuing with Northern (Rail) about landscaping a further area at the Station.

The Northumberland County Blind Association (Vision Northumberland)

The NCBA's HQ is near the centre of Morpeth. Part of the garden held the award winning Chelsea Flower Show exhibit of some 13 years ago based on the town's William Turner garden. The garden was neglected due to lack of volunteers with Covid restrictions. The Club formed a gardening team to restore the garden surrounding the HQ. However two years ago it was decided to replace the William Turner element of the garden as it was unsafe for use by the visually impaired. The Club helped in demolishing the previous garden and securing grants for the replacement landscape scheme. This was completed this summer. The Club continued with the maintenance of other parts of the gardens.

Bulb Planting

The Club has helped the Greater Morpeth Development Trust in bulb planting and weeding alongside a path leading to the Station in Morpeth.

Litter Picks

Club members help with Morpeth's litter picks.

Chris Offord

Chair – Environment Committee

2023 - 2024

TREASURERS ANNUAL REPORT & ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR 2023 - 2024

The trustees are pleased to present their annual trustees' report together with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 30 June 2024.

The financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the Memorandum and Articles of Association, and Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019)

Financial review

Review of the year



The results for the year and the charity's financial position at the end of the year are shown in the attached financial statements.

During the year the Charity had income of £33,130 (2023: £27,187) of which £0 was restricted (2023: £5,780) and expenditure of £32,614 (2023: £29,845) of which £0 was restricted (2023: £5,780). There was an operating surplus of £517 (2023: deficit £2,658) of which a £0 was restricted (2023: £0).

At 30 June 2024 the Charity had net assets of £9,182 (2023: £8,665) of which £0 was restricted (2023: £0).

Reserves policy/Going concern

The Trustees consider the level of reserves, £9,182 (2023: £8,665), prudent for the Charity at this time. Our Reserves Policy is reviewed annually.

Risk Management

The Trustees have conducted a review of the major risks to which the charity is exposed. A risk register has been established and is updated at least annually. Where appropriate, systems or procedures have been established to mitigate the risks the charity faces. Procedures are in place to ensure compliance with health and safety of volunteers, clients and beneficiaries. These procedures are periodically reviewed to ensure that they continue to meet the needs of the charity.



Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities

The trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Annual Report and the Financial Statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

Charity SORP requires the trustees 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 incoming resources and application of resources, including the receipts and payments of the charity for that year. In preparing those financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operation.

The trustees are responsible for keeping accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Approved by the Trustees on 25th February 2025 and signed on their behalf by:

Richard Nash

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Richard Nash". The signature is written in a cursive style and is placed over a light grey rectangular background.

Treasurer - Lions Club of Morpeth



THE LIONS CLUB OF MORPETH

REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
For the year ended 30 June 2024

Charity Number 1175272



INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES

For the year ended 30 June 2024

I report on the financial statements of The Lions Club of Morpeth for the year ended 30 June 2024, which are set out on pages 7 to 15.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Charities Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

Having satisfied myself that the charity is not subject to audit under company law and is eligible for independent examination, it is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act,
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act), and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's statement

My examination was carried out in accordance with general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from the trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair view' and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no material matters have come to my attention 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 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.

Michelle Wright
MW Accounting, Bookkeeping & Training
Woodgate House
5c Wood Street
Gateshead
NE11 9NP



RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT

For the year ended 30 June 2024

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
Receipts					
Donations and legacies	5	14,407	-	14,407	7,016
Charitable activities	6	15,427	-	15,427	17,288
Other trading activities	7	3,278	-	3,278	2,873
Investments	8	20	-	20	10
Total income		33,130	-	33,130	27,187
Payments					
Charitable activities					
Operation of the charity	9	32,614	-	32,614	29,845
Total expenditure		32,614	-	32,614	29,845
Net movement of funds		517	-	517	(2,658)
Reconciliation of funds					
Total funds brought forward		8,665	-	8,665	11,323
Total funds carried forward		9,182	-	9,182	8,665

The Receipts and Payments Statement includes all gains and losses recognised in the year. All receipts and payments derive from continuing activities

The notes on pages 9 to 15 form an integral part of these accounts.

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STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

As at 30 June 2024

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
Cash funds					
Current account		9,182	-	9,182	8,665
Total cash funds		9,182	-	9,182	8,665
Assets retained					
Fixed asset purchase	9	-	-	-	1,200
Total assets		-	-	-	1,200
Liabilities					
Accountancy and independent examination ¹⁰		200	-	200	200
Uncleared cheques		1,500	-	1,500	650
Total assets		1,700	-	1,700	850

The notes on pages 9 to 15 form an integral part of these accounts.

These financial statements were approved by the Board on: 25th February 2025.

and are signed on its behalf by:

Richard Nash

Treasurer – Lions Club of Morpeth



1 Accounting Policies

The accounts have been prepared on the receipts and payments basis. An audit is not required by the charity's constitution and has not been requested by the trustees.

2 Basis of accounting

2.1 Preparation of the accounts on a going concern basis

The charity reported total unrestricted funds at the year end of £9,182 and has already secured a significant amount of funding for the current year.

The trustees are of the view that the immediate future of the charity for the next 12 months is secure and that on this basis the charity is a going concern.

The financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis. The Trustees have reviewed and considered relevant information, including the annual budget and future cash flows in making their assessment. The Trustees are of the view that the immediate future of the charity, for the next 12 months is secure and that on this basis the charity is a going concern.

3 Receipts

3.1 Recognition of receipts

Receipts are recognised when the charity has received the receipt.

3.2 Grants and donations

Income from government and other grants are recognised when the charity has received the funds.

3.3 Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds are available to spend on activities that further any of the purposes of the charity. Designated funds are unrestricted funds of the charity which the trustees have decided at their discretion to set aside to use for a specific purpose. Restricted funds are donations which the donor has specified are to be solely used for particular areas of the charity's work or for specific projects being undertaken by the charity.

4 Payments and liabilities

4.1 Liability recognition

Liabilities are recognised when it is more likely than not that there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to pay out resources and the amount of the obligation can be measured with reasonable certainty.

4.2 Charitable activities

Payments on charitable activities includes the costs of promoting the relief of poverty in particular by providing humanitarian aid and disaster relief as well as other activities undertaken to further the purposes of the charity and their associated support costs.



4.3 Governance and support costs

Support costs have been allocated between governance cost and other support.

Governance costs comprise all costs involving public accountability of the charity and its compliance with regulation and good practice.

Support costs are those functions that assist the work of the charity but do not directly undertake charitable activities. Support costs include central functions and have been allocated to activity cost categories on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

4.4 Liabilities

The charity has liabilities which are measured at settlement amounts less any trade discounts.

4.5 Provision for liabilities

A liability is measured on recognition at its historical cost and then subsequently measured at the best estimate of the amount required to settle the obligation at the reporting date.

