



Trustees' Annual Report for the period

	Period start date			Period end date			
From	01	July	2024	To	30	June	2025

Section A Reference and administration details

Charity name

Guildford Lions Club CIO

Other names charity is known by

The Lions Club of Guildford

Registered charity number (if any)

1175962

Charity's principal address

c/o 4, Cheviot Drive

Fleet

Hants

Postcode

GU51 2TF

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	Paul Spooner	President		Guildford Lions Club
2	Andrew Henwood	Secretary		Guildford Lions Club
3	Graham Towler	Treasurer		Guildford Lions Club
4	Brian Watts	Trustee		Guildford Lions Club
5	David Kitching	Trustee		Guildford Lions Club
6	Barry Jutsum	Trustee		Guildford Lions Club
7	Geoffrey Sheldon	Trustee		Guildford Lions Club
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Names of the trustees for the charity, if any, (for example, any custodian trustees)

Name	Dates acted if not for whole year

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address

Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)

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Section B Structure, governance and management

Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document

(eg. Trust deed, constitution)

Constitution dated 28th November 2017

How the charity is constituted

(eg. Trust, association, company)

Charitable Incorporated Organisation

Trustee selection methods

(eg. appointed by, elected by)

All Trustees are appointed by virtue of their office in Guildford Lions Club CIO, as elected annually by the members of the Club in accordance with the terms of the Club's Constitution and By-Laws.

Additional governance issues (Optional information)

You may choose to include additional information, where relevant, about:

- policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees;
- the charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works;
- relationship with any related parties;
- trustees' consideration of major risks and the system and procedures to manage them.

The Club was previously governed as a Charity Trust Fund (Regn. No. 1083404) and converted to a CIO, which became operational 1st July 2018. Assets from the previous charity were transferred to the CIO as at that date.

The Club is an autonomous body within Lions Clubs International and any use of the Club funds is approved by a simple majority of attendees at Club meetings and ratified by a quorum of Trustees.

The Club ensures that all activities are correctly managed and risk assessments are completed for all major events. The Treasurer reviews the financial risk assessment of each event and reports accordingly to the Trustees. A contingency sum is held in reserve to minimise any risk to the Club from fundraising activities.

Officers' and Trustees' training is provided at Lions Clubs International Spring Forum, training days and by online tuition.

Section C Objectives and activities

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

The Club is established to carry out any charitable purpose for the benefit of any individual or group of people, or for other organisations established for charitable purposes.

Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit in relation to these objects (include within this section the statutory declaration that trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit)

The majority of funds generated by the Club are as a result of the programmed fundraising events undertaken during the year. The bulk of the Club's income is however raised at its annual Fireworks Fiesta event.

Beside the fireworks event other significant funds were generated by events like Music in the Park, a Golf Day, Classic Cars display and various Christmas collections.

In deciding on these fundraising activities and on how to use the resultant funds expended the Trustees had regard for the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on the necessity for these activities to be for the public benefit.

The not insignificant level of funds raised through these fundraising events which were supported with sponsorship enabled the Club to make worthwhile donations to Oakleaf, Sight for Surrey, Jigsaw School and local Food banks.

In the past year the Club has also committed substantial resources into the evaluation of the individual requests for financial support which are regularly received.

Additional details of objectives and activities (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include further statements, where relevant, about:

- policy on grantmaking;
- policy programme related investment;
- contribution made by volunteers.

All Club members and volunteers give their time completely free of charge.

Members are permitted to claim transport mileage costs @ £0.45p per mile whilst using personal transport on Club fundraising or charitable activities.

Members donations to the Club and member-only raffles cover administrative costs of running the Club.

The Club has no paid employees, and no salary or fees have been paid directly out of Club funds to any Trustee or to any person known to be connected with any of them.

Thus 100% of all public donations received by the Club are used for charitable causes together with profits generated by Club fundraising events.

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

The Club was able to organise a number of fundraising events during the year which included a Fireworks Fiesta, Golf Day, Music in the Park, Classic Cars Display and Raft Race. Along side these major events other social events and Christmas collections together with donations received boosted the funds to enable us to spend £42,341 on Welfare support this year.

The main beneficiaries being Oakleaf, Food Banks, Halow Project Sight for Surrey, Guildford Action and Royal Surrey Hospital Charity.

In addition to the above, numerous individuals received financial support following a careful assessment of their needs. In particular we were able to provide Christmas food vouchers to 300 individuals or families.

The Club also supports programmes organised by Lions Clubs International and locally promotes the Message in a Bottle scheme along with organised recycling of unwanted spectacles.

Guildford Lions Club are pleased to have been able to assist Guildford Borough Council by providing volunteer stewards for the significant memorial and celebratory events held in the town.

Section E**Financial review**

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

In recent years the cost of staging major fundraising events has generally risen considerably and in particular insurance premiums for essential cover. The Trustees are mindful of the risks associated with these events and have in the last few years increased the Club's contingency reserve from £13,500 to £36,000. An annual review into the required level of this reserve is undertaken.

Details of any funds materially in deficit

None

Further financial review details (Optional information)

You may choose to include additional information, where relevant about:

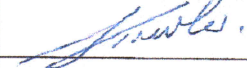
- the charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising);
- how expenditure has supported the key objectives of the charity;
- investment policy and objectives including any ethical investment policy adopted.

The significant costs and hence risk associated with major fundraising events now mean that corporate sponsorship is of prime importance to alleviate the risk and provide cashflow support.

Section F**Other optional information****Section G****Declaration**

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)		
Full name(s)	Graham Towler	
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Treasurer	
Date	14 Nov 2025	



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Charity Name
Guildford Lions Club CIO

No (if any)

Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period
from

1st July 2024
1st July 2024

To

Period end date
30th June 2025

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					
Income from Events	130,290	-	-	130,290	-
Donations inc. gift Aid	8,232	-	-	8,232	-
Bank interest	481	-	-	481	-
Club Admin	8,851	-	-	8,851	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	147,854	-	-	147,854	-
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	147,854	-	-	147,854	-
A3 Payments					
Costs of Events	91,314	-	-	91,314	-
Donations	£42,341	-	-	42,341	-
Club Admin	12,042	-	-	12,042	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	145,697	-	-	145,697	-
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	145,697	-	-	145,697	-
Net of receipts/(payments)	2,157	-	-	2,157	-
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	68,375	-	-	68,375	-
Cash funds this year end	70,532	-	-	70,532	-

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 Accounts	18,872	-	-
	Deposit Accounts	51,660	-	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	70,532	-	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))			

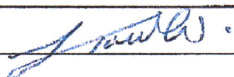
	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-

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

	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
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			-	-
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	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
	G. TOWLER	2/12/2025



CHARITY COMMISSION FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Independent examiner's report on the accounts

Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/
members of

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On accounts for the year
ended

Guildford Lions Club CIO

Set out on pages

30th June 2025

Charity
no
(if
any)

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Responsibilities
and basis of
report

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I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 30/06/2024

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").

Independent
examiner's statement

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.

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention 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.

Signed:

Name:

Date:

22nd November
2025

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

Ian Keith McCarthy

Not required

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