



Trustees' Annual Report for the period

			Period start date			Period end date		
From			Day 01	Month July	Year 2024	To		
			Day 30	Month June	Year 2025			

Section A Reference and administration details

Charity name	East Grinstead and District Lions Club CIO
Other names charity is known by	
Registered charity number (if any)	1179721
Charity's principal address	11 Barton Crescent
	East Grinstead
	Postcode RH19 4NR

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	SHARAN BILLINGS	PRESIDENT		
2	MICHAEL BARTY	TREASURER		
3	BRENDAN JOYCE	SECRETARY		
4	TONY HARDISTY			
5	IAN FORBES			
6	SEAN MCDONNELL			
7	NICHOLAS GIBSON			
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Names of the trustees for the charity, if any, (for example, any custodian trustees)

Name	Dates acted if not for whole year



## 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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# Section B Structure, governance and management

## Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document (eg. trust deed, constitution)	ASSOCIATION CONSTITUTION DATED 28 <sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2018
How the charity is constituted (eg. trust, association, company)	CHARITABLE INCORPORATED ORGANISATION
Trustee selection methods (eg. appointed by, elected by)	CONSTITUTION REQUIRES PRESIDENT, SECRETARY AND TREASURER (AS ELECTED BY CLUB MEMBERSHIP) TO BE TRUSTEES. UP TO A FURTHER 6 VOLUNTEER TRUSTEES CAN BE ELECTED BY CLUB MEMBERSHIP.

## Additional governance issues (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant, about:

- policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees;
- the charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works;
- relationship with any related parties;
- trustees' consideration of major risks and the system and procedures to manage them.

The East Grinstead and District Lions Club CIO is a member of the International Association of Lions Clubs and operates within Lions Multiple District 105SE in accordance with the standard District 105SE Lions Club Association Constitutions and Bye Laws.

Includes the East Grinstead Lions Club 200 Club which raises funds through a lottery with a maximum of 200 members.



### Summary of the objects of the charity set out in its governing document

The Objects of the Club are such purposes as are exclusively charitable in England & Wales, including in particular:

The advancement of citizenship by:

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.

### Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit in relation to these objects (include within this section the statutory declaration that trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit)

To raise funds either through donations, or by arranging fund raising events such as the East Grinstead Mayfair as well as the sale of second hand books in the local train stations and pop-up book shop. It also assists in various events around the town supplying refreshments and does attend other Lions Club events.

These funds are used to provide grants to aid mainly local charities, organisations, and persons or families in need to help them fulfil their potential. A small proportion of funds may be used to fund Lions district, national and international charities which covers disaster relief, blood disorders, cancer research and blindness and sight disorders throughout the world.

#### Statutory Declaration

The trustees of East Grinstead and District Lion Club CIO are fully aware when considering recommendations for charitable grants by the community services committee and agreed by the members of the club at monthly meetings, that such grants must always satisfy the "Public Benefit" test and that decision making must be in accordance with the guidance issued by the Charity Commission.



## Additional details of objectives and activities (Optional information)

### Assessment Process for making Grants.

- all grant applications will be subject to initial assessment by the Community Services Committee to ensure that they meet the basic criteria for funding. The Community Services Committee will make a recommendation as to whether a grant application should be supported and to what value at their monthly meeting following which all members attending the Charities monthly business meeting will have an opportunity to consider the Community Services recommendation and may propose amendments to such recommendation if felt appropriate. The trustees will then consider the recommendations made and make their decisions as to whether a grant should be made. The Trustees will aim to write to all applicants informing them of the outcome of their application for funding within three months of the date of the application.
- There may from time to time be grant applications which require a more urgent decision than being dealt with by the process in the paragraph above. In these situations, the Trustees may make a decision to award a grant based on the majority decision of all Trustees and in the event of an equal number of votes for and against awarding a grant the Club President shall have a casting vote. Such grant applications are limited to two applications in any calendar month and to a maximum grant limit of £500 for each such application.
- Trustees will not be obliged to provide an explanation to the applicant should their application be unsuccessful, however Trustees do realise the importance of feedback and will where appropriate, provide suitable comment to the applicant.
- applicants should note that Trustees may from time to time receive far more applications than they have funds to support. Even if a project fits with the criteria and priorities of the Trustees and a detailed assessment has been made, Trustees may still be unable to provide the grant.

You may choose to include further statements, where relevant, about:

- policy on grantmaking;
- policy programme related investment;
- contribution made by volunteers.



## Section D

## Achievements and performance

**Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year**

The East Grinstead Mayfair this year ran without any issues so fund raising funding for this event is back to normal levels after the weather setback last year, however the Donkey Derby has had to be permanently cancelled due to possible objections from Animal Activists, so fund raising income will still be down previous years. The book sales at the local stations and the book shop have continued and are doing well. The club is continuing to do well with new members. WOW (warm over winter) has continued to grow with more grants to local residents and families provided this year as the fuel crisis continues. These are limited to a maximum of £200 per year per household.