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Analysis of receipts

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
5 Donations and legacies				
Donations and Gift Aid	14,407	-	14,407	7,016
	<u>14,407</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>14,407</u>	<u>7,016</u>
6 Charitable activities				
<u>Income from fundraising activities</u>				
Fundraising events	13,931	-	13,931	10,508
Ukraine	-	-	-	2,000
Mulan	1,496	-	1,496	1,000
Earthquake	-	-	-	3,780
	<u>15,427</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>15,427</u>	<u>17,288</u>
7 Other trading activities				
Membership Subscriptions	3,278	-	3,278	2,873
Other income	-	-	-	-
	<u>3,278</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>3,278</u>	<u>2,873</u>
8 Income from investments				
Bank interest	20	-	20	10
	<u>20</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>20</u>	<u>10</u>

Receipts were £33,130 (2023: £27,187) of which £33,130 was unrestricted or designated (2023: £21,407) and £0 was restricted (2023: £16,852)

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Analysis of payments on charitable activities

Unrestricted	Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
9 Charitable payments				
<u>Direct costs</u>				
Donations made	16,685 -		16,685	7,319
Ukraine fundraiser	925 -		925	2,500
Earthquake funds	- -		-	4,280
Fundraising activities	3,431 -		3,431	5,252
Events	5,337 -		5,337	4,347
Project equipment	534 -		534	980
Venue hire	2,085 -		2,085	760
<u>Support costs</u>				
Membership costs	2,789 -		2,789	2,399
Website costs	127 -		127	127
Postage & carriage	13 -		13	59
Insurance	- -		-	140
Professional fees	688 -		688	444
Bank charges	- -		-	38
<u>Asset and investment purchase</u>				
Purchase of fixed asset	-	-	-	1,200
	<u>32,614</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>32,614</u>	<u>29,845</u>

Payments on charitable activities were £32,614 (2023: £29,845) of which £32,614 was unrestricted or designated (2023: £24,065) and £0 was restricted (2023: £16,852)

10 Fees for examination of the accounts

	2024 £	2023 £
Independent examiner's fees for reporting on the accounts	<u>200</u>	<u>200</u>
	<u>200</u>	<u>200</u>

There were no other fees paid to the examiner (2023: £nil)

11 Analysis of staff costs and the cost of key management personnel

No employee received remuneration above £60,000 (2023: nil)

The key management personnel of the charity, comprise the trustees. The total employee benefits of the key management personnel of the charity were £nil (2023: £nil).

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12 Transactions with trustees

None of the trustees have been paid any remuneration or received any other benefits from an employment with the charity or a related entity.

Trustees' expenses

No trustee expenses have been incurred in the year.

Transaction(s) with related parties

There have been no related party transactions in the reporting period.

13 Corporation Taxation

The charity is exempt from tax on income and gains falling within section 505 of the Taxes Act 1988 or section 252 of the Taxation of Chargeable Gains Act 1992 to the extent that these are applied to its charitable objectives.

14 Cash at bank and in hand

	2024	2023
	£	£
Cash at bank and in hand	<u>9,182</u>	<u>8,665</u>
	<u>9,182</u>	<u>8,665</u>

15 Events after the end of the reporting period

No events requiring adjustment to the accounts have occurred after the end of the reporting period but before the accounts are authorised which relate to conditions that arose after the end of the reporting period.

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16 Analysis of charitable funds

Analysis of movements in unrestricted funds For the year ended 31 December 2022

brought forward	Fund balances	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Transfers	Fund balances carried forward
Unrestricted funds	£	£	£	£	£
General unrestricted fund	8,665	33,130	(32,614)	-	9,182
Totals	8,665	33,130	(32,614)	-	9,182

Purpose of unrestricted funds

General unrestricted fund The 'free reserves' of the charity

17 Capital commitments

As at 30 June 2024, the charity had no capital commitments (2023: £nil)

18 Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted Funds	Total 2024
	£	£
Cash at bank and in hand	9,182	9,182
	<u>9,182</u>	<u>9,182</u>

	Unrestricted Funds	Total 2023
	£	£
Cash at bank and in hand	8,665	8,665
	<u>8,665</u>	<u>8,665</u>

End of Financial Statements

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Accounts



Trustees Annual Report & Financial Statements

2022 - 2023



Trustees Annual Report & Financial Statements For the Year Ended 31st June 2023

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Report of the Board of Trustees for the year ending 30th June 2023

The Lions Club of Morpeth hereby presents its Trustees Report and externally examined Financial Statements for the year ending 30th June 2023.

Reference and Administrative Information

Charity Name:	The Lions Club of Morpeth
Charity Registration Number (CIO):	1175272
Date of Registration:	27 th March 2018
Registered Club Address:	7 The Covers Morpeth NE61 2RU

Board of Trustees (as at the Lions Club Meeting 9th April 2024)

Chris Offord	-- President
Margaret Trewick	-- Community Services Chairperson
Richard Nash	-- Treasurer
Geoff Bushell	-- Secretary
Peter Crook	-- Immediate Past President
Louise Blease	-- Member Trustee
Richard Short	-- Vice President

Independent Examiner – Michelle Wright MW Accounting.
Woodgate House. 5C Wood Street. Gateshead NE11 9NP

Bankers – Natwest. 4 Bridge Street, Morpeth. NE61 1NG

The fully audited accounts were presented by the Treasurer and approved by The Lions Club of Morpeth and recorded in the Minutes of Meeting on 9th April 2024.

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Our Aims and Objectives

Our charity's objectives and purposes are set out in The Lions Club of Morpeth's Constitution and are to:

- 1) Promote the principles of good citizenship.
- 2) Encourage members to take an active interest in civic, cultural, social and moral welfare of the community.
- 3) Encourage service minded people to serve their community without personal reward.
- 4) Support youth to develop their skills to enable them to participate in society as mature and responsible individuals
- 5) Promote the voluntary sector to improve the conditions of life of people in local, national and International communities.
- 6) Promoting the relief of poverty in particular by providing humanitarian aid and disaster relief.
- 7) Promoting the advancement of health by preventing avoidable blindness, assisting disabled people to lead independent lives or helping to manage health issues.

Ensuring our work delivers our aims

We constantly review our aims, objectives and activities each year to ensure that we are focussing on the most effective means to raise funds and help local communities and individuals. This does change each year depending on circumstances and needs.

The review looks at the success of each activity and event and the benefit accomplished. As a result, less effective activities may be replaced by new events as we move forward.

We refer to the guidance contained in the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit when reviewing our success and planning for the future.

During the year, we raised finance from the public at a number of events as outlined in the Fundraising Report. We also held a street collection in order to fund immediate relief and assistance as a result of the Turkish Earthquake Disaster Appeal. All funds raised for this appeal were forwarded to LCIF. (Lions Clubs International)

The Club also increased its Environmental involvement in 2022 – 23 with a number of new initiatives and a joint venture with other local organisations. Full details are outlined in the Environmental Report.

The strategies we use in order to meet our objectives

Provide a range of club wide activities, events or donations that will give benefit to Youth, the General Community, Health or the elderly. The activity or organised events are tailored to meet the needs of that particular group. The following reports will provide fuller information on these activities and organised events that have taken place during the year.

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Other organised events may be general fund raisers held in order to provide funds for local causes and families in need, especially towards Christmas where strong provision is made for Children and needy families in the local and outlying area.

A number of events will change from year to year depending on popularity and whether the Trustees feel that the event is likely to be supported by the public.

Since the Club is an integral part of Lions Club International Foundation, we are always mindful of International emergencies and disasters where immediate relief is necessary. As indicated in the various reports, Lions Club of Morpeth are always very active in organising street collections or other events in order to make significant donations to International Disaster Appeals in line with LCIF requests.

Of course it is not always about money and donations. This year Lions have been very actively involved in providing services to the community such as gardening assistance to a local organisation who provide facilities for the blind and partially sighted and to a local Community Hub.

How our activities deliver public benefit

More detail on how we deliver public benefit can be gained from the Community Services, Fundraising and Environment reports below.

Over the year, The Lions Club of Morpeth have responded to a wide range of needs from local community to National and International Disaster Relief.

Each request for help and each donation is carefully considered by the Community Services Committee and the Trustees entirely on its merits before being approved by the Club Membership.

The Focus of our Work

In 2022 – 2023 the Club carried out a wide range of successful events which are detailed in the following reports, which form part of this Annual Report.

Organisation of activities and events is the responsibility of the 'Fundraising Committee', supported by the full membership of the Club.

The 'Community Services' Report and the 'Fundraising Committee' Annual Report which follows (pages 7 & 8 respectively), provide greater detail on the events and fund raising activities that we have been able to complete during the year.

The President and Trustees thank all Members of the Club for their support in fundraising and social events throughout the year.

Lastly, sincere thanks must go to the generous public of Morpeth and outlying areas who have also given such strong and consistent support to the Club throughout the year.

