

ALNWICK LIONS CLUB

England & Wales · Charity number 1178346

Details

Status Registered

Legal form CIO

Registered 2018-05-11

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

Contact

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18 Bondgate Within
Alnwick
Northumberland
NE66 1TD

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Activities

Objects: SUCH PURPOSES AS ARE EXCLUSIVELY CHARITABLE IN ENGLAND AND WALES, INCLUDING IN PARTICULAR:THE ADVANCEMENT OF CITIZENSHIP BY;PROMOTING THE PRINCIPLES OF GOOD CITIZENSHIP;ENCOURAGING MEMBERS TO TAKE AN ACTIVE INTEREST IN THE CIVIC, CULTURAL, SOCIAL AND MORAL WELFARE OF THE COMMUNITY;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;ENCOURAGING SERVICE-MINDED PEOPLE TO SERVE THEIR COMMUNITY WITHOUT PERSONAL REWARD AND ENCOURAGING THE PROMOTION OF HIGH ETHICAL STANDARDS IN COMMNERCE, INDUSTRY, PROFESSIONS, PUBLIC WORKS AND PRIVATE ENDEAVOURS;SUPPORTING YOUTH TO DEVELOP THEIR SKILLS, CAPACITIES AND CAPABILITIES TO ENABLE THEM TO PARTICIPATE IN SOCIETY AS MATURE AND RESPONSIBLE INDIVIDUALS;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;PROMOTING VOLUNTEERING;THE RELIEF OF POVERTY AND THE RELIEF OF THOSE IN NEED IN PARTICULAR BY PROVIDING HUMANITARIAN AID AND DISASTER RELIEF;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;PROMOTING FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE PUBLIC THE CONSERVATION PROTECTION AND IMPROVEMENT OF THE PHYSICAL ADN NATURAL ENVIRONMENT; AND/ORPROMOTING COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION IN HEALTHY RECREATION.

Activities: The charity provides funding for various charitable needs including the young and elderly, humanitarian relief, sports activities, relief of poverty , education and environmental matters. The area covered by the charity is Alnwick and North Northumberland. Donations to overseas humanitarian relief is via the Lions District and Lions International organisation.

Classification

- **How:** Makes Grants To Individuals, Makes Grants To Organisations, Other Charitable Activities
- **What:** General Charitable Purposes, Education/training, The Advancement Of Health Or Saving Of Lives, Disability, The Prevention Or Relief Of Poverty, Overseas Aid/famine Relief, Religious Activities, Arts/culture/heritage/science, Amateur Sport, Animals, Environment/conservation/heritage, Economic/community Development/employment, Armed Forces/emergency Service Efficiency, Human Rights/religious Or Racial Harmony/equality Or Diversity, Recreation, Other 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	£49,624	£42,359	-	-
2024-06-30	£39,889	£37,497	-	-
2023-06-30	£40,952	£37,875	-	-
2022-06-30	£47,384	£39,440	-	-
2021-06-30	£39,755	£27,447	-	-
2020-06-30	£32,005	£24,338	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Amanda Hardy		2022-06-22
Fiona McCusker		2024-08-12
Linden Dodds		2024-08-12
Mandy Hardy		2022-12-05
Matthew Lawless Matt		2022-08-28
Rick Beaumont		2024-08-12
SANDRA McLeod		2020-07-01
TOM DEEDIGAN		2018-05-11
Tracy Hyslop		2024-10-21

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Thomas Deedigan	President	Full year	Alnwick Lions Club Charity Trust Fund
Sandra McLeod	Secretary	Full year	Alnwick Lions Club Charity Trust Fund
Amanda Hardy	Treasurer	Full year	Alnwick Lions Club Charity Trust Fund
Matthew Lawless	Trustee	Full year	Alnwick Lions Club Charity Trust Fund

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Achievement of objects

The main source of income for the Club is from a second-hand bookshop operating from premises leased from an adjacent hotel. Other sources of income are derived from the running of a car boot sale, coffee mornings and one-off events. The club owns a Santa Sleigh and uses it as a means of collecting donations and is available for local schools and children's groups for the entertainment of children during the Christmas period. The club runs a talking newspaper service and seeks to improve its digital systems. This year the club has maintained existing assets including IT equipment to assist members in running the club as well as a motor vehicle to help with the collection and transportation of books, puzzles and games from a storage barn to the bookshop and events. All income and property of the Club is required to be applied in promoting its objects and is vested in the members and Trustees for this purpose. No part of the trust shall, however, be applied without approval of the members and Trustees in formal meetings and subject to majority voting. The charity engages volunteers (who are not club members) for service in the bookshop. These volunteers are not paid and are supervised and instructed by Club members who are versed in the operation of the bookshop. The charity has a website detailing the Club's activities and achievements – alnicklions.org.uk

Section D - Achievements and performance

Summary

The bookshop now operates solely under the CIO established on 11 May 2018. The bookshop and other income was increased on the 2024 level and shop premises running costs and other overheads are broadly consistent with 2024. Overall, we have made charitable donations and grants amounting to around 55% of our total incoming resources for the year, compared with around 65% in 2024.

Section E - Financial review

Policy on reserves

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Financial review – policy on reserves (continued)

The reserves policy reflects this. The policy is to retain enough funds to support the Talking Newspaper service for one year and bookshop running costs for six months. In addition, enough funds will be retained to support the car boot sales, sleigh activities and to support some particularly urgent and/or deserving charitable requests. This would be in the region of £5,000 as at 30th of June.

Investment policy

The Charity has sufficient cash resources in the current bank accounts and has utilised amounts previously set aside in a separate savings account has been recalled without penalty. There is, therefore, little risk from investments.

Preservation of charity assets

The Charity's assets of properly insured and the main risk minimised in this area. Insurance is provided by Lions Club International and in addition to normal public and other liabilities, the club has £20,000 cover for its equipment and other fixed assets.

Financial risk

The main risk is that the Trust's bookshop activities would cease by falling to acquire a new lease, forcing the bookshop to close or relocate. Lease terms remain under review in an effort to mitigate risk to the Charity's main source of income.

Section F - Future developments

Efforts will continue to be made to improve bookshop income as well as improving the Talking Newspaper facility and increases in car boot sales activity. Consideration is also being given to opening a regular market stall in Alnwick, rent-free.

The charity is also improving its grant making procedures to ensure that grants are given promptly and in accordance with the Charity's aims and objects.

Section G - Other matters

The trust has deregistered for Value-Added Tax (VAT) but is in receipt of Gift Aid.

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Section H - Relationship with related charities

The club is part of the National Lions Body, Lions Club Multiple District 105 (essentially the United Kingdom) District 105, itself part of the worldwide Lions International (based in the USA). The District provides some template policies which local clubs such as Alnwick Lions can adopt or not. Alnwick Lions Club will make its choices in terms of fundraising and a choice of grantees (if these comply with current charity law in England and Wales). District 105 has sight of the accounts but has no direct input into the running of Alnwick Lions Club. Dues are paid to district and international (based on the number of registered members) for their support.

At certain times Lions Club International will call upon clubs to support worldwide disaster relief, which the individual clubs may or may not support. Donations in this area are done via the Districts.

