



DARLINGTON LIONS CLUB

CHARITABLE INCORPORATED INSTITUTION

ANNUAL REPORT and ACCOUNTS

For the year ended

30 June 2023

Charity Number 1179241

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Trustees Report for the year ended 30 June 2023

Trustees

Name	Position
T Gent	President
A. Duncan	Secretary
J De Martino	Treasurer

Structure, Governance and Management

The Lions Club of Darlington is constituted as a CIO under the auspices of the International Association of Lions Clubs.

Trustees are elected annually by the members of Darlington Lions Club.

During the period under review there were no serious incidents that were required to be reported to the Charities Commission

The club collects money from the public by way of 'bucket collections' mainly at local supermarkets, by appeals, sales from the club's second hand bookshop and by promoting events such as concerts. The club does not employ professional fundraisers. The club does not receive any income from contracts. The club reviews its financial controls on an ongoing basis.

All members of the club are 'DBS' checked.

Principal Address

1 Broadmeadows,
Darlington, DL3 8SP

Objects

1. Promoting the principles of good citizenship;
2. Encouraging members to take an active interest in the civic, cultural, social and moral welfare of the community;
3. Providing a forum for the open discussion of all matters of public interest; provided that partisan politics and sectarian religion shall not be debated by members;
4. Encouraging service-minded people to serve their community without personal reward and encouraging the promotion of high ethical standards in commerce, industry, professions, public works and private endeavours;
5. Supporting youth to develop their skills, capacities and capabilities to enable them to participate in society as mature and responsible individuals;

6. 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;
7. Promoting volunteering;
8. The relief of poverty and the relief of those in need in particular by providing humanitarian aid and disaster relief;
9. 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;
10. Promoting for the benefit of the public the conservation protection and improvement of the physical and natural environment;
11. Promoting community participation in healthy recreation.

Main Activities

1. The provision of grants to individuals.
2. The provision of activities for the underprivileged and disadvantaged including Christmas parcels, and trips to adventure play parks.
3. Support by way of grants of other local charities to enable them to achieve their objectives. These charities include those working to support the homeless and those in need including a local food bank and charities working to support disabled children.
4. Support of specific overseas and international charities, specifically for the provision of education, the provision of clean water, the cure of eye problems and general humanitarian relief through the Lions International Charitable Foundation. In addition surplus children's books are sent to Sri Lanka for use in schools there.
5. The promotion of mental and physical health by way of donations to medical and mental health charities including The Northumbrian Blood Bikes and Heel & Toe, and the provision of PSA tests for prostate cancer.
6. The promotion of physical activity by sponsoring mini-rugby, park runs and athletics in general.
7. The improvement of the physical environment by the planting of trees.

Public Benefit

The trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charities Commission on public benefit.

Achievements and Performance

The main achievements of the charity are set out under the main activities above and in the Financial Statements.

Financial Review

Details of the financial position of the charity are set out in the charity's financial statements. In the period under review the financial position is considered to be satisfactory with a surplus carried forward of £5,620.

The activities of the club have returned to normal following the Covid 19 epidemic. The club's main fundraising activities are concerts and supermarket collections. During the year the landlord terminated the lease on one of the club's two premises used as the bookshop. However, the club was able to lease a new shop in the same arcade in a much better position with the result that income from the bookshop has improved.

During the year a Prostate cancer screening and an event was held in conjunction with Blackwell Grange Golf Club with assistance from the Darlington Health Trust and PSA Testing - Graham Fulford Charitable Trust.

The reserve policy of the charity is to carry forward between £500 and £1,000 to cover expenditure in the early part of the year before fund raising activities have fully started. The increase in reserves over and above the charity's normal policy is to cover anticipated costs early in the next financial year.

The club does not receive any income from outside of England & Wales. Similarly, it does not operate outside of these countries. However, it does support UK based charities operating overseas. During the year £250 was donated for the provision of schooling for destitute children in India, £250 for Eye Camps in India, £250 for the provision of clean water and toilets in Tanzania and £250 for general disaster relief.

The club does not have any trading subsidiaries.

The trustees of the club did not receive any remuneration from the club other than the reimbursement of expenses incurred.

During the year the club established a branch club called the Middlesbrough and East Cleveland Branch with the intention that it would become an independent Lions Club in the near future. At the end of the session the branch club had seven members.

The club does not have any employees and all running costs of the club are met by members of the club who numbered 28 (including branch members) at the end of the session.

The trustees consider the charity to be a going concern going forward as expenditure is matched to income and long term commitments are not entered into.

Declarations

The trustees declare that they have approved the above trustee's report.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Name R Hillary

Position President

Date 7 November 2023

Darlington Lions Club CIO
Receipts & Payments Account - Year Ending 30 June 2023
Registered Charity No 1179241

Receipts	Year Ending 30 June 2023				30/06/22
	Restricted		Unrestricted	Total	
	Admin	Charity	Charity		
	£	£	£	£	£
Bookshop	0.00	0.00	16,433.75	16,433.75	10,060
Bucket Collections	0.00	191.52	1,350.26	1,541.78	1,099
Concerts	0.00	627.00	1,448.60	2,075.60	1,360
District 105N Grant	250.00	0.00	0.00	250.00	0
Donations Received	1,175.00	0.00	603.69	1,778.69	1,580
Football Buster	315.00	0.00	0.00	315.00	194
PSA Test Event	0.00	1,001.29	0.00	1,001.29	436
Raffles	145.95	0.00	90.00	235.95	719
Social Events	1,509.50	0.00	0.00	1,509.50	575
Sundry Income	46.25	0.00	0.00	46.25	44
Tombolas	0.00	0.00	67.00	67.00	0
Total Receipts	3,441.70	1,819.81	19,993.30	25,254.81	16,066

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Payments	Year Ending 30 June 2023			30/06/22	
	Restricted		Unrestricted	Total	
	Admin	Charity	Charity		
	£	£	£	£	£
Bookshop Costs	0.00	0.00	4,357.69	4,357.69	3,939
Branch Setup Costs	328.95	0.00	0.00	328.95	0
Caravan Holidays	0.00	0.00	280.00	280.00	0
Christmas Food Parcels	0.00	0.00	1,491.60	1,491.60	1,999
Club Dues	1,720.26	0.00	0.00	1,720.26	992
Concert Costs	0.00	124.00	166.11	290.11	270
Donations (see list)	0.00	694.52	10,758.48	11,453.00	6,148
Finance Charges	0.00	0.00	22.09	22.09	0
Insurance	20.25	0.00	34.85	55.10	44
OP Teas	0.00	0.00	439.00	439.00	0
President's Honorarium	200.00	0.00	0.00	200.00	0
PSA Test Event	0.00	2,466.69	1,601.88	4,068.57	61
Social Events	1,477.65	0.00	0.00	1,477.65	666
Sundry Expenses	130.30	0.00	400.80	531.10	185
Total Payments	3,877.41	3,285.21	19,552.50	26,715.12	14,303
Surplus (deficit) for the year	435.71	1,465.40	440.80	1,460.31	1,763
Balance 30 Jun 22	714.51	1,465.40	4,900.66	7,080.57	5,317
Balance 30 June 23	278.80	0.00	5,341.46	5,620.26	7,081
Represented by :-					
Current Account	278.80	0.00	5,341.46	5,620.26	7,061
Cash in Hand	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	20
	278.80	0.00	5,341.46	5,620.26	7,081

Signed on behalf of the trustees by :- R Hillary