Geoff Bushell
Secretary
Lions Club of Morpeth



PRESIDENTS REPORT FOR THE YEAR 2022 - 2023

First of all I would like to say how proud I was to be the first to to serve the Lion's Club of Morpeth as President for a fourth time. My year this time was so much less stressful and normal than my previous year as President. This was of course the year 2020/2021 which was obviously during the height of the COVID pandemic. That year all meetings were via zoom with no face to face meetings at all.

Whilst my role as President is to lead the Club I could not do that successfully without the support and hard work of fellow members, partners, friends and other local clubs in Morpeth.

We had a very successful year as a Club in many ways. The profile of the Club has hit new heights in recent times as our local community sees what we are achieving by donations to local charities and voluntary organisations.

Monies raised by local collections, donations and fundraising activities have once again been fantastic. We were able to recommence our Book Fair after a break of 3 years due to COVID restrictions. This has quickly become one of our major fundraiser and during 2022/2023 we have raised over £6250. What a tremendous result when you realise all books are sold for £1 and all books have been donated. It has now become an event that the people of Morpeth anxiously anticipate.

I would also like to highlight that because of the generous donations made by the good people of Morpeth and South East Northumberland and our supporters through Just Giving we were able to donate more than £4000 to LCIF to the Turkey and Syria Earthquake appeal.

The Club once again undertook to provide Christmas presents and essential clothing to circa 100 children. We liaise closely with Social Services and in particular the Crisis Team who provide numbers/ages of disadvantaged families/children to us. These children would be unlikely to receive any presents without Morpeth Lions. Additionally selection boxes were supplied to special needs schools. Whilst we utilise our own funds for these gifts we must thank the generous donations of toys from Dobbies, Lidl, The Works and local churches.

Finally whilst raising funds and undertaking charitable work is important we must not forget that members need to enjoy the fellowship of each other. This we do with our annual Chinese Banquet, Partners Night and our Annual Charter Dinner which was attended by 80 members and friends. Other ad hoc events were arranged during the year.

Therefore I am delighted to say that once again I enjoyed my year as President and what we achieved as a Club was down to the tremendous support of members, partners and friends.

*Peter Crook
President 2022/2023.
Lions Club of Morpeth*

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COMMUNITY SERVICES REPORT 2022 / 2023

COMMUNITY SERVICE ACTIVITY

During this Lions year the Club have responded to a wide variety of community needs, both local, national and international in accordance with the Club's objectives, principles and priorities.

Major activities around the Lions Club core themes are summarised below.

COMMUNITY

The Club continued its significant support of the Wansbeck Valley Food Bank with a number of donations and in particular a donation to coincide with winter demand and the Christmas Period.

A number of Local Community Organisations were supported throughout the year with donations. This included a Domestic Abuse Refuge, various self help Centres, a Community Hub, a number of local schools and help for families in need.

Throughout the year the Club has worked closely with local support agencies to provide emergency assistance with items of furniture, bedding and household goods.

Message in a bottle was strongly supported and additional supplies were sourced to cover demand from North Tyneside Carers Centre.

Christmas time was especially busy with donations of food parcels, parcels of toys and clothes for children and selection boxes for local Special Schools.

The Local area was very active in support of Ukrainian Refugees and Lions in turn supported the Refugees via a donation for English lessons and a caravan holiday for a young Ukrainian Refugee family.

In addition to donations, practical help was always on hand with the planting of 3000 bulbs on the path to the local Railway Station and assistance with gardening at a nearby Organisation for blind and partially sighted.

YOUTH

Working closely with Social Services the Club was able to continue its long established tradition of providing Christmas parcels of toys and clothing for the children of local families in need. Because Lions are able to respond quickly, we are often required to help out at very short notice where there is extreme hardship involved.

We also sponsored one entrant in the Lions Clubs International Peace Poster Competition.

HEALTH

Throughout the year charities providing health services received donations from the Club including Tiny Lives, Samaritans of Northumberland, LIBRA (Blood cancer Charity) and Northumbria Community Enterprises. The Club also purchased a number of Message in a Bottle units for distribution to local Organisations who had asked Lions for this service.

Organisations such as The Great North Air Ambulance have been supported during the year and Blood Bikes are earmarked for a future donation. Both of these Organisations are expensive to operate and very appreciative of the ongoing donations from Lions.

SIGHT

The Morpeth Area Partially Sighted Group received a donation and the Morpeth Talking Newspaper was provided with editors and readers on a regular basis.

The Club continues the collection and recycling of unwanted spectacles for distribution to countries without adequate health provision as part of a nationwide Lions initiative.

A donation was also made to LCI Sightsavers.

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INTERNATIONAL

Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF) provides substantial worldwide aid in response to humanitarian crises. This aid is distributed via local Lions Clubs. The Club was able to support LCIF on a number of occasions throughout the year in particular The Turkish & Syria Earthquake and the Ukrainian Appeal.

Lion Margaret Trewick
Community Services Chairman

FUNDRAISING REPORT 2022 / 2023

In line with previous years, The Lions Club of Morpeth followed its successful program of events, and were as always prepared to raise funds at short notice in response to both National and International emergencies.

Additionally, members continue to support other local organisations with their fundraising in the local area.

Our main fundraising events are listed below:

- 1) Book fairs.
- 2) Charity Banquet evenings.
- 3) Wine tasting evenings.
- 4) Rugby Club fireworks collection.
- 5) Supermarket collections.
- 6) Food tasting evenings.
- 7) Local community event collections.
- 8) Local Dance/Theatre collections after performances.
- 9) We continue to receive great support from local businesses that have our collecting cans in their premises.
- 10) Our club annual Football score predictor.
- 11) Private sponsors for events.
- 12) At short notice we held a street collection in aid of The Lions International Disaster appeal following the Turkish Earthquake.
- 13) We continue to receive donations from private individuals.

Graham Tait
Fundraising Chairman
2022/2023

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ENVIRONMENT REPORT 2022 / 2023

Last year saw two new initiatives taking shape, one at Morpeth Station and one at Vision Northumberland (previously the County Blind Association) premises in Morpeth.

The Station initiative is a joint venture with the Greater Morpeth Development Trust and Rotary. The venture saw the building of two raised shrub and flower beds, surrounded by decorative aggregate at the front of the railway station. This year the three organisations have taken it in turns to maintain the area as well as establishing an adjoining rockery bed leading to the south bound platform. Flower tubs on the platforms have been restored and planted up. The path from town to the north bound platform has been cleared and spring bulbs planted alongside. The Club already has an ongoing project to maintain the gardens at Vision Northumberland. There was a rear garden laid out as a homage to the 16th century botanist William Turner. Unfortunately it was of little use to the visually impaired. The Lions cleared the area of wooden structures and shrubs ready for the area to be professionally landscaped. The Club also secured a grant from the Co-op Community Initiative Fund to refurbish the area. The landscaping work is planned to take place over the winter of 2023/24.

A new initiative for this year was the creation of a vegetable and herb garden at the Pegswood Community Hub. Two areas were cleared and raised beds established. Plants and soil were donated by Dobbies Garden Centre. The produce is to be used in the Hub's Community kitchen which provides lunches for local residents.

The Club continues to maintain its William Turner Woodland Bank at Carlisle Park although this has largely been undertaken by the local authority Parks Team. The Club also planted an oak tree within the Park to celebrate its 50 year anniversary.

Chris Offord
Environmental Officer
Lions Club of Morpeth



TREASURERS ANNUAL REPORT & ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR 2022 - 2023

The trustees are pleased to present their annual trustee financial statements of the charity for the year ended 30 June 2023.

The financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the Memorandum and Articles of Association, and Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019)

Full sets of accounts were presented to the Lions Club of Morpeth on 9th of April 2024 and were approved by the Club. This approval was recorded in the Minutes of that Meeting.

Financial Review of the Year:

The results for the year and the charity's financial position at the end of the year are shown in the attached financial statements.