Signed on behalf of the Board of Trustees



Linden Dodds (President)



Sandra McLeod (Secretary)

30 April 2026

Alnwick Lions Club

Registered Charity No: 1178346

Charity Account

Income and Expenditure Accounts for the year ended 30 June 2025

	2025		2024	
	£	£	£	£
Income - unrestricted funds				
Bookshop takings	42,572.71		37,593.90	
Fundraising events - car boot sales	1,372.00		1,135.00	
Fundraising - advertising	960.00		-	
Fundraising - other	434.49		-	
Fundraising - Glendale Festival stall	-		-	
Fundraising - Santa's Sleigh	-		-	
Donations - bucket collection	107.20		70.00	
Donations - Santa's Sleigh	1,210.00		40.00	
Donations - other	927.49		1,000.00	
			-	
		47,583.89		39,838.90
Income - restricted funds				
Quiz for Christmas Lights		1,990.27		-
Talking Newspaper donation		50.00		50.00
TOTAL INCOME		49,624.16		39,888.90
Expenditure - unrestricted funds				
Shop rates	235.84		583.47	
Light and heat	2,038.79		2,265.70	
Repairs and renewals	1,463.39		715.09	
Santa's sleigh expenses	3,430.72		446.82	
Quiz night expenses	374.54		-	
Advertising	386.00		762.00	
Computer security and software	204.91		321.74	
Data protection	47.00		35.00	
Flowers and plants	-		65.00	
Licences	268.20		-	
Lions kits, banners and badges	112.74		77.90	
Motor running expenses	3,512.94		3,104.96	
Community event expenses	1,017.47		-	
Parking discs	300.00		700.00	
Postage printing and stationery	254.14		137.46	
Telephone and internet	-		159.89	
Storage unit rental	500.00		500.00	
Christmas entertainer	400.00		150.00	
Travelling expenses	-		50.00	
Defibrillators and intallation	-		711.60	
Miscellaneous expenses	408.99		79.80	
Volunteer and Member gifts	37.00		546.21	
NCC Family Hub Christmas Vouchers	-		2,533.00	
Charitable donations and grants - see separate schedule	25,706.02		23,352.47	
		40,698.69		37,298.11
Expenditure - restricted funds				
Charitable donations and grants - see separate schedule	1,615.73		-	
Talking Newspaper - Gazettes	46.10		199.20	
		1,661.83		199.20
SURPLUS OF INCOME OVER EXPENDITURE		7,263.64		2,391.59

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Charity Account

Capital Reconciliation as at 30 June 2025

	2025		2024	
	£	£	£	£
Office Equipment				
Cost	588.96		588.96	
Motor Vehicle				
Cost	<u>8,800.00</u>		<u>8,800.00</u>	
		9,388.96		9,388.96
Current Assets				
Cash at bank - Talking Newspaper restricted fund	429.36		425.46	
Cash at bank - unrestricted funds	28,538.40		12,444.51	
Cash at bank - savings account	-		10,000.00	
Cash in hand	<u>100.00</u>		<u>100.00</u>	
		<u>29,067.76</u>		<u>22,969.97</u>
		38,456.72		32,358.93
		<u><u>38,456.72</u></u>		<u><u>32,358.93</u></u>
Represented By:				
Opening asset balances at 1 July 2024	9,388.96		9,388.96	
Opening bank balance at 1 July 2024	22,869.97		21,571.01	
Opening cash in hand at 1 July 2024	<u>100.00</u>		<u>100.00</u>	
	32,358.93		31,059.97	
Add: surplus of income over expenditure	<u>7,263.64</u>		<u>2,391.59</u>	
	39,622.57		33,451.56	
Deduct: transfers to Administration account	<u>- 1,165.85</u>		<u>- 1,092.63</u>	
		38,456.72		32,358.93
		<u><u>38,456.72</u></u>		<u><u>32,358.93</u></u>

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Charitable Donations and gifts made year ended 30 June 2025		£
Alnwick District Playhouse	Donation	5,000.00
Alnwick Hedgehog Rescue	Donation	1,000.00
Alnwick Homes for Ukraine	Grant	500.00
Alnwick Christmas Lights	Donation ex restricted funds	1,615.73
Alnwick Christmas Lights	Donation ex unrestricted funds	3,384.27
Alnwick Lions Club - Social Account	Donation	243.00
Alnwick Stage Musical	Grant	1,100.00
Alnwick Town council	Donation	2,000.00
Arthritis Group	Donation	100.00
Bordeline Greenway	Grant	1,500.00
Duchess Community High School	Grant	1,000.00
Fredrick Williams	Grant	500.00
Grant	Grant	700.00
Hindmarsh Hall	Grant	410.00
Hipsburn Primary School	Grant	573.98
LCIF	LCIF Donation	1,000.00
LCIF	Donation	1,000.00
LCIF	Medical supplies for Ukraine	1,000.00
Lionheart Radio	Grant	50.00
Lionheart Radio	Grant	1,000.00
Longhoughton Community	Grant	200.00
My Life Productions	Grant	2,000.00
Northumberland Hospice	Donation	650.00
Northumberland National Park authority	Sleeping bags for casualties	627.00
Sundry small donations	Less than £50 each	167.77
TOTAL CHARITABLE PAYMENTS PER CHARITY ACCOUNT		27,321.75

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Administration Account

Income and Expenditure Accounts for the year ended 30 June 2025

Receipts	2025		2024	
	£	£	£	£
Donations and member subscriptions	2,287.89		1,083.00	
Mileage transfers in	-		1,092.63	
Car boot donation	-		-	
Other receipts	-		80.00	
	<u>-</u>		<u>80.00</u>	
Total receipts		2,287.89		2,255.63
Expenditure				
Advertising	-		-	
Presentation award	145.83		-	
Lions Club subscriptions	2,059.96		1,659.70	
Anniversary expenses	40.99		-	
Stationery	49.00		-	
Bank charges	-		-	
	<u>-</u>		<u>-</u>	
Total payments		2,295.78		1,659.70
Surplus / (Deficit) of receipts over payments		- 7.89		595.93
		<u><u>- 7.89</u></u>		<u><u>595.93</u></u>
Capital Reconciliation				
Bank balance at 1 July 2024		1,037.39		441.46
Surplus / (Deficit) for the year		<u>- 7.89</u>		<u>595.93</u>
Bank balance at 30 June 2025		1,029.50		1,037.39
		<u><u>1,029.50</u></u>		<u><u>1,037.39</u></u>
Bank balance per statement at 30 June 2025		1,029.50		1,037.39
		<u><u>1,029.50</u></u>		<u><u>1,037.39</u></u>

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Social Fund Account

Income and Expenditure Accounts for the year ended 30 June 2025

	2025		2024	
	£	£	£	£
Receipts				
Subscriptions	488.00		-	
Transfer of mileage	-		-	
Total receipts		488.00		-
Expenditure				
Transfer to charity account	323.00		-	
President's night venue hire	1,376.00		-	
Flowers	100.00		-	
Total payments		1,799.00		-
Surplus / (Deficit) of receipts over payments		- 1,311.00		-

Capital Reconciliation

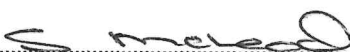
Bank balance at 1 July 2024	2,827.43	2,827.43
Surplus / (Deficit) for the year	- 1,311.00	-
Bank balance at 30 June 2025	1,516.43	2,827.43
Bank balance per statement at 30 June 2025	1,516.43	2,827.43

Declarations

The financial statements on pages 6 - 10 are approved by the Board of Trustees on 30 April 2026 and signed on its behalf by:


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Linden Dodds
President


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Sandra McLeod

Alnwick Lions Club

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Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Alnwick Lions Club

I report to the Charity Trustees on my examination of the accounts of Alnwick Lions Club for the year ended 30 June 2025.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees, 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 Charity's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all 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 in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. Accounting records were not kept in respect of the Charity as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. The accounts do not accord with those records.

I have no concerns and 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.



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C/O Smiths Accountants
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Year ended 30 June 2024

Financial review – policy on reserves (continued)

The reserves policy reflects this. The policy is to retain enough funds to support the Talking Newspaper service for one year and bookshop running costs for six months. In addition, enough funds will be retained to support the car boot sales, sleigh activities and to support some particularly urgent and/or deserving charitable requests. This would be in the region of £5,000 as at 30th of June.

Investment policy

The Charity has sufficient cash resources in the current bank accounts and has set aside additional liquid resources in a separate savings account which can be recalled without penalty. There is, therefore, little risk from investments.

Preservation of charity assets

The Charity's assets of properly insured and the main risk minimised in this area. Insurance is provided by Lions Club International and in addition to normal public and other liabilities, the club has £20,000 cover for its equipment and other fixed assets.

Financial risk

The main risk is that the Trust's bookshop activities would cease by falling to acquire a new lease, forcing the bookshop to close or relocate. However, a new lease is being prepared and so there is little risk to the Charity's main source of income.

