



Shakespeare Lions Club (CIO)

incorporating

Alcester Lions Club (Branch Club)

Registered Charity Number 1177788

Trustees Annual Report for the Year Ended 30th June 2025

Legal and Administrative Details:

Lions Club Name:	Shakespeare Lions Club (CIO)
Formation Date:	11 th October 2018
Charity Name:	Shakespeare Lions club (CIO)
Registered Charity No:	1177788
Principal Address:	The Charity has no registered permanent address; the Lions Club Treasurer acts as the focal point for correspondence: David Dumper, 99 Shottery Road, Stratford upon Avon, Warwickshire, CV37 9QB
Charity Constitution:	Incorporation Deed dated 11 th October 2018
Current Trustees, 2024-25:	
Ex Officio Trustees:	Charles Williams (President) appointed 1 Jul 2025 Janet Long (Secretary) appointed 1 Jul 2022 David Dumper (Treasurer) appointed 11 Oct 2018
Elected Trustees	Timothy Hewson-Stoate (Trustee) appointed 1 Jul 2021 Trevor Lloyd-Adams (Trustee) appointed 11 Oct 2018 David Millington (Trustee) appointed 11 Oct 2018 David Beese (Trustee) appointed 1 Jul 2023 Anne Turner (Trustee) appointed 11 Oct 2018 John Barlow (Trustee) appointed 1 Jul 2025 Clive Thomas (Trustee) appointed 1 Jul 2025
Resignations, 2024-25	None

Bankers: Barclays Bank UK PLC (Stratford upon Avon Branch) Market Cross,
Stratford upon Avon, CV37 6AP

Lloyds Bank plc, PO Box 1000, Andover, Hampshire

Independent Examiner: Mr Ashley Pettifer, 5 Shottery Road, Stratford upon Avon, CV37 9QA

Aims and Organisation

Lions Clubs International

Shakespeare Lions Club (CIO) is a local club formed as part of Lions Clubs International voluntary service organisation that helps, supports, and guides local clubs to serve their local communities. Clubs are chartered as separate entities with their own constitution but have links to other clubs in their Zone, to their District in the Midlands & West of England, the Multiple District of the UK and to Lions Clubs International. Linkages with other Lions Clubs and the Lions Clubs structures provides a vehicle for the exchange of ideas and through co-operation the clubs work together to help on national and international charitable projects.

Restrictions: There are no restrictions included in the Charity Deed.

Shakespeare Lions Club (CIO)

Shakespeare Lions Club (CIO) is a voluntary organisation which exists to help the local community in Stratford upon Avon and surrounding area and support, as it sees fit, Lions Clubs' national and international projects. The administration of the Club is wholly financed by its members. All time to organise activities to raise funds and provide community service is given freely by the members and friends of the Lions club, for no payment or reward. The Charity was incorporated on 11 Oct 2018 from the previous non-registered entity known as Shakespeare Lions Club chartered in 1967 as part of Lions Clubs International and serving Lions International initiatives and the local community.

The objects of each Lions Club are to:

- create and foster a spirit of understanding among the peoples of the world;
- promote the principles of good government and good citizenship;
- take an active interest in the civic, cultural, social and moral welfare of the community;
- unite the clubs in the bonds of friendship, good fellowship and mutual understanding;
- provide a forum for the open discussion of matters of public interest; provided, however, that partisan politics and sectarian religion shall not be debated by club members;
- encourage service-minded people to serve their community without personal financial reward, and to encourage efficiency and promote high ethical standards in commerce, industry, professions, public works and private endeavours.

Membership

The Lions Club's membership at the beginning of the year was 35 with 21 men and 14 women. At the end of the year the membership was 31 with 18 men and 13 women.

In undertaking its work, the Charity relies on the members of the Shakespeare Lions Club (CIO). All members are volunteers; their time is given freely and without charge and without this support the charity would not be able to function. Family, friends, and other volunteers also assist with fund raising, giving freely of their time.

Shakespeare Lions Club (CIO) is managed by its members and meets monthly at a "Business Meeting". The Club elects and appoints annually, Trustees meet as required to discuss strategic or important issues. Detailed affairs relating to fund raising and decisions on Community Service proposals and donations are considered at regular monthly committee meetings.