During the year the Charity had income of £27,187 (2022: £37,058) of which £5,780 was restricted (2022: £16,852) and expenditure of £29,845 (2022: £32,550) of which £5,780 was restricted (2022: £16,852). There was an operating deficit of £2,658 (2022: £4,508) of which a £0 was restricted (2022: £0).

At 30 June 2023 the Charity had net assets of £8,665 (2022: £11,323) of which £0 was restricted (2022: £0).

Reserves policy/Going concern

The Trustees consider the level of reserves, £8,665 (2022: £11,323), prudent for the Charity at this time. Our Reserves Policy is reviewed annually.

Risk Management

The Trustees have conducted a review of the major risks to which the charity is exposed. A risk register has been established and is updated at least annually. Where appropriate, systems or procedures have been established to mitigate the risks the charity faces. Procedures are in place to ensure compliance with health and safety of volunteers, clients and beneficiaries. These procedures are periodically reviewed to ensure that they continue to meet the needs of the charity.

Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities

The trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Annual Report and the Financial Statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards

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(United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

Charity SORP requires the trustees 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 incoming resources and application of resources, including the receipts and payments of the charity for that year. In preparing those financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- state whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operation.

The trustees are responsible for keeping accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Approved by the Trustees on 9th April 2024 and signed on their behalf by:

Richard Nash

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Richard Nash". The signature is written in a cursive style and is placed over a light grey rectangular background.

Treasurer – Lions Club of Morpeth

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For the year ended 30 June 2023

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INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES

For the year ended 30 June 2023

I report on the financial statements of The Lions Club of Morpeth for the year ended 30 June 2023.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Charities Act") and that an independent examination is needed.

Having satisfied myself that the charity is not subject to audit under company law and is eligible for independent examination, it is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act,
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act), and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's statement

My examination was carried out in accordance with general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from the trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair view' and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no material matters have come to my attention 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 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.

Michelle Wright
MW Accounting, Bookkeeping & Training
Woodgate House
5c Wood Street
Gateshead NE11
9NP
Date: 17/04/2024

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THE LIONS CLUB OF MORPETH RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT

For the year ended 30 June 2023

	notes	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2023 £	Total 2022 £
Receipts					
Donations and legacies	5	7,016	-	7,016	4,982
Charitable activities	6	11,508	5,780	17,288	29,782
Other trading activities	7	2,873	-	2,873	2,294
Investments	8	10	-	10	-
Total income		21,407	5,780	27,187	37,058
Payments					
Charitable activities					
Operation of the charity	9	24,065	5,780	29,845	32,550
Total expenditure		24,065	5,780	29,845	32,550
Net movement of funds		(2,658)	-	(2,658)	4,508
Reconciliation of funds					
Total funds brought forward		11,323	-	11,323	6,815
Total funds carried forward		8,665	-	8,665	11,323

The Receipts and Payments Statement includes all gains and losses recognised in the year. All receipts and payments derive from continuing activities

The notes on pages 16 to 22 form an integral part of these accounts.

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THE LIONS CLUB OF MORPETH STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

As at 30 June 2023

	Unrestricted Funds	Notes	Restricted Funds		Total 2023	Total 2022
			£	£	£	£
Cash funds						
Current account			8,665	-	8,665	11,323
Total cash funds			8,665	-	8,665	11,323
Assets retained						
Fixed asset purchase		9	1,200	-	1,200	-
Total assets			1,200	-	1,200	-
Liabilities						
Accountancy and independent examination		10	200	-	200	-
Uncleared cheques			650	-	650	-
Total assets			850	-	850	-

The notes on pages 16 to 22 form an integral part of these accounts.

These financial statements were approved by the Board on: 9th April 2024

and are signed on its behalf by:

Richard Nash
Treasurer

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

For year ended 30 June 2023

1 Accounting Policies

The accounts have been prepared on the receipts and payments basis. An audit is not required by the charity's constitution and has not been requested by the trustees.

2 Basis of accounting

2.1 Preparation of the accounts on a going concern basis

The charity reported total unrestricted funds at the year end of £8,665 and has already secured a significant amount of funding for the current year.

The trustees are of the view that the immediate future of the charity for the next 12 months is secure and that on this basis the charity is a going concern.

The financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis. The Trustees have reviewed and considered relevant information, including the annual budget and future cash flows in making their assessment. The Trustees are of the view that the immediate future of the charity, for the next 12 months is secure and that on this basis the charity is a going concern.

3 Receipts

3.1 Recognition of receipts

Receipts are recognised when the charity has received the receipt.

3.2 Grants and donations

Income from government and other grants are recognised when the charity has received the funds.

3.3 Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds are available to spend on activities that further any of the purposes of the charity. Designated funds are unrestricted funds of the charity which the trustees have decided at their discretion to set aside to use for a specific purpose. Restricted funds are donations which the donor has specified are to be solely used for particular areas of the charity's work or for specific projects being undertaken by the charity.

4 Payments and liabilities

4.1 Liability recognition

Liabilities are recognised when it is more likely than not that there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to pay out resources and the amount of the obligation can be measured with reasonable certainty.

4.2 Charitable activities

Payments on charitable activities includes the costs of promoting the relief of poverty in particular by providing humanitarian aid and disaster relief as well as other activities undertaken to further the purposes of the charity and their associated support costs

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4.3 Governance and support costs

Support costs have been allocated between governance cost and other support.

Governance costs comprise all costs involving public accountability of the charity and its compliance with regulation and good practice.

Support costs are those functions that assist the work of the charity but do not directly undertake charitable activities. Support costs include central functions and have been allocated to activity cost categories on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

4.4 Liabilities

The charity has liabilities which are measured at settlement amounts less any trade discounts.

4.5 Provision for liabilities

A liability is measured on recognition at its historical cost and then subsequently measured at the best estimate of the amount required to settle the obligation at the reporting date.

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Analysis of receipts

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2023	Total 2022
	£	£	£	£
5 Donations and legacies				
Donations and Gift Aid	7,016	-	7,016	4,982
	<u>7,016</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>7,016</u>	<u>4,982</u>
6 Charitable activities				
<u>Income from fundraising activities</u>				
Fundraising events	10,508	-	10,508	12,198
Ukraine	-	2,000	2,000	16,852
Mulan	1,000	-	1,000	732
Earthquake	-	3,780	3,780	-
	<u>11,508</u>	<u>5,780</u>	<u>17,288</u>	<u>29,782</u>
7 Other trading activities				
Membership Subscriptions	2,873	-	2,873	2,232
Other income	-	-	-	62
	<u>2,873</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,873</u>	<u>2,294</u>
8 Income from investments				
Bank interest	10	-	10	-
	<u>10</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>-</u>

Receipts were £27,187 (2022: £37,058) of which £21,407 was unrestricted or designated (2022: £20,206) and £5,780 was restricted (2022: £16,852)

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Analysis of payments on charitable activities

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2023	Total 2022
	£	£	£	£
9 Charitable payments				
<u>Direct costs</u>				
Donations made	7,319	-	7,319	9,476
Ukraine fundraiser	500	2,000	2,500	17,500
Earthquake funds	500	3,780	4,280	-
Fundraising activities	5,252	-	5,252	3,213
Events	4,347	-	4,347	682
Project equipment	980	-	980	-
Venue hire	760	-	760	-
<u>Support costs</u>				
Membership costs	2,399	-	2,399	1,679
Website costs	127	-	127	-
Postage & carriage	59	-	59	-
Insurance	140	-	140	-
Professional fees	444	-	444	-
Bank charges	38	-	38	-
<u>Asset and investment purchase</u>				
Purchase of fixed asset	1,200	-	1,200	-
	<u>24,065</u>	<u>5,780</u>	<u>29,845</u>	<u>32,550</u>

Payments on charitable activities were £29,845 (2022: £32,550) of which £24,065 was unrestricted or designated (2022: £15,698) and £5,780 was restricted (2022: £16,852)

10 Fees for examination of the accounts

	2023	2022
	£	£
Independent examiner's fees for reporting on the accounts	200	-
	<u>200</u>	<u>-</u>

There were no other fees paid to the examiner (2022: £nil)

11 Analysis of staff costs and the cost of key management personnel

No employee received remuneration above £60,000 (2022: nil)

The key management personnel of the charity, comprise the trustees. The total employee benefits of the key management personnel of the charity were £nil (2022: £nil).

