



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From 01/07/2024
Period end date

Period start date To 30/06/2025

Charity name: Castleford & Pontefract District Lions Club

Charity registration number: 1179659

Objectives and Activities

	SORP reference	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Advancement of citizenship2. Promoting the voluntary sector for the public benefit3. Promoting volunteering4. The relief of poverty and the relief of those in need5. Providing humanitarian aid and disaster relief6. The advancement of health or the saving of lives7. Promoting for the benefit of the public the conservation protection and improvement of the physical and natural environment8. Promoting community participation in health 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>These are some of the activities/services that our club and our members have undertaken during the year:</p> <p>Local gala's and events – members have attended and provided fundraising activities/games for adults and children to participate in.</p> <p>Annual Food Tasting – Members provide a panel of judges in return for a monetary donation.</p> <p>Santa's Grotto – provision of a Santa's Grotto at Pontefract Xmas Lights switch on and throughout December in local shopping centre.</p> <p>Advancement of Citizenship We believe that strong and inclusive community groups are vital and we have forged strong links with the local council, community and youth groups, including the local Civic Societies and Scouts / Guide</p>

		<p>groups.</p> <p>Promoting Volunteering. All our members are volunteers in that we make donations to Lions Clubs International to cover our administration costs. We believe every penny we raise should count towards fulfilling our objectives. Promoting volunteering is essential to the wellbeing of humans and to achieve the maximum public benefit. We encourage our community groups to volunteer with us so that we can achieve more.</p> <p>We attend the Pontefract Community Showcase, promoting our community service activities and ways in which members of the public could get involved through volunteering.</p> <p>Relief of Poverty/Those in Need.</p> <p>Our members supported the British Legion by selling Poppies and other merchandise at local supermarkets.</p> <p>Our volunteers regularly give their time to support local food banks and we have donated funds to another other food bank to purchase stock.</p> <p>We purchased 2 Stoves to send out to families in Ukraine to help provide them with warmth and cooking facilities during the cold winter months.</p> <p>We donated selection boxes to a local community group who were putting on a Christmas Grotto for underprivileged young people.</p> <p>The advancement of health or the saving of lives. We supplied Message in the Bottles free of charge to the elderly and people with health conditions so their health needs would be available to emergency services if they collapsed at home.</p> <p>We provide emergency toiletry packs to the hospital for patients that are brought into hospital without warning.</p> <p>We recycle spectacles, hearing aids and ring pulls to send abroad for underprivileged countries.</p> <p>We have made donations of clothes to Airedale Baby Bank and Pontefract Community Kitchen. We have also supported the Marie Curie Daffodil Appeal by providing collectors in a local supermarket.</p> <p>We provided funding along with other local</p>
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		<p>lions groups to sponsor a child for 10 years in an orphanage in Uganda.</p> <p>Contributed along with other Pontefract community groups to fund a Defib for Pontefract town centre and made a donation towards equipment for the Prince of Wales Hospice</p> <p>Promoting the conservation protection and improvement of the physical and natural environment. We are an active member of Pontefract in Bloom and sponsor a number of the Town Centre Flower Troughs planting them twice a year and maintaining them throughout the year.</p> <p>We act as a collection point for the recycling of plastic bottle tops, stamps, ink cartridges to encourage people to recycle rather than allow these items to go to landfill</p> <p>Promoting community participation in healthy recreation.</p> <p>Members support other local Lions Clubs by providing marshals at their annual bike ride. Provision of community lantern making workshops, which provide an opportunity for families and individuals to participate in a community event and meet with other people, which promotes good mental health and wellbeing.</p> <p>Supported young people to design a Peace Poster to enter into a worldwide International Peace Poster competition, again giving young people an opportunity to draw, and paint as a way of expressing themselves which supports positive mental health.</p>
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	Para 1.18	Trustees have been trained and provided with guidance in terms of their responsibilities

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

	SORP reference	
Policy on grant making	Para 1.38	The charity has a grant making policy for determining distribution of funds raised
Policy on social investment including program related investment	Para 1.38	N/A

Contribution made by volunteers	Para 1.38	The charity is reliant on the work of its volunteers and could not function without their dedication and support
Other		

Achievements and Performance

	SORP reference	
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>Our activities highlighted above against our constitution have made a substantial difference to the lives of many people less fortunate and improved the health and well-being and vitality of our communities. The selfless service provided by our members has stimulated volunteers to help with our activities and take more active roles in improving society as a whole.</p> <p>Our main achievements were:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Santa's Grotto's – Volunteers ran their popular Grotto and saw around 400 children at a local shopping centre and Town Hall raising funds for local charities • Message In A Bottle – we have provided the bottles to members of the public, a doctors surgery in the area and the ambulance service. These bottles are helping to save lives of the elderly or individuals with health conditions • Spectacle Recycling – we have used spectacle collection bins throughout our area, which we empty every two weeks. The spectacles are then sent to our national sorting centre and prepared for shipping to third world countries • Supporting individual families and young people, by providing donations towards equipment or in some instances a small gift, which most people receive from their family and friends, but many people do not have the luxury of friends and families. Very often the small gestures and donations we give, have a huge positive impact on the recipient. <p>We also get involved with or organise community participation events for young</p>

