

LECHLADE & DISTRICT LIONS CLUB
TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT 2024/25
Registered Charity Number 1179767

Trustees

The Club is governed by Constitution and is constituted as a Charitable Incorporated Organisation.

The President, Treasurer and Secretary are appointed as Trustees by the Club's Members, other Trustees are appointed by the Club President.

Trustees during 2024/25: -

- Alick Kitchin-**Club President**
- Ian Henderson-**Club Vice President**
- Ray Sheldon-**Club Treasurer**
- David White-**Club Secretary**
- Ian Thomas-**Membership Officer**
- Geoff Bull-**Welfare Chairman**
- Nick Bennett-**Fundraising Chairman**

Objectives

The Objectives of the Club are summarized as: -

- To improve education and literacy.
- To promote health and well-being.
- To protect the environment.
- To support youth development.
- To promote peace and understanding.
- To strengthen communities.
- To provide humanitarian assistance in times of need.

These objectives are in line with the mission and values of Lions Clubs International, and they reflect the wide range of activities that Lions clubs undertake to make a difference in the world.

Activities

The activities of the Club are to serve the community, to further our objectives and to raise funds and apply its income for any purpose that is charitable according to the current laws of England and Wales. The income is for the benefit of any individual, groups, organisations, or other charities.

During the year the Club has: -

Maintained a **Community Minibus**: -

This is used to support people in the community who suffer from transport poverty and to whom the minibus is a key benefit in an area where public transport is both expensive and limited.

Grants

The club made **Grants** totalling **£24,106**

These were distributed in the following proportions of the total: -

- 28 grants locally. These locally targeted funds supported many diverse causes including: -
 - A local foodbank
 - Funding for local school and playgroup projects.
 - Gloucestershire Young Carers
 - Help with the ongoing funding for groups to help people with memory loss and general well-being.
- 3 grants to UK-wide charitable causes. The Club donated to UK-based organisations such as the Hope for Tomorrow and Freewheelers (Blood Bikes).
- 4 grants supporting international causes, e.g: -
 - Lions Sightsavers,
 - Grants under this heading also include specific funds for 'Help Madina' (a charity set up by two local GPs supporting an area in Sierra Leone.)

The Club also supported the **Lions Club International Foundation (LCIF)** in their worldwide support, with significant funds being donated to: -

- Those affected by Environmental Disasters in Myanmar
- Those affected by floods in Valencia, Spain.

Fundraising

The club raised funds totalling **£36,197** in the following ways: -

1. Donations
2. Organising fund-raising events: -
 - a. A sponsored cycle ride in support of the Lechlade Library refurbishment project,
 - b. An Open-water Swim raising funds for Lions Club funds,
 - c. An Auction of promises etc.
 - d. Santa Sleigh House-to-house collection.
 - e. Christmas Raffle
 - f. Easter Egg Raffle involving local hostelrys.
3. Supporting other clubs and organisations for remuneration such as: -
 - The Lechlade Collectors Club
 - Lechlade Cricket Club Car Boot sale

Moving forward, the Club is actively seeking opportunities to fundraise collaboratively (and more effectively) with local charities/organisations so that our supporters have a clearer idea of where their donations go.

Membership

Club Membership is by invitation and we are always actively seeking to bring new people from all ages and walks of life in to help us with our service activities. During the last year the Club has maintained its membership base and worked in collaboration with local people who are happy to help us in our work as 'Friends of Lions.' However, new members are always welcome.

Grant Making Policy

The number of applications that can be supported is, of necessity, limited to the amount of funds available for distribution in any one year.

No restrictions are imposed on the purpose for which a grant may be made; thus, applications for support towards capital projects, other projects or core costs are considered;

Trustees also consider international funding requests referred to them by the Lions International organisation.

Candidates for support and/or grants are all considered on their own merits, following investigation by the 'Welfare Committee'. However, given that most of the available funds are raised within the local community, those candidates that are local are given special consideration.

Using the former as a guiding principle the following are examples of areas adopted for support:

- Local charities
- Youth groups
- Groups working with the elderly, residential and nursing homes
- Individual appeals;

Youth and children's organisations - sport related groups or individuals, scouting and guiding, youth club activities, young people undertaking overseas assignments;



Community facilities - relief of hardship for individuals and families, village hall projects, community group initiatives.

The above priorities in this policy will be reviewed every year (or more often if deemed appropriate by the Trustees) and may be changed in accordance with the Trustees' view of the most effective application of available funds at any point in time.

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees.

Signature(s)

Name	Position in 20/2524	Signature
Alick Kitchin	President	 11/9/25
David White	Secretary	



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Charity Name

No (if any)

Receipts and payments accounts

CC16a

For the period
from

Period start date
01/07/2024

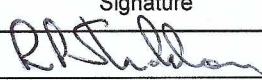
To

Period end date
30/06/2025

Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Fund Raising Activities	26,873	-	-	26,873	22,871
Donations	6,342	-	-	6,342	4,483
Club Administration	1,805	-	-	1,805	2,756
Social Fund	786	-	-	786	245
Minibus Fund	2,895	-	-	2,895	5,117
	-	-	-	-	-
Gift Aid	1,068	-	-	1,068	-
Interest	87	-	-	87	73
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	39,856	-	-	39,856	35,545
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	39,856	-	-	39,856	35,545
A3 Payments					
Grants	19,228	-	-	19,228	23,841
Fund Raising Expenses	6,538	-	-	6,538	4,749
Club Membership subscriptions	2,227	-	-	2,227	2,181
Club Expenses	92	-	-	92	102
Minibus Expenses	4,738	-	-	4,738	4,723
Social Events	805	-	-	805	50
Youth programmes	140	-	-	140	-
Turkey Earthquake	-	-	-	-	409
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	33,768	-	-	33,768	36,055
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	33,768	-	-	33,768	36,055
Net of receipts/(payments)	6,088	-	-	6,088	- 510
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	12,643	-	-	12,643	13,153
Cash funds this year end	18,731	-	-	18,731	12,643

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

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	Activites	11,153	-	-
	Minibus	6,353	-	-
	Administration & Social	1,225	-	-
	Total cash funds	18,731	-	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK
B2 Other monetary assets	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
B3 Investment assets	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
B5 Liabilities	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees		Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
			R.P. Sheldon	19/2/26



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/
members of

Lechlade and District Lions Club

On accounts for the year
ended

30th June 2025

Charity no
(if any)

1179767

Set out on pages

Attached

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 30/06/2025.

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 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 (other than that disclosed below *) 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.

** Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.*

Signed:

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Date:

2.2.26

Name:

Liesel E Sanford

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

Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales

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25, The Wern,

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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.