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12 Transactions with trustees

None of the trustees have been paid any remuneration or received any other benefits from an employment with the charity or a related entity.

Trustees' expenses

No trustee expenses have been incurred in the year.

Transaction(s) with related parties

There have been no related party transactions in the reporting period.

13 Corporation Taxation

The charity is exempt from tax on income and gains falling within section 505 of the Taxes Act 1988 or section 252 of the Taxation of Chargeable Gains Act 1992 to the extent that these are applied to its charitable objectives.

14 Cash at bank and in hand

	2023	2022
	£	£
Cash at bank and in hand	8,665	11,323
	<u>8,665</u>	<u>11,323</u>

15 Events after the end of the reporting period

No events requiring adjustment to the accounts have occurred after the end of the reporting period but before the accounts are authorised which relate to conditions that arose after the end of the reporting period.

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16 Analysis of charitable funds

Analysis of movements in unrestricted funds For the year ended 31 December 2022

brought forward	Fund balances	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Transfers	Fund balances carried forward
Unrestricted funds	£	£	£	£	£
General unrestricted fund	11,323	21,407	(24,065)	-	8,665
Totals	11,323	21,407	(24,065)	-	8,665

Purpose of unrestricted funds

General unrestricted fund The 'free reserves' of the charity

Analysis of movement in restricted funds

Restricted funds	Fund balances brought forward	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Transfers	Fund balances carried forward
	£	£	£	£	£
Ukraine fundraiser	-	2,000	(2,000)	-	-
Earthquake fundraiser	-	3,780	(3,780)	-	-
Totals	-	5,780	(5,780)	-	-

Purpose of restricted funds

Restricted funds represent income resources used for a specific purpose within the charity as identified by the donor.

Ukraine fundraiser To provide support to the Ukraine fund
 Earthquake fundraiser To provide support to the Earthquake fund

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17 Capital commitments

As at 30 June 2023, the charity had no capital commitments (2022: £nil)

18 Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted Funds £	Total 2023 £
Cash at bank and in hand	8,665	8,665
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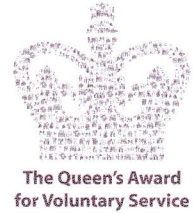
	Unrestricted Funds £	Total 2022 £
Cash at bank and in hand	11,323	11,323
	<u>11,323</u>	<u>11,323</u>

Report Ends

THE LIONS CLUB OF MORPETH

England & Wales - Charity number 1175272

Accounts



Trustees Annual Report & Financial Statements

2021 - 2022



Trustees Annual Report & Financial Statements

For the Year Ended 31st June 2022

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Report of the Board of Trustees for the year ending 30th June 2022

The Lions Club of Morpeth hereby presents its Trustees Report and externally examined Financial Statements for the year ending 30th June 2022.

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Board of Trustees (as at the Lions club Meeting 28 March 2023)

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Margaret Trewick	-- Community Services Chairperson
Richard Nash	-- Treasurer
Geoff Bushell	-- Secretary
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Chris Offord	-- Environment Officer
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Bankers – Natwest. 4 Bridge Street, Morpeth. NE61 1NG
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In March 2022, we raised finance from the public, mainly street collections in order to fund immediate relief and assistance to Refugees as a result of the war in Ukraine. All funds raised were forwarded to LCIF. (Lions Clubs International)

The strategies we use in order to meet our objectives

Provide a range of club wide activities, events or donations that will give benefit to Youth, the General Community, Health or the elderly. The activity or organised events will be tailored to meet the needs of that particular group. The following reports will provide fuller information on these activities and organised events that have taken place during the year.

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Other organised events may be general fund raisers held in order to provide funds for local causes and families in need, especially towards Christmas where strong provision is made for Children and needy families in the local and outlying area.

A number of events will change from year to year depending on popularity and whether the Trustees feel that the event is likely to be supported by the public.

Since the Club is an integral part of Lions Club International Foundation, we are always mindful of International emergencies and disasters where immediate relief is necessary and as indicated in the various reports, Lions Club of Morpeth has been very active in organising street collections in order to make significant donations to the Ukrainian Refugee Appeal.

Of course it is not always about money and donations. This year Lions have been very actively involved in providing services to the community such as gardening assistance to a local organisation who provide facilities for the blind and partially sighted.

How our activities deliver public benefit

More detail on how we deliver public benefit can be gained from the Community Services, Fundraising and Environment reports below.

Over the year, The Lions Club of Morpeth have responded to a wide range of needs from local, to National and International Disaster Relief.

Each request for help and each donation is carefully considered by the Community Services Committee and the Trustees entirely on its merits.

The Focus of our Work

In 2021 – 2022 the Club carried out a wide range of successful events which can be seen from the following reports, which form this Annual Report.

Organisation of activities and events is the responsibility of the 'Fundraising' Committee, supported by the full membership of the Club.

The 'Community Services' Report and the 'Fundraising' Committee annual report which follows (pages 6 & 8 respectively), provide more detail on the events and fund raising activities that we have been able to complete during the year.

Lastly, sincere thanks must go to the generous public of Morpeth and outlying areas who have given such strong and consistent support to the Club throughout the year.

Geoff Bushell
Secretary
Lions Club of Morpeth



PRESIDENTS REPORT FOR THE YEAR 2021 - 2022

I have to start by saying my role as president was to lead the club and with the hard work from my fellow members, their wives, partners, friends and family we achieved great results. I don't want to name individuals as so many contribute in many ways but I must make an exception and mention Geoff Bushell (secretary) and Richard Nash (treasurer) without whom the club could not operate.

We had such a fantastic year that it's hard to know where to start -

We had a large increase in membership and saw an amazing amount of money raised. The amount of funds and assistance we were able to offer other voluntary charities to assist with their various events was something we can all be proud of. And, of course our fellowship functions - the 50th Anniversary charter being the cherry on the cake.

Monies raised across the year was incredible enabling us to donate £20,000 to Ukraine (*this includes the July 2022 donation*), finance over one hundred Christmas gifts including toys, clothes, sweets, and extra special food items, and to make many other donations to good causes. Financial donations came from many sources including – the public, church and youth groups, sports clubs and local business. We were also able to use our Just Giving page and government tax relief/ gift aid.

Although the club had an extremely busy year raising funds and taking on charitable work, we still had time to socialise and enjoy ourselves. The many events helped raise money for administration and the charity account such as – The Chinese Banquet, Curry night, Wine tasting, restaurant visits during the book sale and of course our 50th Charter which I was honoured to host at Pleased to Meet You, where we welcomed family and friends alongside our district governor and local dignitaries.

I would like to finish by saying how proud I am of everything we achieved across the year and have confidence that the club will continue successfully under the leadership of my vice-president Peter with support from his wife Janice.

Les Sage

*President 2021/2022.
Lions Club of Morpeth*

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COMMUNITY SERVICES REPORT 2021 / 2022

As we recovered from the Covid Pandemic the Club responded to a wide variety of local, national and international needs in accordance with our objectives, principles and priorities.

Major activities around the Lions core themes are set out below:-

COMMUNITY

Donations were made to **Wansbeck Valley Food Bank; Ashington Life Centre** who work with disadvantaged and homeless people; to **Woodhorn Museum** to help provide seating in their new accessible children's playground; to the RNLi; local **Hospital Radio**; a local **rehoused family** in need of kitchen equipment and to the **Domestic Abuse Centre** for new bedding in their client apartments; **Community Defibrillator; Morpeth Litter Group; Northumberland Mountain Rescue;**

A caravan holiday was provided for a Ukranian Refugee Family living with a local family.