		<p>people, adults and families, by way of promoting volunteering, raising awareness of environmental issues and promoting positive mental health and wellbeing.</p> <p>Supporting healthcare and charitable organisations, by providing donations to purchase equipment, food or donating of clothing items. The impact we make relies upon the collaboration of several community groups and charities, working together to provide funding for a specific project which can impact upon several thousand people over a number of years and without the support of ourselves and other similar groups the projects would not be able to happen.</p>
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Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Achievements against objectives set	Para 1.41	The club has endeavoured to continue to meet its objectives
Performance of fundraising activities against objectives set	Para 1.41	N/A
Investment performance against objectives	Para 1.41	N/A
Other		N/A

Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	The charity is in good standing with £8356 available to fund charitable causes. This is considered to be a reasonable balance to cover cashflow variances and to give the club the capability to make donations as the need arise
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	The charity has agreed to hold a reserve in the activities fund to enable a donation to be made should one be received
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	£1000 for creditors
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	N/A
Details of fund materially in deficit	Para 1.24	N/A
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	Nil at this date. However, the CIO requires sufficient members to carry out its objectives, and all reasonable steps are taken to attract new members to at least replace those expected to leave

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

The charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising)	Para 1.47	Fundraising activities throughout the year including galas, and grottos.
Investment policy and objectives including any social investment policy adopted	Para 1.46	N/A
A description of the principal risks facing the charity	Para 1.46	Nil at this date. However, the CIO requires sufficient members to carry out its objectives and is facing a membership with members of advancing age and steps need to be taken to increase the number of younger members within the club
Other		N/A

Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts:		
Type of governing document (trust deed, royal charter)	Para 1.25	Constitution and Byelaws
How is the charity constituted? (e.g unincorporated association, CIO)	Para 1.25	CIO
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	Trustees are appointed through election by club members. The procedures are specified in the Constitution and Byelaws documents

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees	Para 1.51	Trustees and Club officers receive induction training from the Lions accredited trainer
The charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works	Para 1.51	Part of Lions International District 105N
Relationship with any related parties	Para 1.51	
Other		

Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	Castleford and Pontefract District Lions Club
Other name the charity uses	N/A
Registered charity number	1179659
Charity's principal address	5 Eskdale Close, Altofts, WF6 2RF

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	Michelle Nicholson	President		Castleford & Pontefract District Lions Club
2	Dave Large	Treasurer		Castleford & Pontefract District Lions Club
3	Jeannette Morgan	Secretary		Castleford & Pontefract District Lions Club
4	Jacqueline Hartless	Vice President		Castleford & Pontefract District Lions Club
5	Helen Charlotte			Castleford & Pontefract District Lions Club
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Corporate trustees – names of the directors at the date the report was approved

Director name		

Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity

Trustee name	Dates acted if not for whole year	

Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

Description of the assets held in this capacity	N/A
Name and objects of the charity on whose behalf the assets are held and how this falls within the custodian charity's objects	N/A
Details of arrangements for safe custody and segregation of such assets from the charity's own assets	N/A

Additional information (optional)

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address

Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)

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Exemptions from disclosure

Reason for non-disclosure of key personnel details

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Other optional information

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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)

Michelle Nicholson

Full name(s)

Michelle Nicholson

**Position (eg Secretary,
Chair, etc)**

Chair

Date

05/04/2026

CASTLEFORD & PONTEFRACT DISTRICT LIONS

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**REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES AND
UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2025
FOR
CASTLEFORD & PONTEFRACT DISTRICT LIONS**

Harrison & Co
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CASTLEFORD & PONTEFRACT DISTRICT LIONS

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2025

The trustees present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 30 June 2025. The trustees have adopted the provisions of Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019).

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governing document

The charity is controlled by its governing document, a deed of trust and constitutes an unincorporated charity.

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Registered Charity number

1179659

Principal address

5 Eskdale Close
Normanton
Wakefield
WF6 2RF

Trustees

Mr D Large Treasurer
Ms M Nicholson President (Chair)
Ms J Hartless Vice President
Ms J Morgan Secretary
Ms H Charlotte Trustee

Independent Examiner

Sherice Parfitt FCCA
Harrison & Co
Chartered Accountants
531 Denby Dale Road West
Calder Grove
Wakefield
West Yorkshire
WF4 3ND

Approved by order of the board of trustees on 17 March 2026 and signed on its behalf by:



Mr D Large - Trustee

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF
CASTLEFORD & PONTEFRACT DISTRICT LIONS**

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Castleford & Pontefract District Lions

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of Castleford & Pontefract District Lions (the Trust) for the year ended 30 June 2025.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of the Trust 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 Trust's accounts carried out under Section 145 of the Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all 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 Trust 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.



