



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From 1st July 2023.

To 30th June 2024

Charity name: Marlborough & District Lions Club

Charity registration number: [1179576](#)

Objectives and Activities

| | SORP reference | |
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| Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document | Para 1.17 | <p>Marlborough & District Lions Club is a member of the International Association of Lions Clubs. The objectives of the club include,</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The advancement of citizenship by promoting the principles of good citizenship• The relief of poverty• Encouraging members to take an active interest in the civic, cultural, social & moral welfare of the community• Provide a forum for the open discussion of all matters of public interest providing that partisan politics and sectarian religion should 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 commerce, industry, professions public works & 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. |

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| | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To improve the conditions of life of people in local, national and international communities • Promote 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, assisting disabled people to lead independent lives or helping to prevent or manage a health issue. • Promoting for the benefit of the public the conservation, protection and improvement of the physical and natural environment, and promoting community participation in healthy recreation. |
| Summary of the main activities in relation to those purposes for the public benefit, in particular, the activities, projects or services identified in the accounts. | Para 1.17 and 1.19 | <p>This year the Club has been involved in a number of fundraising activities.</p> <p>From March onwards it has held a breakfast bar at a local Car Boot Sale, serving bacon sausages and burgers, plus drinks for visitors to the car boot. It has also been a good way of raising our profile within the community.</p> <p>It has also held an Easter cake stall, with free eggs for Children on Easter Sunday.</p> <p>In April & May, with the support of Forestry England, we were able to facilitate people with or without their cars to visit a local Bluebell Wood, most of which is not normally open to the public. A request for donations is made at the gate.</p> <p>A stand at a local show in June with a Tombola was another fundraising activity.</p> <p>In November we supported the Marlborough Community by providing Father Christmas and his sleigh and drove the Mayor through the centre of Marlborough at the annual Christmas light switch-on</p> <p>We also supported the local cinema in December at their Christmas Fair.</p> <p>Father Christmas and his sleigh was also driven around the town, with a static float in Marlborough High Street and supermarkets in the area, bringing joy to families and raising funds throughout December.</p> |

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| Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit | Para 1.18 | <p>The Trustees have paid regard to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit in dealing with the objectives and activities of the club.</p> <p>The Club is governed by its CIO Constitution and by the Constitutions and By-Laws of Lions Clubs International as revised from time to time. The Trustees are appointed in accordance with Charity Law and they have overall responsibility to ensure that the Club operates in accordance with Charity law and the club's CIO document. All business of the club is carried out on a monthly basis and is attended and overseen by the Trustees.</p> <p>The club relies on fundraising events and occasional donations from the public to carry out its work. All administrative expenses of the club are met from subscriptions paid by its members. The work is carried out entirely by volunteers.</p> <p>The club works with other local and national agencies, and with other Lions Clubs, and Lions Clubs international to achieve its objectives.</p> |
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Achievements and Performance

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| Summary of the main achievements of the charity, identifying the difference the charity's work has made to the circumstances of its beneficiaries and any wider benefits to society as a whole. | Para 1.20 | <p>This year, we have raised £4,227 through our fundraising efforts and distributed £5,181. We have been supporting a number of individuals, families and children in the Marlborough & District area. Examples of this are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Donation to a group in Pewsey for a canal trip for the elderly. • Provided a large size push chair for a child with Autism • A single bed for a child living with a disadvantaged family • Carpets and flooring for a number of families who have moved into social housing (where the policy is for carpets are removed at each change of tenant). • A mobility scooter to improve the life of someone with a disability. • Paid for a carer for a child with learning & physical difficulties. • Christmas and Mother's day gifts for parents on low incomes on behalf of their children. • We have funded a defibrillator at a local church. <p>We have also donated to the Mayor of Marlborough Charities following the Christmas Light Switch-on and Lions International disaster relief fund.</p> <p>We have provided "message in a bottle" bottles to the elderly who store medication details in a bottle in their fridge. This is used by paramedics in an emergency.</p> <p>We have collected glasses from a local optician and other locations and sent them for recycling.</p> |

Financial Review

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| Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period | Para 1.21 | The club has managed its finances to end the year with a good balance, Slightly lower than last year with closing balance of £8,001 We donated £5,181, against an income of £5,181. This has been another difficult year. We still reasonable balance, and able to provide help and support to people who need help. |
| Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held | Para 1.22 | The club does not keep a reserve so that if the need is there we will work to provide support. |
| Amount of reserves held | Para 1.22 | £0.00 |
| Reasons for holding zero reserves | Para 1.22 | N/A |
| Details of fund materially in deficit | Para 1.24 | £0.00 |
| Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern | Para 1.23 | In the current climate the club has performed well in being able to provide support for those in need and support, together with various event and fund raising activities, will enable the club to continue for the foreseeable future. |

Structure, Governance and Management

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| Description of charity's trusts: | | |
| Type of governing document | Para 1.25 | Marlborough & District Lions Constitution adopted 16 th August 2018 |
| How is the charity constituted? | Para 1.25 | The Club is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation registered with the Charity Commission of England and Wales. |
| Trustee selection methods including details of any constitutional provisions e.g. election to post or name of any person or body entitled to appoint one or more trustees | Para 1.25 | The Trustees are appointed by an election to post by members of the Marlborough & District Lions Club. |

Reference and Administrative details

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| Charity name | Marlborough & District Lions Club |
| Other name the charity uses | |
| Registered charity number | 1179576 |
| Charity's principal address | 17 Kerrs Way Wroughton Swindon SN4 9EJ |

| Trustee name | Office (if any) | Dates acted if not for whole year | Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any) |
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| Richard Yates | President | | |
| Stephen Astwood | Treasurer | | |
| <i>Vacant</i> | Vice President | | |
| John Edmunds | Welfare | | |
| Karen Collie | Secretary | | |
| Sue Lampard | Welfare | | |
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Declarations

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)

S.Astwood.

K. Collie

Full name(s)

Stephen Astwood

Karen Collie

Position (eg Secretary,
Chair, etc)

Treasurer

Secretary

Date

10/11/2024