Club Members also volunteer to transport Food Share items donated by the Coop to four centres in the area helping need families. The Ashington Life Centre, Stobhill Link, Pegswood Hub and the Wansbeck Valley Food Bank.

YOUTH

Working closely with Social Services and other parties, Christmas parcels of toys, clothes and Christmas treats were distributed to over 100 children of families in need and snuggle blankets were provided for all of the children at the Domestic abuse Centre.

The club also sponsored children's activities during Morpeth Book Week.

HEALTH

Donations went to the following health charities:-

The Sick Children's Trust; the Great North Air Ambulance; The Samaritans; Blood Bikes; Contact (a local mental health charity); Hospice Care Northumberland; St Oswald's Hospice, Carer's Northumberland; The Bubble Foundation; Children's Cancer Ward at Newcastle Royal Victoria Infirmary; Heel and Toe Charity; LIBRA; Medic Alert Early Start Programme; The wheelchair Curling Club; Daft as a Brush Cancer Care Transport; Message in a Bottle units supplied to surgeries and carers throughout our local area.

SIGHT

The Club have undertaken the renovation of the garden at the local centre for the Blind. It will be made into a totally accessible sensory area for the users of the centre.

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INTERNATIONAL

Donations were made to the **RED CROSS** Afghanistan appeal and to our Lions Club International Fund (this is an annual amount outside any special appeals). The Club also organised street and supermarket collections for the Ukrainian Humanitarian appeal. A donation of £20,000 was sent to Lions Clubs International Foundation appeal for the Ukraine. (*This includes the July 2022 donation*)

Support was also given to Korle-Bu eye Clinic in Ghana and Ball for All.

Lion Margaret Trewick
Community Services Chairman
The Lions Club of Morpeth

FUNDRAISING REPORT [Ways & Means Committee 2021 - 2022]

Following on from the disruption to our Club activities by the Pandemic, **The Lions Club of Morpeth** planned a busy program of Fundraising events. Unfortunately our program had to be changed at short notice due to the Russian invasion of the Ukraine. The situation in the Ukraine became our main focus with a street collection in the town, and we were inundated with offers of help from members of the public who looked to us to take the lead.

The response to our collection from the public and businesses was incredible, and other initiatives were introduced to further enhance that support. A second street collection proved how the public felt about the situation that was continuing to develop in the Ukraine.

Unfortunately Storm Arwen dealt us a "blow" due to our annual fishing competition being cancelled on safety grounds.

Other fundraising events were now able to continue with our two book fair weekends being as popular as ever.

Other events were well received and provided exceptional revenue for our Charity Account.

We are indebted, as always, to the many businesses and individuals who continued to support us in our work in the community.

The income generated from our fundraising activities is detailed elsewhere in this report.

Lion Les Sage.
Chairman
Fundraising Committee 2021 / 2022

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ENVIRONMENT REPORT 2021 / 2022

This year has seen two new initiatives taking shape, one at Morpeth Station and one at Vision Northumberland (previously the County Blind Association) premises in Morpeth.

The Station initiative is a joint venture with the Greater Morpeth Development Trust and Rotary. Meetings were taking place in the previous Lion year but the real work was largely completed in this year. Morpeth Station has undergone a comprehensive refurbishment but this did not include the grounds. The three organisations have put in two raised shrub and flower beds surrounded by decorative aggregate at the front of the station. Further work is planned and there is a Club commitment to the maintenance and watering of the beds. The Club already has an ongoing project to maintain the gardens at Vision Northumberland. There is a rear garden laid out as a homage to the 16th century botanist William Turner. Unfortunately it is of little use to the visually impaired and plans have been drawn up to clear the area and replace with a design to be of more use to their clients. Work is expected to start in the autumn of the next Lion year. An application has been made for part funding under the Co-op Community Initiative Fund.

The Club continues to maintain its William Turner Woodland Bank at Carlisle Park as well as assisting, on an individual basis, the Town litter picks.

*Chris Offord
Environmental Officer
Lions Club of Morpeth*



TREASURERS ANNUAL REPORT & ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR 2021 - 2022

The Annual Accounts for the Lions Club of Morpeth Charity Account and the Admin Account for the year 1st July 2021 to 30th June 2022 were submitted to an external qualified examiner.

The Examiners Review of these accounts is as follows:-

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Full sets of accounts were presented to the Lions Club of Morpeth on 28th of March 2023 and were approved by the Club. This approval was recorded in the Minutes of Meeting.

Richard Nash
Treasurer

Lions Club of Morpeth

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THE LIONS CLUB OF MORPETH - ADMIN ACCOUNT - 2021 TO 2022

	<u>30-Jun-22</u>		<u>30-Jun-21</u>
	£	£	£
Opening cash book balance 1 July 2021		715.60	1,937.86
Current year transactions:			
Income	7,498.50		
Expenditure	<u>6,281.43</u>	1,217.07	(1,222.26)
Closing cash book balance 30 June 2022		<u>1,932.67</u>	<u>715.60</u>
Balance per bank statements:			
Current HSBC 61092820 20 June 2022		1,932.67	715.60
Less: unrepresented cheques	-		
Add: unrecorded lodgements	-	-	-
Balance per cash book 30 June 2022		<u>1,932.67</u>	<u>715.60</u>

i have reviewed the above financial statement, summarising the organisation's financial dealings for the period ended 30 June 2022, which has been prepared in accordance with the information provided to me.

FC Nash

17 March 2023

Fiona Nash BA FCA

Date:

Category	Income	Expenditure
Charter Dinner	3,740	4,084
Subs	2,005	1,679
Raffle	735	180
Curry night	730	
Meeting fines	227	
Sundry	62	338
Grand Total	7,499	6,281

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THE LIONS CLUB OF MORPETH - CHARITY ACCOUNT - 2021 TO 2022

	<u>30-Jun-22</u>		<u>30-Jun-21</u>
	£	£	£
Opening cash book balance 1 July 2021		6,099.45	5,144.90
Current year transactions:			
Income	33,299.79		
Expenditure	<u>30,008.83</u>	3,290.96	954.55
Closing cash book balance 30 June 2022		<u>9,390.41</u>	<u>6,099.45</u>
Balance per bank statements:			
Current Nat West 06368263 30 June 2022		<u>9,390.41</u>	6,099.45
Less: unrepresented cheques	-		
Add: unrecorded lodgements	-	0.00	0.00
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Date:

Category	Values	
	Income	Expenditure
Ukraine	16,852	17,500
Book Sale	6,858	
Donations	4,982	9,476
Xmas	2,390	2,431
Collections	1,121	
Mulan	732	
Wine Event	194	
Predictor	170	
Sundry		602
Grand Total	33,300	30,009



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

The Lions Club of Morpeth

1175272

Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period from	01-Jul-21	To	30-Jun-22
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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					
Donations received	4,982	16,852	-	21,834	2,967
Fundraising activities	11,465	-	-	11,465	1,664
Membership subscriptions	2,005	-	-	2,005	1,025
Sundry	1,754	-	-	1,754	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	20,206	16,852	-	37,058	5,656
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	20,206	16,852	-	37,058	5,656
A3 Payments					
Donations made	12,555	16,852	-	29,407	3,367
Sundry	1,464	-	-	1,464	522
LCI subscriptions and dues	1,679	-	-	1,679	2,035
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	15,698	16,852	-	32,550	5,924
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	15,698	16,852	-	32,550	5,924
Net of receipts/(payments)	4,508	-	-	4,508	- 268
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	6,815	-	-	6,815	7,083
Cash funds this year end	11,323	-	-	11,323	6,815

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	Current account National Westminster bank	9,390	-	-
	Current account HSBC bank	1,933	-	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	11,323	-	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))			


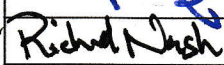
Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B3 Investment assets			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
B5 Liabilities			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	

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

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
	PETER CROOK	28/3/23
	RICHARD NASH	28/3/23

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Total Income & Expei	37,058	32,550
Net receipts		4,508