Club members paid an annual subscription of £50. These subscriptions together with fundraising social events for members, fund the members' dues which are paid to support Lions District, Lions Multiple District and Lions Club International administration and for the administration of the Club. These monies, relating to the administration of the club, are accounted for entirely separately from the charitable and charity fund-raising monies.

Trust Composition

In accordance with the Trust Deed, the Charity is currently managed by 10 trustees of whom, the Club President, Secretary and Treasurer are ex-officio plus 7 elected trustees. Trustees are elected each year to serve for a three-year period, but may be re-elected to serve. The Trustees are elected at the same time as the Lions Club Officers and Directors by the members of the Lions Club in March each year and take office on 1st July following. Trustees are made aware of their roles and responsibilities and are provided with copies of the Charity Commission guidance CC3 "The Essential Trustee". Trustees are also encouraged to attend the Lions District 105CW Forum where guidance is given on the role of Trustees.

The Club's charitable work and donations are administered through the Trust. Donations and grants are considered in accordance with the Lions Club / Trust's Grant Making Policy. All financial expenditures and donations are individually approved by a majority of the members present at the monthly business meeting, subject to there being a quorum of four trustees in attendance. The Chairperson, the Lion President, having a casting vote.

Purposes of the CIO

The Charitable purposes of the CIO fall into the following general categories:

- the improvement of health or the saving of lives.
- the relief of those in need, by reason of youth, age, ill-health, disability, or other disadvantage.
- the advancement of citizenship or community development.
- the relief of financial hardship.
- the advancement of environmental protection or improvement.

Finance and Activities

Income

The Charity Account relies mainly on the Shakespeare Lions Club (CIO) for its income with additional grants and sponsorship sourced from local charities and business. Members and friends of the Club undertake a variety of fund-raising activities throughout the year.

The main income streams of the club during the year were derived from:

Grants Received – None in year 2024-2025

Gifts & Donations

- Gift Aid on Charity Funds £764 and Members subscriptions £215

Fund Raising

- During December 2024 our Santa Sleigh visited housing estates in Stratford upon Avon collecting public donations with static collections at supermarkets and street market. These collections arranged under licence from Stratford on Avon District Council raised a net income of £2489
- Easter Eggs placed with schools and pubs by both Shakespeare Lions and Alcester Lions raised a net income of Shakespeare £850 and Alcester £310
- Miscellaneous fund raisers Shakespeare Lions £275; Alcester £1994

The above amounts are after deduction of valid expenses, the said funds only being donated to service activities or to worthy causes on the recommendation of the Club's Community Services Committee and the Lions Club members. These are approved by the Trustees in accordance with the Charitable Trust's Grant Making Policy.

A separate income stream in the form of subscriptions paid by members supports the administration of the club. Social events and 100 club designated as being for administration rather than charity, supplements the administration of the club. Also included this year was £350 paid to club members who volunteered to marshal the Shakespeare Marathon by the race organiser

Donations made by Shakespeare Lions Club (CIO)

Shakespeare Lions Club made financial donations throughout the year mainly to local individuals and causes, and some to Lions International initiatives. As the funds of the charity are mainly raised locally, grants similarly are given to local causes.

Donations/Grants of more than £100 made to local community:

- Citizens Advice South Warwickshire £700
- Safeline £500
- Kids Cancer Charity £500
- Stepping Stones £500
- Stratford upon Avon Special Football £500
- Stratford PHAB Club £310
- Warwickshire Young Carers £300
- Phoenix Players £300
- Aaron Marshall £300
- Lifespace Trust £250
- Rubbish Friends £250
- Tiddington Scouts £250
- Stratford Stroke Association £250
- Stratford Riding for the Disabled £250
- Stratford Samaritans £200
- Message in a Bottle £120
- Erin McAlpine £100

Donations made to Lions Multiple District 105 and International Lions appeals:

- Lions MD105 Youth Projects £216
- North Sea Lions Project 2024/25 £50
- Lions School in Nepal £100

Donations made by our branch club Alcester Lions

- Arden Food Bank £600
- Marie Curie Cancer Care £440
- Action For Children £350
- Faces For All £200
- Honeybourne Village Committee £120