Section F - Future developments

Efforts will continue to be made to improve bookshop income as well as improving the Talking Newspaper facility and increases in car boot sales activity. Consideration is also being given to opening a regular market stall in Alnwick, rent-free.

The charity is also improving its grant making procedures to ensure that grants are given promptly and in accordance with the Charity's aims and objects.

Section G - Other matters

The trust has deregistered for Value-Added Tax (VAT) but is in receipt of Gift Aid.

Alnwick Lions Club

Charity Number 1178346

Trustees' Annual Report

Year ended 30 June 2024

Section H - Relationship with related charities

The club is part of the National Lions Body, Lions Club Multiple District 105 (essentially the United Kingdom) District 105, itself part of the worldwide Lions International (based in the USA). The District provides some template policies which local clubs such as Alnwick Lions can adopt or not. Alnwick Lions Club will make its choices in terms of fundraising and a choice of grantees (if these comply with current charity law in England and Wales). District 105 has sight of the accounts but has no direct input into the running of Alnwick Lions Club. Dues are paid to district and international (based on the number of registered members) for their support.

At certain times Lions Club International will call upon clubs to support worldwide disaster relief, which the individual clubs may or may not support. Donations in this area are done via the Districts.

Signed on behalf of the Board of Trustees

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Thomas Deedigan

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Sandra McLeod

30 April 2025

Alnwick Lions Club

Registered Charity No: 1178346

Charity Account

Income and Expenditure Accounts for the year ended 30 June 2024

	2024		2023	
	£	£	£	£
Income - unrestricted funds				
Bookshop takings	37,593.90		39,926.36	
Fundraising events - car boot sales	1,135.00		1,613.00	
Fundraising events - quiz night	-		338.70	
Fundraising - disaster appeals	-		375.26	
Fundraising - Glendale Festival stall	-		150.00	
Fundraising - Santa's Sleigh	-		207.34	
Donations - bucket collection	70.00		530.65	
Donations - WI talk	40.00		-	
Donations - other	1,000.00		-	
Trailer sale	-		2,500.00	
		39,838.90		45,641.31
Income - restricted funds				
Talking Newspaper donation		50.00		50.00
TOTAL INCOME		39,888.90		45,691.31
Expenditure - unrestricted funds				
Shop rates	583.47		578.32	
Light and heat	2,265.70		2,375.90	
Repairs and renewals	715.09		291.59	
Santa's sleigh expenses	446.82		602.89	
Quiz Night expenses	-		415.98	
Advertising	762.00		310.00	
Computer security and software	321.74		204.96	
Data protection	35.00		35.00	
Flowers and plants	65.00		30.00	
Zone meeting	-		70.00	
Lions kits, banners and badges	77.90		75.30	
Motor running expenses	3,104.96		2,008.73	
Trailer repairs	-		130.08	
Parking discs	700.00		500.00	
Postage printing and stationery	137.46		179.99	
Telephone and internet	159.89		40.00	
Storage unit rental	500.00		2,412.59	
Christmas lights entertainer	150.00		150.00	
Travelling expenses	50.00		550.46	
Defibrillators and intallation	711.60		-	
Miscellaneous expenses	79.80		-	
Volunteer Christmas gifts	546.21		-	
NCC Family Hub Christmas Vouchers	2,533.00		-	
Charitable donations - see separate schedule	23,352.47		31,177.23	
		37,298.11		42,139.02
Expenditure - restricted funds				
Talking Newspaper - recording equipment	-		62.60	
Talking Newspaper - repairs and renewals	-		412.74	
Talking Newspaper - Gazetttes	199.20		-	
		199.20		475.34
SURPLUS OF INCOME OVER EXPENDITURE		2,391.59		3,076.95

Alnwick Lions Club

Registered Charity No: 1178346

Charity Account

Capital Reconciliation as at 30 June 2024

Office Equipment

Cost	588.96		588.96	
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Motor Vehicle

Cost	8,800.00		8,800.00	
		9,388.96		9,388.96

Current Assets

Cash at bank - Talking Newspaper restricted fu	425.46		574.66	
Cash at bank - unrestricted funds	12,444.51		20,996.35	
Cash at bank - savings account	10,000.00		-	
Cash in hand	100.00		100.00	
		22,969.97		21,671.01
		32,358.93		31,059.97

Represented By:

Opening asset balances at 1 July 2023	9,388.96		-	
Opening bank balance at 1 July 2023	21,571.01		28,231.08	
Opening cash in hand at 1 July 2023	100.00		86.49	
		31,059.97		28,317.57
Add: surplus of income over expenditure	2,391.59		3,076.95	
		33,451.56		31,394.52
Deduct: transfers to Administration account	- 1,092.63		- 334.55	
		32,358.93		31,059.97

Alnwick Lions Club

Registered Charity No: 1178346

Charity Account

Charitable Donations and gifts made year ended 30 June 2024

£

Alnwick Christmas Lights	Donation	5,000.00
Alnwick District Food Bank	Donation	1,000.00
Alnwick Tennis Club	Grant	1,000.00
Alnwick Town Council	Hanging baskets for shop	50.00
Alnwick Town FC	Sponsorship	150.00
Barndale School	Easter Eggs	202.50
Friendly Frogs	Grant	1,973.48
J Roper	Grant	750.00
Jake Davies	Grant	300.00
Lionheart Radio	Barndale School radio show	600.00
Lions Clubs	Disaster fund Earthquakes	1,000.00
Lions Clubs	Brazil disaster relief	1,000.00
Lions Clubs	Morocco disaster fund	2,000.00
Lions Clubs	Pacific Storm Disaster	1,000.00
Longhoughton Community Group	Grant	100.00
M Breese	Grant	500.00
NCC Family Hub	Grant	89.99
NCC Family Hub	Grant	200.00
NCC Family Hub	Grant	204.50
NCC Family Hub	Grant	300.00
NCC Family hub	Grant	300.00
NCC Family Hub	Grant	350.00
NCC Family Hub	Grant	400.00
NCC family hub	Grant	400.00
NCC Family Hub	Grant	500.00
NCC Family Hub	Grant	500.00
NCC Family hub	Grant	1,350.00
PCC ST Micheals	Grant	1,000.00
Portable theatre Comp	Grant	700.00
Spotty Dog Signs	New signs and banners	432.00

TOTAL CHARITABLE PAYMENTS PER CHARITY ACCOUNT

23,352.47

Alnwick Lions Club

Registered Charity No: 1178346

Administration Account

Income and Expenditure Accounts for the year ended 30 June 2024

	2024		2023	
Receipts	£	£	£	£
Donations	-		219.40	
Member subscriptions	1,083.00		362.50	
Mileage transfers in	1,092.63		334.55	
Car boot donation	-		50.00	
Other receipts	80.00		-	
Total receipts		2,255.63		966.45
Expenditure				
Advertising	-		25.00	
Social buffet	-		100.00	
Lions Club subscriptions	1,659.70		1,705.56	
Flowers	-		79.00	
Stationery	-		22.76	
Bank charges	-		7.00	
Total payments		1,659.70		1,939.32
Surplus / (Deficit) of receipts over payments		595.93		- 972.87
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Capital Reconciliation				
Bank balance at 1 July 2023		441.46		1,414.33
Surplus / (Deficit) for the year		595.93		- 972.87
Bank balance at 30 June 2024		1,037.39		441.46
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Bank balance per statement at 30 June 2024		1,037.39		441.46
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Alnwick Lions Club

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Social Fund Account

Income and Expenditure Accounts for the year ended 30 June 2024

	2024		2023	
Receipts	£	£	£	£
Subscriptions	-		-	
Transfer of mileage	-		-	
Total receipts		-		-
Expenditure				
Transfer to Administration account	-		-	
Flowers	-		30.00	
Lions Club subscriptions	-		-	
Total payments		-		30.00
Surplus / (Deficit) of receipts over payments		-	-	30.00

Capital Reconciliation

Bank balance at 1 July 2023	2,827.43	2,857.43
Surplus / (Deficit) for the year	-	- 30.00
Bank balance at 30 June 2024	2,827.43	2,827.43
Bank balance per statement at 30 June 2024	2,827.43	2,827.43

Declarations

The financial statements on pages 6 - 10 are approved by the Board of Trustees on 30 April 2025 and signed on its behalf by:

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Thomas Deedigan
President

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Sandra McLeod
Secretary

Alnwick Lions Club

Charity Number 1178346

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Alnwick Lions Club

I report to the Charity Trustees on my examination of the accounts of Alnwick Lions Club for the year ended 30 June 2024.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees, 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 Charity's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all 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 in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. Accounting records were not kept in respect of the Charity as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. The accounts do not accord with those records.

