

COLNE VALLEY LIONS CLUB

England & Wales - Charity number 1177791

Details

Status Registered

Legal form CIO

Registered 2018-04-03

Register [View on the Charity Commission register](#)

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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: Colne Valley Lions Club serves the villages in and around the Colne Valley area to the west of Huddersfield, West Yorkshire.Fund raising activities include annual Santa Sleigh, Easter Egg Raffle, Marsden 10 miler and Beer Festival.We also 'serve' the community by planting daffodil bulbs (over 30,000), planting trees (over 16,000), plus have provided 5 defibrillators and 5 community benches.

Classification

- **How:** Makes Grants To Individuals, Makes Grants To Organisations, Other Charitable Activities
- **What:** General Charitable Purposes
- **Who:** Children/young People, Elderly/old People, People With Disabilities, Other Charities Or Voluntary Bodies, The General Public/mankind

Geography

- Throughout England

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-06-30	£8,888	£8,408	-	-
2024-06-30	£9,123	£7,569	-	-
2023-06-30	£6,631	£5,058	-	-
2022-06-30	£2,749	£2,541	-	-
2021-06-30	£1,617	£2,290	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
DAVID IAN RUSCOE		2018-05-14
DAVID ROBERT HEAP		2018-05-14
RUSSELL PARKINSON		2018-05-14

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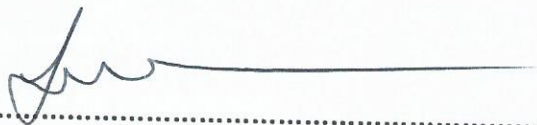
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Trustees report for the year ended 30 June 2025

We are a small group of volunteers who strive hard year on year to both organise and run events, sometimes with the help of other volunteers who are not part of the Lions Community. We hold 5/6 'core events' which we know we can hold and run successfully. Everything we raise is donated to worthy causes.

We are financially secure as can be seen from our accounts. Admin monies allow us to cover our administration expenses for the short to medium term. Whilst the trustees ensure that we do not commit expenditure on Charity prior to funds being raised.



David I Ruscoe, Trustee & Treasurer. 7 July 2025

COLNE VALLEY LIONS CLUB

Treasurer's report for the year ended 30 June 2025

Membership dues continue to exceed membership income, increasing this year to over £380, resulting in a year-end balance of only £21.29. Our options remain to either increase membership subscriptions substantially, at a risk of 'putting off' potential new members or find alternative ways to legitimately raise administration funds.

Despite our low number of members, we can successfully run, sometime with other volunteers, several 'tried and tested' events enabling us to donate more than £7,000 to deserving causes. Indeed, our Santa Sleigh, Beer Festival and Marsden 10 Miler events all raised more than they have done over the last five years.

Last year saw the passing of John Daker, the co-founder of Colne Valley Lions and the prime instigator of almost every event (other than probably the Marsden 10 Miler) since Colne Valley Lions Club was formed in 1987. I'm sure he would be highly delighted with the donations in his memory of over £1,000 and that these monies have been utilised within the last few days to help fund a prostate screening session in which 60 men were able to be tested as a preventative measure for prostate cancer.

Always conscious of the environment and area that we live in not only did we make a small donation to Golcar Environment Group, but we also continued with our daffodil planting with a further 2,500 bulbs planted at St John's School, taking the total to 57,000 bulbs now planted within the valley, to which we also added a few hundred snowdrops!

If only we could add a few more members, we could achieve much more!

.....David Ruscoe..... David I Ruscoe, Treasurer. 7 July
2025

Colne Valley Lions Club – Admin Account

Financial Statement for the year ended 30 June 2025

Income	£	Expenditure	£
Balance 1 July 2024	173.88	Secretary's Expenses	50.00
Membership Subs	550.40	Membership Dues	935.49
Sale beer pump	50.00	Misc Exps	4.50
Bank Interest	90.75		
Mileage exp waived (re de-fibs checking)	146.25		
		Balance 30 June 2025	21.29
TOTAL	1,011.28	TOTAL	1,011.28

David Thorpe 8 July 2025

Colne Valley Lions – Charity Account

Financial Statement for the year ended 30 June 2025

Income	£	Expenditure	£
Balance 1 July 2024	5,287.02	Donations	7,266.75
Santa Sleigh	2,149.82	Ins/Legal	77.00
Easter Egg Raffle	840.00	Mileage re de-fibs	146.25
Beer Festival	2,084.56	Misc exp	88.99
Music Concert	594.67	Website Fee	144.00
Marsden 10 Miler	1,075.55		
Classic Car Show	153.00		
Donations in memory	1,062.68		
-John Daker			
Former members	75.00		
ongoing subs donations			
		Balance 30 June 2025	
5,599.31			
TOTAL	13,322.30	TOTAL	13,322.30