The club has sufficient funds to continue grant making

## Section E

## Financial review

**Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves**

The CIO as a grant making organisation attempts to provide as many grants as possible throughout the year, with the aim of keeping a minimum of reserves. The level of these reserves would normally be kept to around £15000 in its charity fund. This takes into account that there is currently funds ring fenced for various activities, with £4000 reserved for Health awareness activities with further ring fencing of £3000 for provision of holidays for families in need or with a disability where a holiday would not normally be possible.

The admin account is kept at a value through-out the year in order that it may meet its commitments, where the main commitment is to pay its dues to the Lions organisation. This is ensured by having membership dues set at a level to be able to meet this commitment.

The 200 Club is maintained at a level to meet its commitments which is mainly to provide prizes 4 times a year. The level of prizes are determined by the number of members in the 200 club and only surplus funds are used to make grants.

There is no overdraft facility in place in any accounts so there is no possibility of being overdrawn.

**Details of any funds materially in deficit**

No funds are in deficit



### Further financial review details (Optional information)

You may choose to include additional information, where relevant about:

- the charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising);
- how expenditure has supported the key objectives of the charity;
- investment policy and objectives including any ethical investment policy adopted.

## Section F



### Other optional information

## Section G

### Declaration

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)		
Full name(s)	NICK GIBSON	MICHAEL BARTY
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	PRESIDENT	TREASURER
Date	13/4/26	





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FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

East Grinstead and District Lions Club

1179721

## Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period from

Period start date  
1st July 2024

To

Period end date  
30th June 2025

### Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	200 Club funds to the nearest £	Administration funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
<b>A1 Receipts</b>						
200 Club member payments	24	-	2,346		2,370	2,670
social events		-	-	1,713	1,713	2,380
Lion/raffle at meetings	-	-	-	464	464	576
fund raising events	24,604	-	-	-	24,604	25,280
Lions clothing	-	-	-	33	33	
Book Income	3,116	-	-	-	3,116	3,569
Donations (including members subscriptions)	5,689	-	-	2,538	8,227	67,383
Bank Interest	-	-	74	-	74	55
re-credit	380	-	-	-	380	460
Van Donations		-	-	-	-	10
<b>Sub total (Gross income for AR)</b>	<b>33,813</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>2,420</b>	<b>4,748</b>	<b>40,981</b>	<b>102,383</b>
<b>A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).</b>						
		33,813				
	-	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total receipts</b>	<b>33,813</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>2,420</b>	<b>4,748</b>	<b>40,981</b>	<b>102,383</b>
<b>A3 Payments</b>						
200 club winners	1,250	-	180		1,430	1,440
Member Subscriptions to Lions	-	-	-	2,967	2,967	2,706
general expenses	2,122	-	-	566	2,688	2,106
social events		-	-	1,526	1,526	2,401
Senior Citizens Party	2,689	-	-	-	2,689	2,203
fund raising events	5,962	-	-	-	5,962	10,317
Health Awareness Event cost	900	-	-	-	900	741
Van	1,644	-	-	-	1,644	1,294
Books	73	-	-	-	73	357
Bank Charges	94	-	-	-	94	105
WOW		4,164	-	-	4,164	10,845
Message in a bottle	152	-	-	-	152	140
Grants	26,823	-	-	-	26,823	26,558
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>41,709</b>	<b>4,164</b>	<b>180</b>	<b>5,059</b>	<b>51,112</b>	<b>61,213</b>
<b>A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)</b>						
fund raising equipment	2,847	-	-	-	2,847	1,108
		-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>2,847</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>2,847</b>	<b>1,108</b>
<b>Total payments</b>	<b>44,556</b>	<b>4,164</b>	<b>180</b>	<b>5,059</b>	<b>53,959</b>	<b>62,321</b>
<b>Net of receipts/(payments)</b>	<b>10,743</b>	<b>4,164</b>	<b>2,240</b>	<b>311</b>	<b>12,978</b>	<b>40,062</b>
<b>A5 Transfers between funds</b>						
	-£11,800	11,800				
	1,900		1,900			
	353			353		
<b>A6 Cash funds last year end</b>						
	72,886	1,379	4,664	905	79,834	32,540
<b>Cash funds this year end</b>	<b>51,890</b>	<b>9,015</b>	<b>5,004</b>	<b>947</b>	<b>66,856</b>	<b>72,886</b>



## Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	200 CLUB funds to nearest £	Administration funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	CASH IN HAND	380	-	-	-
	CASH IN BANK	51,512	9,015	5,004	948
	UNCLEARED ITEMS		-	-	-
	<b>Total cash funds</b>	<b>51,892</b>	<b>9,015</b>	<b>5,004</b>	<b>948</b>
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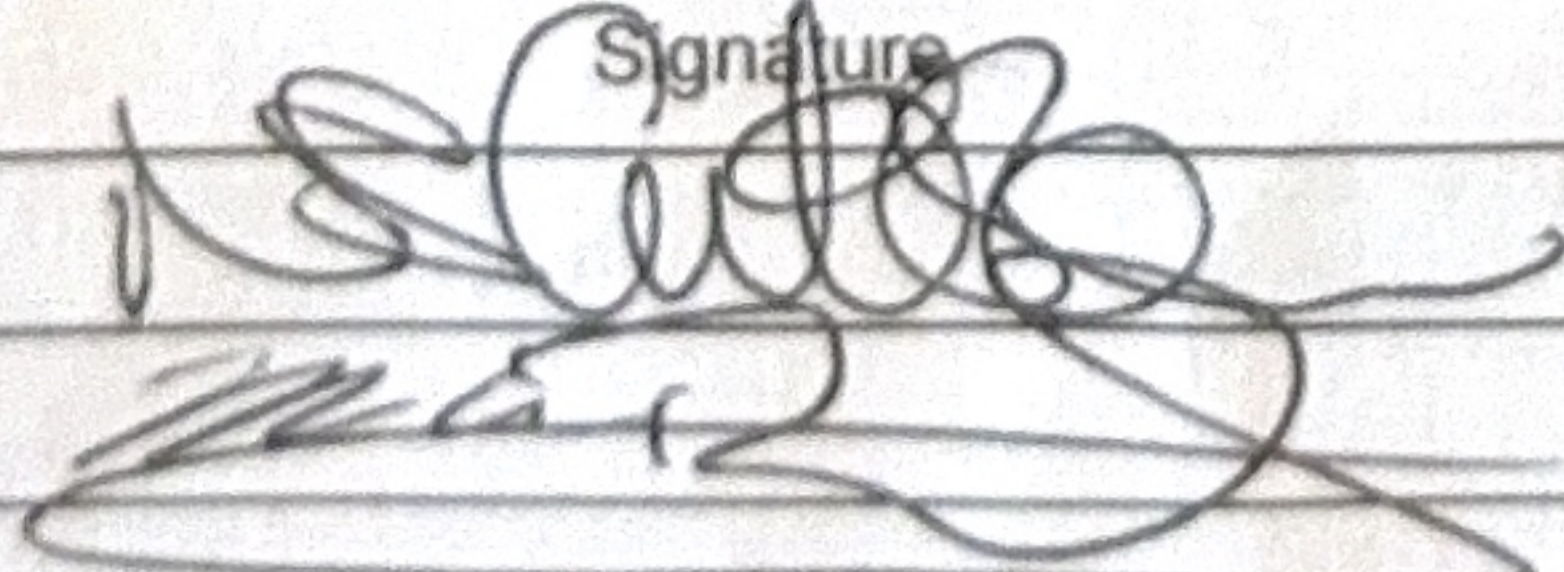
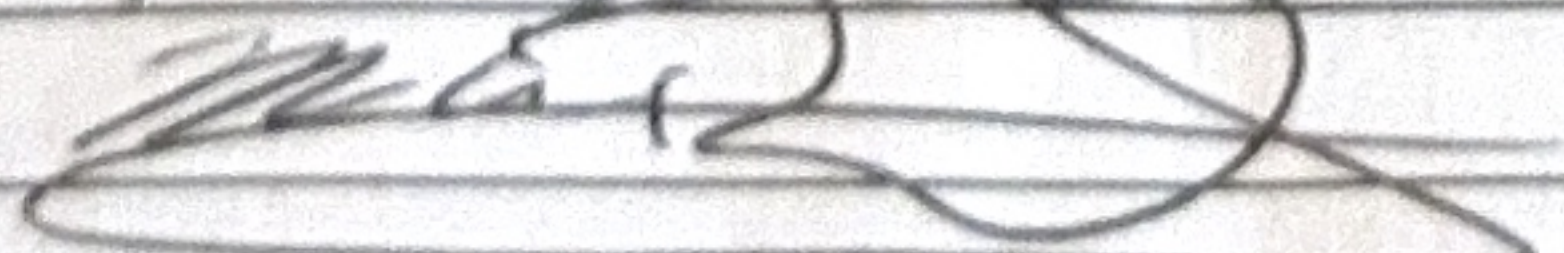
	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	200 CLUB funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets		-	-	-	-
		-	-	-	-
		-	-	-	-
		-	-	-	-
		-	-	-	-
		-	-	-	-

	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B3 Investment assets			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use	Van	charity		4,500
	Gazebos	charity	-	3,200
	Other fund raising equipment	charity	-	3,000
	Presidents regalia	Administration	2,500	-
	cashless card machines	charity	798	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
B5 Liabilities			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
	NICK GIBSON	13/4/26
	MICHAEL BARTY	13/4/26





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## Independent examiner's report on the accounts

### Section A

### Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/ members of

Charity

East Grinstead and District Lions Club CIO

On accounts for the year ended

30<sup>th</sup> June 2025

Charity no (if any)

1179721

Set out on pages

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(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

### Responsibilities and basis of report

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 30/06/25.

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 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed 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 which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed:

Date:

5 March 2026

Name:

Alison Skinner

Relevant professional qualification(s) or body (if any):



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**Address:**

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**Section B**

**Disclosure**

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

**Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.**