I have no concerns and 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.



Ivan Smith ACA
C/O Smiths Accountants
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Northumberland
NE66 2GD

30 April 2025

ALNWICK LIONS CLUB

England & Wales - Charity number 1178346

Accounts

Alnwick Lions Club Charity Number 1178346

Trustees' Annual Report For the Year to 30 June 2023

Section A – Reference and administration details

Charity Name: Alnwick Lions Club

Registered Charity Number (CIO): 1178346

Charity's Principal Address:

9 Merchant Gardens
Alnwick
Northumberland, NE66 1BZ

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity:

Trustee Name	Office	Dates acted If not whole year	Name of body entitled to appoint Trustee
Thomas Deedigan	President		Alnwick Lions Club Charity Trust Fund
Sandra Shepherd	Secretary		Alnwick Lions Club Charity Trust Fund
Amanda Hardy	Treasurer		Alnwick Lions Club Charity Trust Fund
Linden Dodds	Trustee		Alnwick Lions Club Charity Trust Fund
Matthew Lawless	Trustee		Alnwick Lions Club Charity Trust Fund

Section B – Structure, governance, and management

Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document	CIO – Association – Registered 11 May 2018
Organisations type	Charitable Incorporated Organisation
Trustee selection methods	Trustees are appointed by proposal, seconded, and voted by a majority membership

Additional governance issues

Alnwick Lions Club (hereafter called the CIO) has been formed to undertake the activities of the Alnwick Lions Charity Trust Fund (hereafter called the Trust). The bookshop activities were taken over from the Trust on the 30 June 2020 and the Trust closed on the 21 July 2020. The Trust (now the CIO) has been a member of the International Association of Lions Clubs for 46 years (established 1975). The members of the club are all volunteers who give their time unconditionally in support of charitable causes, both individual and organisations.

New Trustees are inducted and instructed in their duties by the existing experienced Trustees.

The Club is governed as a CIO established 11 May 2018. The Club has a board of directors consisting of eight members, (with a quorum of five) which is responsible for the execution of the policies approved by the Club and the first consideration of any new policies. Matters are decided by a majority vote (abstentions are allowed) of the members present at the meeting, subject to there being a quorum of 25% of members in good standing.

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Trustees' Annual Report (cont'd) For the Year to 30 June 2023

A quorate meeting of the members and Trustees may exercise all its powers which include the management of the charity and the control of the Trust Fund. The members and Trustees may delegate their powers to suitable committees for the running of certain aspects of the Club's operations. Grants and donations are made to worthy causes after due diligence to ensure that the cause is *bona fide*. Potential grant recipients are required to complete a request form explaining why they require the financial assistance and some suitable information on the organisation/individual concerned. Grants and donations are then subject to votes by the members. Other forms of expenditure (running costs etc.) are also subject to discussion and votes by members.

Section C – Objectives and activities

Objects

The object of the Club is to apply its income for any purpose that is charitable according to the current laws of England and Wales. The income will be for the benefit of any individual, group of individuals, organisations or other charities.

Public benefit

In accordance with section 17(5) of the Charities Act and the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008, the trustees confirm that they are in conformity with this guidance on public benefit when undertaking current activities, planning future activities and in reviewing the Club's aims, objectives and activities. The Trustees consider that the Club satisfies the public benefit requirements as established by current Charity Law.

Achievement of objects

The main source of income for the Club is from a second-hand bookshop operating from premises leased from an adjacent hotel. Other sources of income are derived from the running of a car boot sale, coffee mornings and one-off events. The Club owns a Santa Sleigh and uses it as a means of collecting donations and is available for local schools and children's groups for the entertainment of children during the Christmas period. The Club runs a Talking Newspaper Service and during the year has continued to improve its digital systems. This year the Club has also purchased 2 laptop computers, £588.96 to assist members in running the Club as well as a Motor Vehicle, £8,000 to help with the collection and transportation of books, puzzles and games from a storage barn to the bookshop and events. All income and property of the Club is required to be applied in promoting its objects and is vested in the members and Trustees for this purpose. No part of the Trust shall, however, be applied without approval of the members and Trustees in formal meetings and subject to majority voting. The charity uses volunteers (i.e., who are not Club members-currently 4/5) for service in the bookshop. These volunteers are not paid and are supervised and instructed by Club members who are versed in the operation of the bookshop.

The charity has a website detailing the Club's activities and achievements - alnwiclions.org.uk.

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Trustees' Annual Report (cont'd) For the Year to 30 June 2023

Section D – Achievements and performance

Summary

The bookshop now operates solely under the CIO established on the 11 May 2018. The bookshop income has dropped slightly since 2022, with a deficit of £1,326. Bookshop expenditure increased by £1,219, mainly because of Electric and Gas costs. Business rates continue to be payable after the end of the Covid 19 pandemic. Car boot income improved by £270. The Club also sold a Trailer worth £2,500 as it was no longer needed due to the purchase of the Van. Grants and donations paid to worthy causes have improved by a net £1,917.

Section E – Financial review

Policy on reserves

The greatest financial risk to the charity is the loss or severe reduction in bookshop income. The Reserves Policy reflects this. The policy is to retain enough funds to support the Talking Newspaper service for one year and bookshop running costs for six months. In addition, enough funds will be retained to support the Car Boot, Sleigh activities and to support some particularly urgent and/or deserving charitable requests. This would be in the region of £5,000 as at 30 June.

Investment policy

The Charity has its cash resources in current bank accounts and does not feel the need to hold any other investments. There is, therefore, little risk from investments.

Preservation of charity assets

The Charity's assets are properly insured, and the risk minimised in this area. Insurance is provided by Lions Club International and in addition the normal Public and other liabilities the Club has £20,000 cover for its equipment and other fixed assets.

Financial risk

The main risk is that the Trusts bookshop activities would cease by failing to acquire a new lease, forcing the bookshop to close or relocate. However, a new lease is being prepared and so there is little risk to the charities main source of income.

Section F – Future developments

Efforts will continue to be made to improve bookshop income as well as improving the Talking Newspaper facility and increases in car boot activity. Consideration is also being given to opening a regular market stall in Alnwick, rent free.

The Charity is also improving its grant making procedures to ensure that grants are given promptly and in accordance with the Charity's aims and objects.

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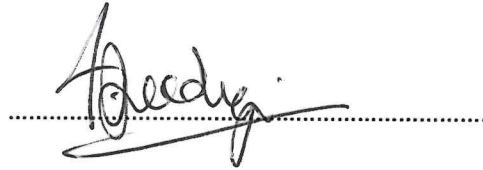
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For the Year to 30 June 2023**

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Signed President: Thomas Deedigan



Signed Secretary: Sandra Shepherd



Date

30/8/24

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Alnwick Lions Club

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the charity for the year ended 30 June 2023.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's trustees 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 charity's accounts carried out under section 145 of the Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's statement

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1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the charity as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records.

I have no concerns and 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.

