

# **Alnwick Lions Club**

Charity No: 1178346

## **Receipts and Payments Accounts**

**For the year ended 30 June 2025**

Smiths Accountants  
Chartered Accountants  
Alnwick

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**Trustees' Annual Report**

**Year ended 30 June 2025**

**Section A - Reference and administration details**

Charity name: Alnwick Lions Club

Registered Charity Number: 1178346

Principal address: Alnwick Lions Bookshop  
18 Bondgate Within  
Alnwick  
Northumberland  
NE66 1TD

The Charity's managing Trustees during the year ended 30 June 2025

Trustee name	Office	Dates	Appointed by
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

The following Trustees were appointed during the year ended 30 June 2025

Trustee name	Office	From	Appointed by
Linden Dods	Trustee	12.08.24	Alnwick Lions Club Charity Trust Fund
Rick Beaumont	Trustee	12.08.24	Alnwick Lions Club Charity Trust Fund
Fiona McCusker	Trustee	12.08.24	Alnwick Lions Club Charity Trust Fund
Tracy Hyslop	Trustee	21.10.24	Alnwick Lions Club Charity Trust Fund

**Section B - Structure, governance and management**

Organisation type: Charitable Incorporated Organisation

Governing document: CIO – Association – Registered 11 May 2018

Trustee selection: Appointed by proposal, seconded and voted by a membership majority.

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#### **Year ended 30 June 2025**

##### **Structure, governance and management (continued)**

Alnwick Lions Club (hereinafter referred to as the CIO) has been formed to undertake the activities of the Alnwick Lions Charity Trust Fund (hereinafter referred to as the Trust). The bookshop activities were taken over from the Trust on 30 June 2020 and the Trust closed on 21 July 2020. The Trust (now the CIO) has been a member of the International Association of Lions Clubs for 50 years (established in 1975). The members of the club are all volunteers who give their time unconditionally in support of charitable causes, both individuals 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 currently consisting of nine 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.

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 vote 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.

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##### **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 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 – [alnwicklions.org.uk](http://alnwicklions.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**

The greatest financial risk to the charity is the loss or severe reduction in bookshop income.

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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 30<sup>th</sup> 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	
	£	£	£	£
<b>Income - unrestricted funds</b>				
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
<b>Income - restricted funds</b>				
Quiz for Christmas Lights		1,990.27		-
Talking Newspaper donation		50.00		50.00
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>		<b>49,624.16</b>		<b>39,888.90</b>
<b>Expenditure - unrestricted funds</b>				
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
<b>Expenditure - restricted funds</b>				
Charitable donations and grants - see separate schedule	1,615.73		-	
Talking Newspaper - Gazettees	46.10		199.20	
		1,661.83		199.20
<b>SURPLUS OF INCOME OVER EXPENDITURE</b>		<b>7,263.64</b>		<b>2,391.59</b>



## Alnwick Lions Club

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### Charity Account

#### Capital Reconciliation as at 30 June 2025

	2025		2024	
	£	£	£	£
<b>Office Equipment</b>				
Cost	588.96		588.96	
<b>Motor Vehicle</b>				
Cost	<u>8,800.00</u>		<u>8,800.00</u>	
		9,388.96		9,388.96
<b>Current Assets</b>				
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>
		<b>38,456.72</b>		<b>32,358.93</b>
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<b>Represented By:</b>				
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>	
		<b>38,456.72</b>		<b>32,358.93</b>
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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
<b>TOTAL CHARITABLE PAYMENTS PER CHARITY ACCOUNT</b>		<b>27,321.75</b>

## Alnwick Lions Club

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### Administration Account

#### Income and Expenditure Accounts for the year ended 30 June 2025

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

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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	-		-	
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<b>Total receipts</b>		<b>488.00</b>		<b>-</b>
Expenditure				
Transfer to charity account	323.00		-	
President's night venue hire	1,376.00		-	
Flowers	100.00		-	
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<b>Total payments</b>		<b>1,799.00</b>		<b>-</b>
<b>Surplus / (Deficit) of receipts over payments</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>1,311.00</b>		<b>-</b>
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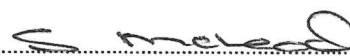
#### Capital Reconciliation

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

  
.....  
Linden Dodds  
President

  
.....  
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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30 April 2026