Admin Account	1217.07
Charity account	3290.96
	4508.03

	<u>Combined Income</u>			<u>Combined Expenditure</u>			
	<u>Donations</u>	<u>Fundraising</u>	<u>Membership</u>	<u>Sundry</u>	<u>Donations</u>	<u>Sundry</u>	<u>LCI subs & dues</u>
	16,852	6,858			17,500		
	4,982	2,390			9,476		
		1,121			2,431		
		732				602	
		194					
		170					
			2,005			344	
				735			1,679
				730		180	
				227			
				62		338	
	21,834	11,465	2,005	1,754	29,407	1,464	1,679
				37,058			32,550



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/
members of

The Lions Club of Morpeth

On accounts for the year
ended

30 June 2022

Charity no
(if any)

1175272

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 30 / 06 / 2022

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:

FC Nash

Date:

21 March 2023

Name:

Fiona Nash

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

FCA

Address:

6 Cottingvale

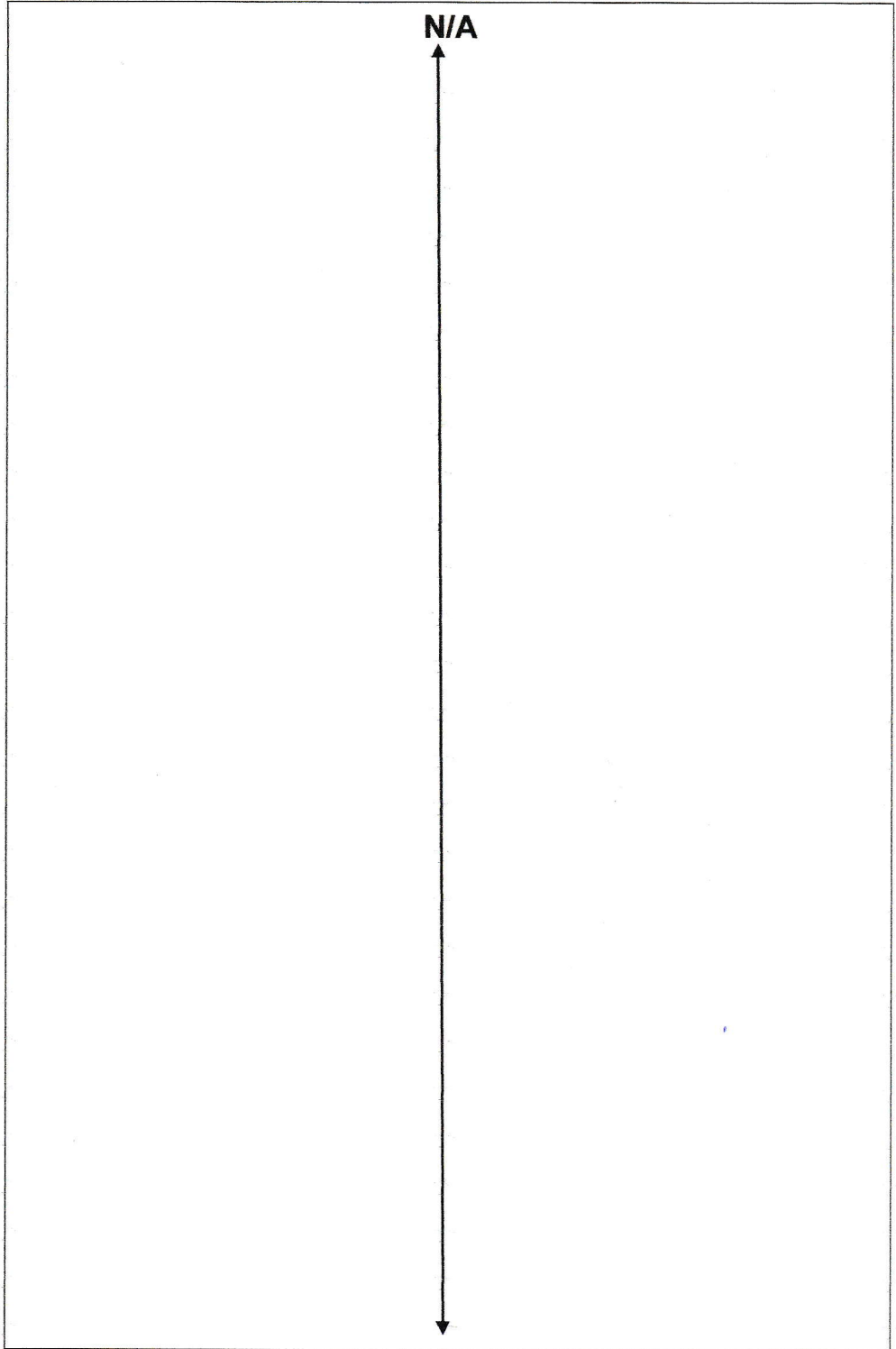
Morpeth

Northumberland

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.

N/A



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meet the needs of that particular group. For example our annual 'Meet The Lions' Event is clearly aimed to provide benefit to an elderly group, whereas events such as swimming is aimed at helping younger groups such as the Guides, Scouts and Schools to raise money for their own organisations. Events such as the popular Annual Fishing event attracts entrants from a wide field.

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Further information can be gained from other reports contained later in this document.

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In 2020 – 2021 the Club meetings and its activities were somewhat limited by COVID 19 restrictions, however, the Club continued to function to the best of its abilities as indicated in the various reports which form this Annual Report.

Organisation of activities and events is the responsibility of the 'Ways & Means' Committee, supported by the full membership of the Club.

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Geoff Bushell
Secretary
Lions Club of Morpeth

PRESIDENTS REPORT FOR THE YEAR 2020 - 2021

My presidential year was in effect 17 months due to the ill health of the wife of my predecessor. Within a month of me taking over the first lockdown was announced. Therefore at the time of me formally taking over as President of the Lions Club of Morpeth we were deep into COVID19 restrictions. Face to face meetings were abandoned with zoom meetings eventually taking place after 3 months. These continued for the remainder of my year. Therefore throughout my presidential year without face to face meetings presented the Club with unique challenges which I am pleased to report

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that we were able to overcome.

In the meantime all our normal fund raising events had to be cancelled or postponed although with one exception, the Annual Fishing Competition. This was able to go ahead as restrictions were relaxing at the time of the event. In excess of £1400 was raised which was tremendous and was down to competitors wishing to enjoy a little bit of normality after year of COVID19 restrictions.

Despite the fact that the Club's fund raising income was significantly reduced we were able to undertake our normal Christmas activities following government guidelines on social distancing etc. In this respect we liaised closely with Social Services and in particular the Crisis Team who provided numbers/ages of disadvantaged families/children to us. Armed with this information we purchased Christmas presents and essential clothing for 80/90 children. These children would be unlikely to receive any presents without Morpeth Lions. In addition food parcels were provided to these families.

Our thanks must go to TK Max, Durham for allowing the Club to purchase toys and clothing at a substantially discounted price. We must also thank the Coop here in Morpeth for their generous stock donation of food.

Furthermore we commenced our participation in the Foodshare scheme operated by the Coop whereby we pick up 2/3 times per week food that is coming up to its use by date or best before date. This has been distributed to local community groups including Stobhill Link, Pegswood Hub, Ashington Life Centre and Wansbeck Valley Food Bank. Finally the Club identified the needs of hospital patients having been admitted as an emergency with symptoms of COVID without any personal effects including toiletries. We therefore liaised with Northumbria Healthcare NHS Trust whose hospitals are located throughout Northumberland to determine what patients required by way of basic toiletries. As a result two deliveries were made to Northumbria Healthcare of toiletries at a cost of over £800. The feedback received from patients and hospital personnel has been extremely positive.

To conclude I would like to express my gratitude to my fellow trustees and committees for their advice and assistance which made my job so much easier. My thanks must also go to everyone who helped in this difficult year for the Lions Club of Morpeth.