Signed



Sarah Pringle FCCA

Greaves Grindle
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30 August 2024

**Alnwick Lions Club
Charity Number 1178346**

**Receipts and Payments Accounts
For the Year Ended 30 June 2023**

**GREAVES GRINDLE
CHARTERED ACCOUNTANTS
ALNWICK**

Alnwick Lions Club
Charity Number 1178346

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Alnwick Lions Club
Registered Charity Number 1178346

Charities Account

Income and Expenditure Account for the Year Ended 30th June 2023

2022

Receipts - Less Expenses

	41,252	Bookshop		39,926.36	
	(459)	Rates	(578.32)		
	(1,193)	Heat and Light	(2,375.90)		
	(51)	Consumables	(6.70)		
39,225	<u>(324)</u>	Equipment Renewals	<u>(284.89)</u>	<u>(3,245.81)</u>	36,680.55
		Talking Newspaper (Restricted Fund)			
		Income			
	300	Donations		50.00	
		Expenses			
	(1,080)	New Recording Equipment and Materials	(62.60)		
(985)	<u>(205)</u>	Repairs and Renewals	<u>(412.74)</u>	<u>(475.34)</u>	(425.34)
		Other Fundraising Events			
	1,343	Car Boot Sale	1,613.00		
1,257	<u>(86)</u>	Less: Expenses	<u>0.00</u>		1,613.00
	0	Santa's Sleigh	207.34		
(441)	<u>(441)</u>	Less: Expenses	<u>(602.89)</u>		(395.55)
	0	Quiz Night	338.70		
0	<u>0</u>	Less: Expenses	<u>(415.98)</u>		(77.28)
800		Advertising		0.00	
170		Bucket Collections		530.65	
0		Disaster Appeal		375.26	
0		Glendale Festival Stall		150.00	
1,098		Donations		0.00	
0		Trailer Sold		2,500.00	
<u>771</u>		Value Added Tax		<u>0.00</u>	<u>40,951.29</u>
41,895		carried forward			40,951.29

Alnwick Lions Club

Charities Account

Income and Expenditure Account for the Year Ended 30th June 2023

2022

41,895		brought forward	40,951.29
		Payments	
	310	Advertising	310.00
	0	Computer Security and Software	204.96
	35	Data Protection	35.00
	0	Flowers and Plants	30.00
	0	Zone Meeting	70.00
	0	Lions Kits, Badges and Banner	75.30
	0	Motoring Costs	2,008.73
	0	Trailer Repairs	130.08
	500	Parking Disc's	500.00
	94	Printing and Stationery	179.99
	0	Mobile Telephone Top Ups	40.00
	1,017	Rent of Storage Unit	2,412.59
	0	Christmas Lights Switch on Entertainer	150.00
	44	Miscellaneous	0.00
	350	Website and IT Support	0.00
	1,052	Travelling Expenses	<u>550.46</u>
			6,697.11
		Assets Purchased	
	25	Trolleys	0.00
	178	Mobile Telephone	0.00
	3,060	Trailer	0.00
	25	Shelving	0.00
	35	Steps	<u>0.00</u>
			0.00
<u>35,985</u>	<u>29,260</u>	Charitable Donations - see separate sheet	<u>31,177.23</u>
5,910		Excess of Income over Expenditure	<u>3,874.34</u>
<u><u>5,910</u></u>			<u><u>3,076.95</u></u>

Alnwick Lions Club

Charities Account

Capital Reconciliation As At 30 June 2023

2022

£

Office Equipment

0 Cost 588.96

Motor Vehicle

0 Cost 8,800.00

Current Assets

	Bank Balance					
1,000	Talking Newspaper Restricted Fund	574.66				
27,231	Unrestricted Funds	20,996.35	21,571.01			
<u>28,317</u>	Cash in Hand		<u>100.00</u>	<u>21,671.01</u>		<u>31,059.97</u>
28,317						31,059.97
<u><u>28,317</u></u>						<u><u>31,059.97</u></u>

Represented By

23,603	Opening Bank Balance at 1 July 2022			28,231.08		
93	Cash in Hand at 1 July 2022			86.49		
<u>5,910</u>	Add: Excess of Income over Expenditure			<u>3,076.95</u>		
29,606				31,394.52		
(1,289)	Less: Transfer to Social Fund	0.00				
<u>28,317</u>	Transfer to Administration Account	(334.55)	(334.55)	<u>(334.55)</u>		<u>31,059.97</u>
<u><u>28,317</u></u>						<u><u>31,059.97</u></u>

Alnwick Lions Club
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Charitable Donations Made in the Year Ended 30th June 2023

2022		
0	Abbeyfield	160.00
0	Alnwick Community Trust - International Womens Day Award Sponsorship	160.00
440	Alnwick in Bloom - Childrens Painting Competition Prizes	440.00
3,500	Alnwick Christmas Lights	5,000.00
0	Alnwick Division Girl Guides Association	900.00
0	Alnwick Food Bank	500.00
0	Alnwick Town Council - Hanging Baskets	50.00
0	Creighton Memorial Hall, Embleton	1,450.00
179	Duchess Community High School	378.24
150	Disabled Hedgehogs	1,000.00
0	E Evans - Rent	200.00
0	Ellington Village Hall Association	1,400.00
0	G Mitcheson	400.00
0	Glendale Gateway Trust	500.00
0	Great North Air Ambulance Service	1,000.00
0	Lesbury Play Group	300.00
0	Lionheart Radio - Barndale School Radio Sessions	600.00
Lions Clubs International :-		
0	Earthquake Appeal Turkey / Syria	2,000.00
0	Pakistan Appeal	3,000.00
350	Longhoughton Football Club	650.00
0	Mind and Soul	2,000.00
0	Moorland Community Orchard	1,500.00
1,000	North Northumberland Hospice	1,000.00
4,938	Northumberland County Council - Early Help family Team	3,237.00
500	Portable Theatre Company	500.00
0	Royal British Legion - Poppy Wreath	25.00
0	S Harrison	60.00
200	S Shepherd	500.00
0	Stephen Carey Fund	1,004.99
0	Ukraine Appeal	300.00
0	Weavers Court	650.00
17,918	Other 2022 Donations	0.00
Other Payments		
0	Spotty Dog Signs - 4 Banners	312.00
65	Mobile Telephone	0.00
20	Sleigh Expenses	0.00
29,260	Totals	31,177.23

Alnwick Lions Club
Registered Charity Number 1178346

Administration Account

Income and Expenditure Account for the Year Ended 30th June 2023

2022			
£			
	Receipts - Less Identifiable Expenses		
0	Donations	219.40	
623	Member Subscriptions	362.50	
238	Gift Aid	0.00	
11	Lottery Income / Domino Cards	0.00	
716	Mileage Transfers	334.55	
0	Car Boot Donation	50.00	
<u>33</u>	Quiz	<u>0.00</u>	
1,621	Total Receipts		966.45
	Payments		
0	Advertising	25.00	
0	Social Buffet	100.00	
922	District Subscriptions	912.25	
749	International Subscriptions	793.31	
7	Regalia	0.00	
0	Flowers	79.00	
8	Return of Subscriptions	0.00	
0	Stationery	22.76	
60	Leaving Presents	0.00	
60	Microsoft 365	0.00	
287	Zoom Costs	0.00	
118	Data Protection	0.00	
<u>2,211</u>	<u>0</u> Bank Charges	<u>7.00</u>	<u>1,939.32</u>
(590)	Excess of Expenditure over Income		(972.87)

Capital Reconciliation

	2,004	Bank Balance at 1st July 2022	1,414.33	
1,414	<u>(590)</u>	Less: Excess of Expenditure over Income	<u>(972.87)</u>	441.46
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1,414		Bank Balance - Per Statement at 30 June 2023		441.46
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Alnwick Lions Club
Registered Charity Number 1178346

Social Fund Account

Income and Expenditure Account for the Year Ended 30 June 2023

2022	£		2023	£
		Income		
	15	Subscriptions	0.00	
1,304	1,289	Transfer of mileage	0.00	0.00
		Expenditure		
	15	Subscriptions Trans to Administration	0.00	
15	0	Flowers	30.00	30.00
1,289		Excess of Income over Expenditure / Expenditure over Income		(30.00)

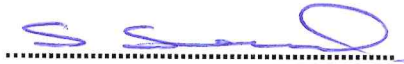
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1,568	Bank Balance at 1st July 2022	2,857.43	
2,857	1,289 0	Add: Excess of Income over Expenditure	0.00
		Less: Excess of Expenditure over Income	(30.00)
2,857	Bank Balance - Per Statement at 30 June 2023	2,827.43	

Signed President Thomas Deedigan



Signed Secretary Sandra Shepherd



Date

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Lions Club Charity Number 1178346
Alnwick
Trustees' Annual Report
For the Year to 30 June 2023

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Trustees' Annual Report (cont'd)

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Trustees' Annual Report (cont'd)

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Section D — Achievements and performance

Summary

The bookshop now operates solely under the CIO established on the 11 May 2018. The bookshop income has dropped slightly since 2022, with a deficit of £1,326. Bookshop expenditure increased by £1,219, mainly because of Electric and Gas costs. Business rates continue to be payable after the end of the Covid 19 pandemic. Car boot income improved by £270. The Club also sold a Trailer worth 2,500 as it was no longer needed due to the purchase of the Van. Grants and donations paid to worthy causes have improved by a net 21,917.

