

President's Report – 2022/23

Before starting to write this report I looked back at reports from my previous 2 years as President in 2017/18 and 2018/19. In those years we were worried about our low number of members though Peter, Tim and Neil joined us in 2017/18 and Chris Waight joined us the following year. I am sad to include in this report that Chris has now passed on to greater things. He and his stories will be missed. Despite this sad loss our membership stands at 14 having welcomed Graham, Roger and Elise this year and we have the possibility of 1 or 2 new members in the near future.

Fund raising is now back to similar levels as before the pandemic though the mix of events is changing. The Fun Swim is becoming less popular and the 2k Fun Run and 10k were not held this year. Summerfest grew in size and funds raised though it is predominantly a platform for other, mostly small charities to raise their own funds. We have continued to work closely with other Dorchester charities and together with Casterbridge Rotary, RIOT and Dorchester Rugby clubs we have introduced the Hardy Half Marathon which was very well supported with nearly 300 entering. Several years ago we discussed the possibility of developing a half marathon out of the 10k and it is good to see this has finally happened. The 2k and 10k are not forgotten however and future events are being considered. Golf Day and the Quiz continue to be very popular whilst our involvement with Santa and his sleigh continues to develop.

Use of funds raised for Community Service continues to be our priority and thanks to Anita for her hard work with grants totalling nearly £7,000 this year.

On the Social front we have reintroduced the Garden Party that had to be discontinued during lockdowns. The event is meant as a thank you to members, wives and partners for their hard work and to those who have helped and supported us during the previous year. This, coupled with another very successful Charter lunch held this year at the Gamekeeper showed that Lions can have fun as well as attend meetings and organise fundraising events.

Talking of meetings, I think all members are pleased that our nomadic existence, moving from one pub to another has come to an end and we seem to be settled at the Gamekeeper.

Looking back to 2017/18/19 it is sad to see that the Soup and Stroll along Weymouth beach has lapsed. Stuart and Rita always made this a welcome get together in January every year and I wonder if we could resurrect this in some form in the future.

On the PR front we continue to make progress in our connections through Facebook with over 500 followers now. Andy and Anita have put in a lot of hard work in maintaining and developing our profile in the community and media including the production of Lions Tales twice a year.

Finally, my thanks for their hard work must go to all club officers, members, wives and partners, plus the many volunteers and sponsors who have helped us throughout the year.

In conclusion I wish Rory well and offer my support in his term as President next year.

Tony Howden

President.

LIONS CLUB OF DORCHESTER & DISTRICT (Charity No. 1178508)

ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30th JUNE 2023

RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT	CHARITY ACCOUNT	ADMIN- ISTRATION ACCOUNT	2023 TOTAL FUNDS	2022 TOTAL FUNDS
RECEIPTS				
10k Runs Nov21 & May22				5,154
Fun Swim	1,304		1,304	1,833
Easter eggs/raffle	1,775		1,775	
Puds & Posers Quiz	629		629	680
Golf day	3,888		3,888	3,075
Summerfest & Fun Run	2,052		2,052	1,304
One-off raised charity funds (Note 1)	436		436	852
Donations	117		117	1,222
Other income (Note 2)	1,288	33	1,321	45
Social activities		534	534	
Lions subscriptions		1,040	1,040	920
TOTAL RECEIPTS FOR THE YEAR	11,489	1,607	13,096	15,085
PAYMENTS				
Donations paid out	5,314		5,314	6,731
Sponsorship paid out				856
Cost of fund raising events	3,469		3,469	6,543
School awards	250		250	290
Printing and copying (Note 3)		80	80	344
Renewals				30
Easter eggs	584		584	
Social activities		618	618	
H Q and international membership and insurance		1,218	1,218	983
Affiliation fees				
Officers expenses				
Other expenditure (Note 4)	702	89	791	268
TOTAL PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR	10,319	2,005	12,324	16,045
NET RECEIPTS/(PAYMENTS)	1,170	(398)	772	(960)
CASH FUNDS AT LAST YEAR END	3,794	993	4,787	5,747
CASH FUNDS AT THIS YEAR END	4,964	595	5,559	4,787
Total funds held:				
Lloyds current (Charity) account 00165406			4,964	3,794
Lloyds current (Admin.) account 01280063			595	993
			5,559	4,787

Notes:

- 1) Santa Sleigh Collection (inc Christmas Cracker)
- 2) Includes Tesco Collection (£508), 100 Club (£500)
- 3) Lions Tales
- 4) Includes Rob Smith Trophy (£236), Santa Suit (£70), Cash Float (£60)
Advance payments re 23/24 (£145), MiaB (£52)

Treasurer's Annual Report

I have prepared these Accounts from the information, records and other data provided to me and I believe them to be a true and accurate record.

Elise Gatehouse

Elise Gatehouse Treasurer, 2022/23

5.8.23

Date

Independent Examiner's Report

From the books, records and supporting information supplied to me for the independent examination of these accounts, I find them to be a true and accurate record.

Clive Dickinson

Clive Dickinson (formerly MAAT, now retired)

8/8/23

Date