*Peter Crook
President 2020/2021.
Lions Club of Morpeth*

COMMUNITY SERVICES REPORT 2020 / 2021

The effects of Covid 19 are reflected in the level of activity for The Lions Club of Morpeth during 2020-2021. However, in spite of this, the Club did have some remarkable achievements. Our major donations were made to children and families in need over Christmas and to the NHS with a few smaller donations to local charities. We also managed to establish links with the local COOP to participate in their Food Share and Community Grants Schemes.

CHRISTMAS PARCELS

The Lions Club of Morpeth *Registered Charity 1175272*



Over 100 children and their families received sacks of toys and clothes together with a parcel of seasonal food and sweets. In this we were assisted by local shops who were extremely generous in their donations of festive treats.

NHS

We discovered that there was a need for packs of essential toiletries for both patients and staff in our hospitals. At the time many people were admitted to hospital with covid and could take nothing with them and because no-one could visit they were unable to get essentials like soap, toothpaste, shampoo etc. Hospital staff were in a similar position in that they were not allowed to take anything in to work with them. We liaised with our local ASDA who agreed to help us with this project. The result was that we delivered two large consignments of these essential goods to our Northumbria Hospital Trust.

FOOD SHARE

The Coop Food Share Scheme is when they have goods that are still in date and totally edible. However, their shelf life is short so regulations mean they can no longer be offered for sale. When this happens, charitable organisations are offered this food to distribute to those who are in need in our community. We collect and deliver food twice a week and distribute it to the various organisations in our area who are feeding the huge number of people who are in dire poverty.

MISCELLANEOUS

Several other donations were made throughout the year. The Wansbeck Valley Foodbank, a local pub who were raising money to purchase a defibrillator, a cot to a family in need, a donation to Marie Curie, and a donation towards our Zone Appeal for equipment for the babies in the Children's Cancer Ward at the RVI in Newcastle.

Lion Margaret Trewick
Community Services Committee Chairman

Lions Club of Morpeth

FUNDRAISING REPORT [Ways & Means Committee 2020 - 2021]

For the second year running, extended restrictions due to the Covid Pandemic continued to have significant impact on our capability to fund raise in the community, with some events being cancelled. Fortunately restrictions were lifted in time for us to hold our main fundraising event which was the annual Charity Fishing Competition. Our annual Newcastle United score predictor proved as popular as ever and generated welcome income. We continue to issue collecting cans to many businesses in the town. We are



indebted to them all for their kind offer to provide this valuable source of income. The Lions Club of Morpeth is also indebted to the very kind donations from individuals and businesses, without which we would be unable to provide the much needed financial support to our community. The income generated from these sources is detailed elsewhere in this report.

*Les Sage. Chairman.
Ways and Means Committee. 2020/21
Lions Club of Morpeth*

ENVIRONMENT REPORT 2020 / 2021

William Turner Woodland, Carlisle Park, Morpeth Ten year ago as part of the Club's 40 year celebrations, the Club looked for a site to plant 40 trees. As it happened there was a prominent grass bank adjoining the town's William Turner garden in the main park. William Turner (1508 – 1568) was a Morpeth born physician and naturalist who became the first person to identify and name plants correctly in English. The Garden includes many species he identified for use in medicine. The Lions have complimented the garden with a woodland bank of species with flower and fruit trees also identified by William Turner for medicinal properties. This woodland needs continual maintenance and a small team of Lions have continued this for the past 10 years and will continue to do so. Two further crab apple trees were planted during the year. Morpeth Station Landscape Project Morpeth Station buildings are undergoing a major facelift helped by a number of significant grants. However this does not include landscaping at the station entrance. The project was too large in terms of manpower and finance for a single organisation to tackle. In March the Club's Environmental Officer got in contact with his counterparts in the Greater Morpeth Development Trust and the Rotary Club and a joint scheme was devised led by an ex-Lion at the Trust. Plans were drawn up for two raised shrub and flower beds surrounded by aggregate chippings. Work has continued on this into the next Lions year. The Northumberland County Blind Association headquarters The NCBA's HQ is near the centre of Morpeth. Part of the garden holds the award winning Chelsea Flower Show exhibit of some 10 years ago based on the town's William Turner garden. The garden had been neglected due to lack of volunteers with Covid restrictions. The Club has now formed a gardening team to restore the garden to its pre-Covid state. Gardening Throughout the Covid restrictions, the Club maintained the garden of a widow of a former Club member, as she was unable to manage it. Litter Picks The Lions Club became involved with litter picks some years ago led by a Club member. Eventually the member left the Club to lead a series of initiatives on litter in the Morpeth area. However Club members still help with the litter picks and funding of equipment. Other Initiatives Sadly a number of other Environmental initiatives such as Bug Hotels for School grounds have been put on hold due to access difficulties with Covid restrictions. Hopefully they will be restarted next year.

*Chris Offord
Environmental Officer*



Lions Club of Morpeth

TREASURERS ANNUAL REPORT & ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR 2020 - 2021

The Annual Accounts for the Lions Club of Morpeth Charity Account and the Admin Account for the year 1st July 2020 to 30th June 2021 were submitted to an external qualified examiner.

The Examiners Review of these accounts is as follows:-

A) THE LIONS CLUB OF MORPETH ADMIN ACCOUNT:

See Page 10

B) THE LIONS CLUB OF MORPETH CHARITY ACCOUNT:

See Page 11

Both sets of accounts were presented to the Lions Club of Morpeth on 22nd of March 2022 and were approved by the Club and this approval was recorded in the Minutes of Meeting.

Richard Nash
Treasurer

Lions Club of Morpeth

The Lions Club of Morpeth

Registered Charity 1175272



THE LIONS CLUB OF MORPETH - ADMIN ACCOUNT - 2020 TO 2021

	30-Jun-21		30-Jun-20
	£	£	£
Opening cash book balance 1 July 2020		1,937.86	1,905.76
Current year transactions:			
Income	1,025.00		
Expenditure	<u>2,247.26</u>	(1,222.26)	32.10
Closing cash book balance 30 June 2021		<u>715.60</u>	<u>1,937.86</u>
Balance per bank statements:			
Current HSBC 61092820 20 June 2021		715.60	1,967.86
Less: unrepresented cheques	-		
Add: unrecorded lodgements	<u>-</u>	-	(30.00)
Balance per cash book 30 June 2021		<u>715.60</u>	<u>1,937.86</u>

I have reviewed the above financial statement, summarising the organisation's financial dealings for the period ended 30 June 2021, which has been prepared in accordance with the information provided to me.

FC Nash

13 March 2022

Fiona Nash BA FCA

Date:

Category	Data	
	Income	Expenditure
Other		212
Subs	1025	2,035
Grand Total	1025	2,247

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THE LIONS CLUB OF MORPETH - CHARITY ACCOUNT - 2020 TO 2021

	<u>30-Jun-21</u>		<u>30-Jun-20</u>
	£	£	£
Opening cash book balance 1 July 2020		5,144.90	3,795.80
Current year transactions:			
Income	4,879.95		
Expenditure	<u>3,925.40</u>	954.55	1,349.10
Closing cash book balance 30 June 2021		<u>6,099.45</u>	<u>5,144.90</u>
Balance per bank statements:			
Current Nat West 06368263 30 June 2021	6,099.45		
		6,099.45	5,118.86
Less: unpresented cheques	-		
Add: unrecorded lodgements	-		26.04
Balance per cash book 30 June 2021		<u>6,099.45</u>	<u>5,144.90</u>

I have reviewed the above financial statement, summarising the organisation's financial dealings for the period ended 30 June 2021, which has been prepared in accordance with the information provided to me.

Fiona Nash

Fiona Nash BA FCA

13 March 2022

Date:

Category	Data	
	Income	Expenditure
Childrens Xmas		1,124
Collections	112	
Donations	2,967	2,133
Family Support		110
Fishing	1,420	250
Predictor	382	
Sundry		308
Grand Total	4,880	3,925