Section E — Financial review

Policy on reserves

The greatest financial risk to the charity is the loss or severe reduction in bookshop income. The Reserves Policy reflects this. The policy is to retain enough funds to support the Talking Newspaper service for one year and bookshop running costs for six months. In addition, enough funds will be retained to support the Car Boot, Sleigh activities and to support some particularly urgent and/or deserving charitable requests. This would be in the region of 25,000 as at 30 June.

Investment policy

The Charity has its cash resources in current bank accounts and does not feel the need to hold any other investments. There is, therefore, little risk from investments.

Preservation of charity assets

The Charity's assets are properly insured, and the risk minimised in this area. Insurance is provided by Lions Club International and in addition the normal Public and other liabilities the Club has £20,000 cover for its equipment and other fixed assets.

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Efforts will continue to be made to improve bookshop income as well as improving the Talking Newspaper facility and increases in car boot activity. Consideration is also being given to opening a regular market stall in Alnwick, rent free.

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Trustees' Annual Report (cont'd)

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Section G — Other matters

The Trust has deregistered for Value Added Tax (VAT) but is in receipt of Gift Aide.

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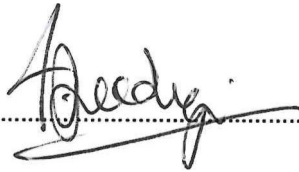
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Signed President: Thomas Deedigan



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Signed Secretary: Sandra Shepherd



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Date 30. .K.OZ/+

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Alnwick Lions Club

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the charity for the year ended 30 June 2023.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's trustees 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 charity's accounts carried out under section 145 of the Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all 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 in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the charity as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records.

I have no concerns and 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.

Signed



Sarah Pringle FCCA

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30 August 2024

ALNWICK LIONS CLUB

England & Wales - Charity number 1178346

Accounts

Alnwick Lions Club
Charity Number 1178346

Receipts and Payments Accounts
For the Year Ended 30 June 2022

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Alnwick Lions Club
Charity Number 1178346

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Alnwick Lions Club
Charity Number 1178346

Receipts and Payments Accounts
for the Year to 30 June 2022

Charity Accounts

Receipts

	Note Ref	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds Talking Newspapers £	Total Funds £	Total 2021 £
Bookshop Sales	3	41,007	-	41,007	26,602
Non-Book Sales		245	-	245	326
Grants and Donations		1,392	-	1,392	1,071
Car Boot Sales		1,343	-	1,343	691
Bucket Collections	3	170	-	170	149
Advertising		800	-	800	-
Value Added Tax Refund	3	771	-	771	463
Gift Aid	3	-	-	-	53
Covid 19 Retail Grants		-	-	-	10,240
Return of Charitable Grants		1,650	-	1,650	160
Miscellaneous		6	-	6	-
Total Receipts		47,384	-	47,384	39,755

Payments

	Note Ref	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds Talking Newspapers £	Total Funds £	Total 2021 £
Charitable Grants, Donations and Activities	6	30,910	-	30,910	16,430
Bookshop Expenses	3	3,781	-	3,781	2,899
Talking Newspapers' Expenses		1,235	50	1,285	996
Car Boot Expenses		86	-	86	8
Travel Expenses and Mileage - to Administration		717	-	717	956
Transfer to Social Fund		1,289	-	1,289	563
Advertising		310	-	310	300
Sleigh and Santa Costs		441	-	441	202
IT Support/Website		350	-	350	655
Mileage		216	-	216	-
Miscellaneous		55	-	55	92
Total Payments		39,390	50	39,440	23,101

Alnwick Lions Club
Charity Number 1178346

Receipts and Payments Accounts
for the Year to 30 June 2022

Charity Accounts (contd)

	Note Ref	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds Talking Newspapers £	Total Funds £	Total 2021 £
Asset Purchases					
Bookshop	3	3,145	-	3,145	1,165
Mobile Phones		178	-	178	-
Sleigh and Santa	4	-	-	-	2,484
Talking Newspaper	4	-	-	-	481
Car Boot	4	-	-	-	216
Total Asset Purchases		<u>3,323</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>3,323</u>	<u>4,346</u>
Total Payments and Purchases		<u>42,713</u>	<u>50</u>	<u>42,763</u>	<u>27,447</u>
Surplus / (Deficit)		4,671	(50)	4,621	12,308
Opening Balance		22,646	1,050	23,696	11,481
Closing Balance		<u>27,317</u>	<u>1,000</u>	<u>28,317</u>	<u>23,789</u>
		Charity Account	Administration	Total	
Funds		Unrestricted	Restricted	£	£
Total Banked Funds		27,231	1,000	1,414	29,645
Cash Funds		86	-	-	86
		<u>27,317</u>	<u>1,000</u>	<u>1,414</u>	<u>29,731</u>

Assets Retained for the Charity

Bookshop Equipment	Unrestricted
Car Boot Equipment	Unrestricted
Talking Books Equipment	Restricted/Unrestricted

**Alnwick Lions Club
Charity Trust Fund
Charity Number 1045968**

**Receipts and Payments Accounts
for the Year to 30 June 2022**

Administration Account

	Note Ref	2022		2021	
		£	£	£	£
Receipts					
Members Subscriptions		623		870	
District Refund		-		130	
Gift Aid		238		744	
Mileage Transfers from CIO Charity		716		956	
Quiz		33		-	
Lottery Income/Domino		11	1,621	-	2,700
Payments					
District Dues		749		1,250	
International Dues		922		892	
Regalia etc		7		247	
Return of Subscriptions		8		-	
Leaving Presents		60		-	
Microsoft - per Secretary		60		-	
Zoom Costs		287		-	
Data Protection Fee		118	2,211	192	2,581
(Deficit) / Surplus			(590)		119
Opening Bank Balance	7		2,004		-
Opening Balance Transferred from Administration	7		-		1,885
Closing Bank Balance			1,414		2,004

Signed President: Matthew Lawless 

Signed Secretary: Sandra Shepherd

Date 24/6/23

**Alnwick Lions Club
Charity Number 1178346**

**Receipts and Payments Accounts
for the Year to 30 June 2022**

**Social Fund Account
(Was Originally the Administration Account)**

	2022		2021	
	£	£	£	£
Receipts				
Subscriptions	15		212	
Receipts Paid in Wrong Account	-		225	
Transfer of Gift Aid	-		447	
Transfer of Mileage	1,289	1,304	563	1,447
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Payments				
Subscriptions Transferred to Administration	15			
International Dues	-		516	
District Dues	-		749	
Transfers to Correct Account	-		225	
Flag Base	-		149	
Flowers	-		20	
Seat and Plaque	-		205	
Zoom Costs	-		28	
Transfer to Administration in Charity Account	-	15	1,083	2,975
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Surplus / (Deficit)		1,289		(1,528)
Opening Balance		1,568		3,096
Closing balance		<hr/> <hr/>		<hr/> <hr/>
		2,857		1,568

Signed President: Matthew Lawless 

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Date 24/6/23

Alnwick Lions Club
Charity Number 1178346

Receipts and Payments Accounts
for the Year to 30 June 2022

Notes to the Accounts

1) Accounting Basis

The accounting is done a cash basis.

2) Taxes and Related Matters

The Club deregistered for VAT in July 2021 but is still receipt of Gift Aid.