Sherice Parfitt FCCA

Harrison & Co
Chartered Accountants
531 Denby Dale Road West
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Wakefield
West Yorkshire
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17 March 2026

CASTLEFORD & PONTEFRACT DISTRICT LIONS

**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2025**

	Notes	2025 Unrestricted fund £	2024 Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM			
Income		8,639	10,726
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EXPENDITURE ON			
Raising funds		8,230	8,340
Other expenses			
GENERAL		2,727	2,240
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Total		10,957	10,580
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NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)		(2,318)	146
 RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS			
Total funds brought forward		8,356	8,210
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TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		6,038	8,356
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The notes form part of these financial statements

CASTLEFORD & PONTEFRACT DISTRICT LIONS

BALANCE SHEET 30 JUNE 2025

	Notes	2025 Unrestricted fund £	2024 Total funds £
CURRENT ASSETS			
Cash at bank		6,353	8,656
CREDITORS			
Amounts falling due within one year	4	(315)	(300)
NET CURRENT ASSETS		<u>6,038</u>	<u>8,356</u>
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		6,038	8,356
NET ASSETS		<u>6,038</u>	<u>8,356</u>
FUNDS	5		
Unrestricted funds		6,038	8,356
TOTAL FUNDS		<u>6,038</u>	<u>8,356</u>

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on 17 March 2026 and were signed on its behalf by:

Ms M Nicholson - Trustee

M Nicholson

Mr D Large - Trustee

D Large

The notes form part of these financial statements

CASTLEFORD & PONTEFRACT DISTRICT LIONS

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2025

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of preparing the financial statements

The financial statements of the charity, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019)', Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' and the Charities Act 2011. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

Income

All income is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities once the charity has entitlement to the funds, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably.

Expenditure

Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to that expenditure, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all cost related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

Taxation

The charity is exempt from tax on its charitable activities.

Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the trustees.

Restricted funds can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes.

Further explanation of the nature and purpose of each fund is included in the notes to the financial statements.

2. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 30 June 2025 nor for the year ended 30 June 2024.

Trustees' expenses

There were no trustees' expenses paid for the year ended 30 June 2025 nor for the year ended 30 June 2024.

CASTLEFORD & PONTEFRACT DISTRICT LIONS

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2025**

3. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted fund £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM	
Income	10,726
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EXPENDITURE ON	
Raising funds	8,340
Other expenses	
GENERAL	2,240
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Total	10,580
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NET INCOME	146
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS	
Total funds brought forward	8,210
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TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD	8,356
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4. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2025 £	2024 £
Other creditors	315	300
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5. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

	At 1.7.24 £	Net movement in funds £	At 30.6.25 £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	8,356	(2,318)	6,038
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TOTAL FUNDS	8,356	(2,318)	6,038
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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2025**

5. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

Net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	8,639	(10,957)	(2,318)
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>8,639</u>	<u>(10,957)</u>	<u>(2,318)</u>

Comparatives for movement in funds

	At 1.7.23 £	Net movement in funds £	At 30.6.24 £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	8,210	146	8,356
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>8,210</u>	<u>146</u>	<u>8,356</u>

Comparative net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	10,726	(10,580)	146
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>10,726</u>	<u>(10,580)</u>	<u>146</u>

A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined position is as follows:

	At 1.7.23 £	Net movement in funds £	At 30.6.25 £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	8,210	(2,172)	6,038
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>8,210</u>	<u>(2,172)</u>	<u>6,038</u>

CASTLEFORD & PONTEFRACT DISTRICT LIONS

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2025**

5. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	19,365	(21,537)	(2,172)
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>19,365</u>	<u>(21,537)</u>	<u>(2,172)</u>

6. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

There were no related party transactions for the year ended 30 June 2025.

CASTLEFORD & PONTEFRACT DISTRICT LIONS
DETAILED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2025

	2025 £	2024 £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS		
Income		
Galas, Fêtes , etc.	520	859
Fund raising, Grottos, etc.	6,259	7,569
Collections	85	645
Member donations	43	50
Charter	1,078	1,023
Subscriptions	654	580
	<u>8,639</u>	<u>10,726</u>
Total incoming resources	8,639	10,726
EXPENDITURE		
Raising donations and legacies		
Activities prizes	3,710	3,528
Charitable gifts and donations	2,875	2,483
Fundraising costs	1,615	2,329
	<u>8,230</u>	<u>8,340</u>
Other expenses		
Rent	99	84
Licences and insurance	1,362	1,405
Light and heat	254	262
Repairs and renewals	525	-
Postage and stationery	40	21
Promotional	-	22
Sundries	437	446
	<u>2,727</u>	<u>2,240</u>
Total resources expended	<u>10,957</u>	<u>10,580</u>
Net (expenditure)/income	<u>(2,318)</u>	<u>146</u>

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