Trustees' Remuneration & Benefits

No trustee received remuneration during the past twelve months

Community Service Activities

- **Life Support Skills** - Shakespeare Lions Club (CIO) has invested in training equipment to teach students at local Grammar & High Schools and members of the public CPR & AED skills. Training is undertaken by Lion members. Since 2016 we have trained 1986 Students and 288 Adults
- **Recycling** – each month we recycle about 1,500 pairs of spectacles for use in developing countries via Lions International.
- **Youth** – we are involved in various Lions youth initiatives. This last year we supported ROAR which is a MD Lions project where primary schools throughout the nation are invited to participate. Bridgetown Primary School in Stratford entered the competition
- At Christmas we provide gifts and cheer for the patients and nursing staff at **Stratford Hospital**
- **Kettle On** – Monthly Bingo with a cuppa for the elderly & lonely
- **Community Support** – We have funded local young person with Disability Aids £617 and carpeted two homes for needy families £1220

Reserves Policy

Given the charity's scale of operation and the fact that it only dispenses grants / donations within the limit of its funds at any given time it is not considered that there is a need for significant reserves. However, the Charitable Trust looks to maintain a minimum balance in its account of £1,000 to pre-pay for fundraising initiatives and to cover any urgent needs or requests for financial grants/donations.

Risk Policy

Not having property interests or employees, the Charity's exposure to risk is relatively low. The Trustees are covered to the level of £5 million by the Trustees' indemnity element of the Lions Multiple District Insurance policy. Due diligence in checking the insurance details of any organisation employed at events is essential. The main perceived risk is insolvency. This is addressed by the trustees ensuring that grants / donations do not exceed the available funds held by the Charitable Trust Fund at any given time. The Risk Policy of the Trust is subject to annual review.

Review of Financial Activities and Affairs

The financial accounts of the Shakespeare Lions Club (CIO) for the year ended 30th June 2025 are attached to this report. These have been independently examined and approved.

CIO Registration

It should be noted that in December 2017 Shakespeare Lions Club applied to the Charity Commission to register as a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO). On 3rd April 2018 the Charity Commission approved the registration of Shakespeare Lions Club (CIO) and entered it onto the Register of Charities with the Registered Charity Number 1177788. The CIO has sought and obtained a Section 105 Order from the Charity Commission to transfer the assets and liabilities of Shakespeare Lions Club (a non-registered Lions Club) to the CIO.

The formation of the CIO involving the adoption of the CIO Constitution, Lions Club By-laws and Grant Making Policy took place on 11th October 2018. The assets of Shakespeare Lions Club were then transferred to the new CIO. It should be noted that these actions have been taken because the Charity Commission have advised that the most appropriate entity for a Lions Club is a CIO.

Signed on behalf of the Trustees:

President Charles Williams



Treasurer David Dumper





CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Charity Name
Shakespeare Lions Club (CIO) Consolidated

No (if any)

Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period
from

Period start date
01-Jul-24

To

Period end date
30-Jun-25

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					
Fund Raising	7,914		-	7,914	9,481
Donations & Grants			-	-	1,900
Service Projects		71	-	71	425
Sundry Income		-	-	-	
Gift Aid	764	-	-	764	1,096
Administration Income	4,538	-	-	4,538	4,070
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	13,216	71	-	13,287	16,972
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	13,216	71	-	13,287	16,972
A3 Payments					
Fund Raising	2,004		-	2,004	1,262
Grants	6,907		-	6,907	4,945
Service Projects	3,478	614	-	4,092	1,178
Sundry Expenses	29	-	-	29	60
	-	-	-	-	-
Administration Expenses	4,484	-	-	4,484	4,141
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	16,902	614	-	17,516	11,586
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	16,902	614	-	17,516	11,586
Net of receipts/(payments)	- 3,686	- 543	-	- 4,229	5,386
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	12,188	689	-	12,877	7,491
Cash funds this year end	8,502	146	-	8,648	12,877

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	CHARITY Accounts	6,949	146	-
	ADMINISTRATION Accounts	1,553	-	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	8,502	146	
(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))		OK	OK	OK

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		8,502	146	

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