David Thorpe 8 July 2025

Colne Valley Lions Club

Donations made during the 12 months ended 30 June 2025

Lions – Youth projects	111.00
Marsden Conservative Club	50.00
Slaithwaite Church	250.00
Holme Valley Mountain Rescue	125.00
Patrick Townsend	40.00
Slaithwaite Band	250.00
Slaithwaite C of E School	200.00
4 th Golcar Explorer Scouts	650.00
RNLI – Golcar group	350.00
Forget Me Not Childrens Hospice	2,500.00
Dementia café Longwood Xmas	250.00
Daffodil bulbs & Snowdrops	315.75
Jack Midwood - scout	150.00
Minster Lions – Hospital packs	165.00
Golcar Cricket Club – ball sponsorship	50.00
Colne Valley – Help	250.00
Handicapped Child – HD7 & HD2	400.00
Welcome Centre	250.00
Lions – Sight savers	360.00
LCIF – Ukraine Stoves	150.00
Golcar Environment Group	100.00
West Yorkshire Scouts – T-shirts	300.00
TOTAL	£7,266.75

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David I Ruscoe, Trustee & Treasurer. 1 July 2024

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Financial Statement for the year ended 30 June 2024

Income	£	Expenditure	£
Balance 1 July 2023	3,193.00	Donations	5,732.40
Santa Sleigh	1,443.27	Ins/Legal	46.85
Easter Egg Raffle	960.00	Mileage re de-fibs	66.60
Beer Festival	1,887. 87 ⁵⁹	Misc exp	69.12
Music Concert	405.00		
Marsden 10 Miler (2024)	914.38		
Marsden 10 Miler (2023)	717.55		
Classic Car Show	135.00		
Golcar Old Folks Treat	1,500.00		
Misc donations	46.20		
		Balance 30 June 2024	5,287.02
TOTAL	11,201.99	TOTAL	11,201.99

David Thorpe

5 July 2024

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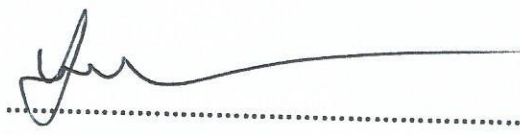
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Trustees report for the year ended 30 June 2023

We like many voluntary organisations in the Charity Sector struggle to recruit new volunteers. That said three new members joined last year which gave us a little impetus, whilst negating the impact of three of our members who are currently unable to contribute in most of our activities.

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David I Ruscoe, Trustee & Treasurer. 3 July 2023

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Financial Statement for the year ended 30 June 2023

Income	£	Expenditure	£
Balance 1 July 2022	1,721.06	Donations	5,058.58
Santa Sleigh	1,825.40	Ins/Legal	44.75
Easter Egg Raffle	1,078.00	Tfr to Admin	108.00
Beer Festival	1,693.75	Misc exp	70.80
Music Concert (2022)	288.00		
Music Concert (2023)	452.00		
Marsden 10 Miler (2022)	416.00		
Classic Car Show	200.92		
Easter Egg Lloyds (2022)	500.00		
Misc donations	300.00		
		Balance 30 June 2023	3,193.00
TOTAL	8,475.13	TOTAL	8,475.13

David Thorpe

4 July 2023.

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As we get back to some form of normality following the Covid 19 pandemic we hope we can contribute more to our community going forward. We are however restricted by both our lack of members and an ageing membership. Hopefully with three new, and younger, members joining we can move forward in 2022/23.

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David I Ruscoe, Trustee & Treasurer. 1 July 2022

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Financial Statement for the year ended 30 June 2022

Income	£	Expenditure	£
Balance 1 July 2021	1,666.86	Donations	2,541.28
Santa Sleigh	1,933.76	Ins/Legal	48.40
Easter Egg Raffle	645.16	Tfr to Admin	75.00
Shy – Lily Day	118.00	Misc exp	30.00
Misc inc	51.96	Balance 30 June 2022	1,721.06
TOTAL	4,415.74	TOTAL	4,415.74

David Thorpe

1 July 2022

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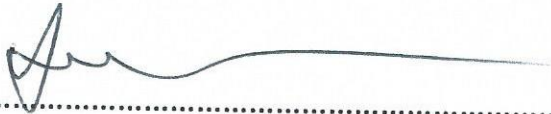
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Trustees report for the year ended 30 June 2021

The Covid 19 pandemic had a significant impact on the ability for our club to hold any events during our financial year. We hope and trust the situation will improve during the remainder of 2021 and certainly into 2022 as the engagement with members of the public is vital for our fundraising efforts.

It is clear from our accounts we are financially secure. Admin monies allow us to cover administration expenses for the short to medium term. Whilst our charity balance is monitored carefully to ensure expenditure does not exceed income over the short term, maintaining a positive credit balance always.

The trustees are aware of both our declining membership numbers and like many voluntary organisations the average age of our members. We are continually trying to recruit new and active members.



David I Ruscoe, Trustee & Treasurer. 1 July 2021

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Financial Statement for the year ended 30 June 2021

Income	£	Expenditure	£
Balance 1 July 2020	2,389.78	Donations	2,290.02
Santa Sleigh	145.00	Ins/Legal	49.90
Raise a glass for xmas	237.00		
Easter Eggs 2020	530.00		
Easter Eggs matched fund	500.00	Balance 30 June 2021	1,666.86
Misc. Inc	205.00		
TOTAL	4,006.78	TOTAL	4,006.78

David Thorpe 2 July 2021.