3) Bookshop Accounts

	2022		2021	
	£	£	£	£
Receipts				
Bookshop	36,411		22,921	
Pulping	835		604	
Ziffit	3,761		3,077	
VAT Receipts	771		463	
Bucket Collections	170		149	
Gift Aid on Collections	-	41,948	53	27,267
	<u>-</u>		<u>53</u>	
Payments				
Electricity	1,193		591	
Rates	459		-	
Container	1,017		-	
Signage etc	-		1,577	
Sanitisers	51		172	
Printing, Postage and Stationery	94		68	
Repairs	304		195	
Parking Disks	500		175	
Travel Costs	119		87	
Miscellaneous	44	3,781	34	2,899
	<u>44</u>	<u>3,781</u>	<u>34</u>	<u>2,899</u>
Trading Surplus		<u><u>38,167</u></u>		<u><u>24,368</u></u>
Capital Purchases-Bookshop				
Trailer		3,060		-
Steps		35		-
Bookshop Trolley (small)		25		-
Bookshop Trolley (large)		-		171
Shelving		25		675
Till		-		319
		<u>3,145</u>		<u>1,165</u>
4) Capital Purchases - Other				
Car Boot Banners		-		216
Talking Newspapers 10 Sonic 2		-		481
Sleigh - Generator and Inverter		-		2,222
Sleigh - Exhaust Kit		-		55
Sleigh- Amplifier		-		207
Mobile Telephones		178		-
		<u>178</u>		<u>3,181</u>

5) Surplus from Fund Raising Social Activities

There were no fund raising activities this financial year.

Alnwick Lions Club
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Receipts and Payments Accounts
for the Year to 30 June 2022

Notes to the Accounts . . . Cont

6) Grants and Donations

	Restricted	Unrestricted	Total
Gross	1,000	29,910	30,910
Less Returned	-	1,650	1,650
Net Grants/Donations	1,000	28,260	29,260

7) Administration Account

This account is used to pay (under Lions International rules) to pay the CIO's District and International dues. It is also used for minor purchases such as certain display and other items.

Some member-only activities can also generate income for this account.

The income for this account is derived from members subscriptions, members' charity related expenses (chiefly mileage) and any Gift Aid thereon. This account does not use charitable income.

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**Alnwick Lions Club
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**Trustees' Annual Report
For the Year to 30 June 2022**

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Bookshop expenditure increased by £972. There were no signage costs this year but there was expenditure on a book storage container of £1,017 this year. Business rates are now payable after the end of the Covid 19 pandemic. Electricity costs also increased. Car boot income improved by £652. With the increased bookshop and related income grants and donations paid to worthy causes have improved considerably by a net £12,830.

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**Trustees' Annual Report
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Section E – Financial review . . Continued

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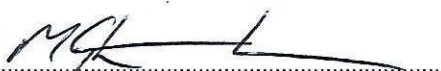
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Signed President: Mathew Lawless



Signed Secretary: Sandra Shepherd



Date

24/6/23

**Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Alnwick Lions Club
Charity Number 1178346**

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Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's trustees 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 charity's accounts carried out under section 145 of the Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all 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 in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the charity as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do 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 no concerns and 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.



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ALNWICK LIONS CLUB

England & Wales - Charity number 1178346

Accounts

Alnwick Lions Club
Charity Number 1178346
Receipts and Payments Accounts
For the Year to 30 June 2021

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Receipts & Payments Accounts For the Year to 30 June 2021

Charity Accounts						
Receipts	Note Ref	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds	Total 2020	
			Talking Newspapers			
		£	£	£	£	
Transfer from Trust (Inc. Cash balances)		-	-	-	27,526	
Bookshop sales	3	26,602	-	26,602	-	
Non-Book Sales		326	-	326	-	
Grants & Donations		1,021	50	1,071	2,131	
Car Boot Sales		691	-	691	295	
Bucket Collections	3	149	-	149	-	
Quiz Night		-	-	-	1,284	
Subs & Admin costs to wrong account		-	-	-	65	
Value Added Tax Refund	3	463	-	463	-	
Gift Aid	3	53	-	53	704	
Covid 19 Retail Grants		10,240	-	10,240	-	
Return of charitable grant		160	-	160	-	
Total Receipts		39,705	50	39,755	32,005	
Payments	Note Ref	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds	Total 2020	
			Talking Newspapers			
		£	£	£	£	
Charitable Grants, Donations and Activities	6	16,430	-	16,430	20,014	
Bookshop Expenses	3	2,899	-	2,899	-	
Talking Newspapers' Expenses		996	-	996	1,021	
Car boot expenses		8	-	8	-	
Travel expenses & Mileage - to Admin		956	-	956	771	
Transfer to Social Fund		563	-	563	-	
Subs & Admin Cost from Charity		-	-	-	65	
Quiz Night - costs	5	-	-	-	1,037	
Advertising		300	-	300	300	
Lock up Rent		-	-	-	550	
Sleigh & Santa Costs		202	-	202	160	
IT Support/Website		655	-	655	57	
Miscellaneous		92	-	92	193	
Total Payments		23,101	-	23,101	24,168	

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Administration Account			2021		2020	
	Note Ref	£	£	£	£	
Income						
Members subscriptions		870		1,008		
District Refund		130		644		
Gift Aid		744		-		
Mileage transfers from CIO Charity		956		1,397		
Mileage transfers from Trust Charity		-		771		
Transfer of Trust Administration balance		-		66		
Fines		-		76		
Lottery income/Domino		-	2,700	2,251		6,213
Expenditure						
District Dues		1,250		1,255		
International Dues		892		999		
Regalia etc		247		-		
Charter Dinner		-		3,023		
Data Protection Fee		35		40		
Sundries		157	2,581	55		5,372
Surplus/Deficit			119			841
Opening Bank Balance	6			-		2,255
Opening Balance trans from admin	6			1,885		-
Closing Bank Balance				2,004		3,096

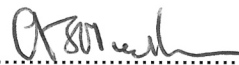
Signed

Secretary: Mark Baker



Signed

Treasurer: Anthony John Mindham



Date

..... 28-2-2021

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Notes to the Accounts For the Year to 30 June 2021

1) Accounting basis					
	The accounting is done a cash basis.				
2) Taxes and related matters					
	The Club is registered for VAT and is in receipt of Gift Aid.				
3) Bookshop accounts					
			2021		2020
			£	£	£
Income					
Bookshop			22,921		13,065
Pulping			604		466
Zipper			458		1,304
Ziffit			2,619		801
World of Books			-		167
VAT Receipts			463		228
Bucket collections			149		173
Gift Aid on Collections			53	27,267	36
					16,240
Expenses					
Electricity			591		1,032
Rates			-		518
Signage etc			1,577		-
Sanitisers			172		-
Printing, post & stat			68		38
Repairs			195		195
Parking Disks			175		-
Travel costs			87		-
Miscellaneous			34	2,899	96
					1,879
Trading Surplus				<u>24,368</u>	<u>14,361</u>
Capital Purchases-Bookshop					
Bookshop Trolley				171	
Shelving				675	
Till				319	
				<u>1,165</u>	
The comparative figures were taken from the Trust Charity. The CIO only started the bookshop trading on 1 July 2020.					

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4) Capital purchases - Other			
Car boot banners		216	
Talking Newspapers 10 Sonic 2		481	
Sleigh - Generator & Inverter		2,222	
Sleigh - exhaust Kit		55	
Sleigh- amplifier		207	
Computer & Wi-fi			103
Trailer			10
Children's chairs			10
Floor Mats			40
Heavy duty hand truck			128
Audio system & cabling			408
		3,181	699
5) Surplus from Fund Raising Social Activities			
There were no fund raising activities this financial year because of the Covid-19 pandemic.			
Surplus for 2020 was £217			
6) Grants and Donations			
	Unrestricted	Restricted	
Grants & Donations	14,780	1,650	16,430
Less returned by donee	(160)		(160)
Net	14,620	1,650	16,270
7) Administration Account			
This account is used to pay (under Lions International rules) to pay the CIO's District and International dues. It is also used for minor purchases such as certain display and other items.			
Some member-only activities can also generate income for this account.			
The income for this account is derived from members subscriptions, members' charity related expenses (chiefly mileage) and any Gift Aid thereon. This account does not use charitable income.			
To further comply with Lions International rules the member-only activities have been isolated in one account - the Social Fund Account. The Lions International related payments have been transferred to the Charity account, but analysed and reported separately.			
The transfer was made into the main charity account and completed on the 9 October 2020.			
For the Administration Accounts, all Administration activities in this account up to the 9 October 2020 have been included in the 2021 accounts.			

