



Trustees Annual Report & Financial Statements

2020 - 2021



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For the Year Ended 31st June 2021

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Report of the Board of Trustees for the year ending 30th June 2021

The Lions Club of Morpeth hereby presents its Trustees Report and externally examined Financial Statements for the year ending 30th June 2021.

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 22 March 2022)

Les Sage	-- President
Margaret Trewick	-- Community Services Chairman
Richard Nash	-- Treasurer
Geoff Bushell	-- Secretary
Graham Tait	-- Event Organiser
Chris Offord	-- Environment Officer
Peter Crook	-- Vice President

Independent Examiner – Fiona Nash BA FCA.

Bankers – Natwest. 4 Bridge Street, Morpeth. NE61 1NG
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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 22nd March 2022.

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.

The strategies we use in order to meet our objectives

Provide a range of club wide activities or events that will provide benefit to Youth, the General Community or the elderly. The activity or organised event will be tailored to



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.

Other organised events may be general fund raisers held in order to provide funds for local causes and families in need.

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

How our activities deliver public benefit

More detail on how we deliver public benefit can be gained from the Community Services Report 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 Trustees entirely on its merits.

The Focus of our Work

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.

The 'Community Services Report and the 'Ways & Means' 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 completed during the year.

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

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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 organisation 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*



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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:

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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

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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

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

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FC 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