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Trustees' Annual Report For the Year to 30 June 2021

Section A – Reference and Administration Details

Charity Name: Alnwick Lions Club

Registered Charity Number (CIO): 1178346

Charity's Principal Address: Anthony John Mindham
28 Woodstead
Embleton
Alnwick, NE66 3XY

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity:

Trustee Name	Office	Dates acted If not whole year	Name of body entitled to appoint trustee
Richard Hall	Secretary		Alnwick Lions Club Charity Trust Fund
Anthony John Mindham	Treasurer		Alnwick Lions Club Charity Trust Fund
Thomas Deedigan	Trustee		Alnwick Lions Club Charity Trust Fund
William McDonald	Trustee		Alnwick Lions Club Charity Trust Fund
Janette Frank	Trustee		Alnwick Lions Club Charity Trust Fund

Section B – Structure, governance, and management

Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document	CIO – Association – Registered 11 May 2018
Organisations type	Charitable Incorporated Organisation
Trustee selection methods	Trustees are appointed by proposal, seconded, and voted by a majority membership

Additional governance issues

Alnwick Lions Club (hereafter called the CIO) has been formed to undertake the activities of the Alnwick Lions Charity Trust Fund (hereafter called the Trust). The bookshop activities were taken over from the Trust on the 30 June 2020 and the Trust closed on the 21 July 2020. The Trust (now the CIO) has been a member of the International Association of Lions Clubs for 46 years (established 1975). The members of the club are all volunteers who give their time unconditionally in support of charitable causes, both individual and organisations.

New Trustees are inducted and instructed in their duties by the existing experienced trustees.

The club is governed as a CIO established 11 May 2018. The club has a board of directors consisting of eight members (with a quorum of five) which is responsible for the execution of the policies approved by the club and the first.

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Consideration of new policies. Matters are decided by a majority vote (abstentions are allowed) of the members present at the meeting, subject to there being a quorum of 25% of members in good standing.

A quorate meeting of the members and trustees may exercise all its powers which include the management of the charity and the control of the trust fund. The members and trustees may delegate their powers to suitable committees for the running of certain aspects of the club's operations. Grants and donations are made to worthy causes after due diligence to ensure that the cause is bona fide. Potential grant recipients are required to complete a request form explaining why they require the financial assistance and some suitable information on the organisation/individual concerned. Grants and donations are then subject to votes by the members. Other forms of expenditure (running costs etc) are also subject to discussion and votes by members.

Section C – Objectives and activities

Objects

The object of the club is to apply its income for any purpose that is charitable according to the current laws of England and Wales. The income will be for the benefit of any individual, group of individuals, organisations or other charities.

Public benefit

In accordance with section 17(5) of the Charities Act and the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008, the trustees confirm that they are in conformity with this guidance on public benefit when undertaking current activities, planning future activities and in reviewing the club's aims, objectives and activities. The trustees consider that the club satisfies the public benefit requirements as established by current charity law.

Achievement of objects

The main source of income for the Club is from a second -hand bookshop operating from premises leased from an adjacent hotel. Other sources of income are derived from the running of a car boot sale, coffee mornings and one-off events. The club owns a Santa Sleigh and uses it as a means of collecting donations and is available for local schools and children's groups for the entertainment of children during the Christmas period. The club runs a Talking Newspaper Service and during the year has continued to improve its digital systems. All income and property of the club is required to be applied in promoting its objects and is vested in the members and trustees for this purpose. No part of the trust shall, however, be applied without approval of the members and trustees in formal meetings and subject to majority voting. The charity uses volunteers (i.e. who are not club members-currently 4/5) for service in the bookshop. These volunteers are not paid and are supervised and instructed by Club members who are versed in the operation of the bookshop.

The charity has a website detailing the club's activities and achievements - alnwicklions.org.uk.

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Section D – Achievements and performance

Summary

Although the bookshop income for the year to 30 June 2020 was earned in the Trust, this income determined the amounts transferred to the CIO so the comparatives used in this summary will be between the bookshop income in the CIO compared with the 2020 income in the Trust. Detailed bookshop accounts are to be found in note 3 in the notes to the accounts. The bookshop income has improved significantly from 2020, with an increase overall of £ 11027. This was because of fewer Covid-19 pandemic lockdowns, the completion of repairs to the hotel gateway and the consequent improvement in access to the bookshop from the main Alnwick shopping street. The CIO received a further £10240 under the Corvid-19 Retail Grant Scheme.

Bookshop expenditure increased by £1020. This was due to efforts to improve bookshop signage (£1577) offset by reductions in electricity and rates (rates reduced to nil as part of the government efforts to assist business during the pandemic).

Car boot income improved by £396. Grants and donations received were also reduced by £1,060. Efforts have been made this year to improve the Santa Sleigh by installing a new portable quiet generator, inverter and amplifiers at a cost of £2484. This is to improve the reliability and sound quality of the Christmas music played on the sleigh.

Charitable grants and donations made did reduce by £3744: the disruption of the Covid-19 pandemic resulted in reduced grant requests.

Section E – Financial review

Policy on reserves

The greatest financial risk to the charity is the loss or severe reduction in bookshop income. The Reserves Policy reflects this. The policy is to retain enough funds to support the Talking Newspaper service for one year and bookshop running costs for six months. In addition, enough funds will be retained to support the Car Boot, Sleigh activities and to support some particularly urgent and/or deserving charitable requests. This would be in the region of £5000 as at 30 June.

Investment policy

The charity has its cash resources in current bank accounts and does not feel the need to hold any other investments. There is, therefore, little risk from investments.

Preservation of charity assets

The charity's assets are properly insured, and the risk minimised in this area. Insurance is provided by Lions Club international and in addition the normal Public and other liabilities the Club has £20,000 cover for its equipment and other fixed assets.

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Financial risk

The main risk is that the Trusts bookshop activities would cease by failing to acquire a new lease forcing the bookshop to close or relocate.

Post 30 June 2021 we acquired a new signed Lease dated 2 December 2021.

Section F – Future developments

Efforts will continue to be made to improve bookshop income as well as improving the Talking Newspaper facility and increases in car boot activity. Consideration is also being given to opening a regular market stall in Alnwick, rent free.

The charity is also improving its grant making procedures to ensure that grants are given promptly and in accordance with the charities aims and objects.

Section G – Other matters

The trust is registered for Value Added Tax (VAT) and is also in receipt of Gift Aid.

Section H – Relationship with related Charities

The Club is part of the national Lions body, Lions Club Multiple District 105 (essentially the United Kingdom) District 105 itself part of the worldwide Lions International (based in the USA). The District provides some template policies which local clubs such as Alnwick Lions can adopt or not. Alnwick Lions will make its own choices in terms of fundraising and the choice of grantees (if these comply with current charity law in England and Wales). District 105 has sight of the accounts but has no direct input into the running of Alnwick Lions Club. Dues are paid to the District and International (based on the number of registered members) for their support.

At certain times Lions Club International will call upon clubs to support worldwide disaster relief, which the individual clubs may or may not support. Donations in this area are done via the Districts.

Signed Secretary: Mark Baker ----- 

Signed Treasurer: Anthony John Mindham ----- 

Date ----- 20-2-2022

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Alnwick Lions Club

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the charity for the year ended 30 June 2021 which are set out on pages 1 to 5

Responsibilities and basis of report

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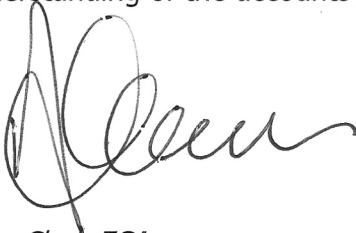
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