



Trustees' Annual Report for the period

Period start date				Period end date			
From	Day	Month	Year	To	Day	Month	Year
	01	June	2020		31	May	2021

Section A

Reference and administration details

Charity name

Southwold (Sole Bay) Lions Club

Other names charity is known by

N/A

Registered charity number (if any)

1179884

Charity's principal address

29 Nicholas Drive

Reydon

Suffolk

Postcode

IP18 6RE

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	John Beckett	President	01/07/19 – 30/06/21	
2	Paul Carter	1 st Vice President	01/07/19 – 30/06/21	
3	Jeff Fuller	2 nd Vice President	01/07/19 – 30/06/21	
4	Phil Slater	3 rd Vice President	01/07/19 – 30/06/21	
5	Richard Wood	Treasurer	01/07/19 – 30/06/21	
6	David Durrant	Secretary	01/07/19 – 30/06/21	
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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
N/A	

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address
N/A		

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

N/A

Section B Structure, governance and management

Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document
(eg. trust deed, constitution)

Constitution

How the charity is constituted
(eg. trust, association, company)

Charitable Incorporated Organisation

Trustee selection methods
(eg. appointed by, elected by)

Election at AGM

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.

Training of new incoming officers is provided by Lions Club International District at start of each new term.

Southwold (Sole Bay) Lions Club is a member club of the International association of Lions Clubs through Lions Club International.

The membership of the Club has remained at 13 during the period of this report. However, as most members are of advanced years it is a risk that unless new members can be found the Club may suffer as current members are able to do less. Difficulties are being felt from the declining population of the town and surrounding areas as more properties become second or holiday homes. Although a push to increase the awareness of Lions and increase possible recruitment has not to date resulted in new members, attempts will be made to engage with potential members via social media and a Club website.

Southwold (Sole Bay) Lions Club members were founder members of the Henham Steam Rally in 1974 and the Club has had an association with the event since then. It has been a major fund raiser for the Club. Following a request from the Rally for the Club to give a 5 year commitment to provide volunteers, which members felt unable to give, members voted to withdraw from the organisation and to secure the Club share of any surplus funds, with an offer to continue to provide as many volunteers as possible. Subsequently, and contrary to earlier indications, the offer of volunteers has not been accepted, but the withdrawal process is ongoing, aiming to secure the Club's share of surplus funds .

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

Advancement of Citizenship.
Promoting the Voluntary sector for the public benefit locally, nationally and international.
The relief of poverty by providing humanitarian aid and disaster relief.
The advancement of health, assisting disabled people.
Promoting conservation
Promoting community participation in healthy recreation.

Having had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on Public Benefit.

All trustees have now read the guidance document, and it will be ensured that any new trustees will do so.

The Club has carried out the following activities this year in respect of the objects of the Club.

The scope of activities undertaken this year must be seen against the background of the global COVID-19 Pandemic. Owing to Government legislation regulating social distancing, lockdowns, and because of the vulnerability of some members, it has not proved possible to organise many of the events that normally are planned throughout the year. Club meetings have been conducted online.

The Club did plan for it's annual Music on the Green event in July, when it organises a local band to perform a free open air concert in the centre of Southwold. The Club provides a BBQ and carries out a bucket collection, and this would have been in aid of our Charity Fund. Unfortunately, it was not able to go ahead.

Similarly, the following regular events were not able to be held or were restricted:

- Southwold Pantomime evening
- The Afternoon Tea Dance
- Southwold Lions Spring Bank Holiday Fête
- Henham Steam Rally
- Southwold Town Council Xmas Lights, although members were able, with suitable precautions, to erect the lighted crib in Southwold High Street.

Club members were able to undertake car parking duties to raise funds by the kindness of the Millennium Foundation, the proceeds being shared with them.

Although fund raising activities were curtailed, donations were made to a number of causes, including one to provide tablet devices for primary schoolchildren, that gave internet access to allow them to participate in remote learning.

Sadly, any remaining planned activities for the year were curtailed by the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic, and the imposed restrictions.

Planning is currently underway to hold Music on the Green, our annual music evening. It is to be hoped that COVID-19 restrictions will allow the event to go ahead.

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)

Additional details of objectives and activities (Optional information)

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

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

The Club's policy on grant making is based on how the organisation has carried this out over its 45 year history before becoming a CIO. Applications from the public are heard at normal Club meetings and discussed by all members and Trustees. Based on the merits of the application the Club is invited to propose a sum and vote to accept or reject, counter proposals may also be heard. If the vote achieves a majority approval then it is then ratified by the Trustees and if approved the grant is made by the treasurer to the person or organisation requesting assistance.

Applications for funding from Commercial organisations or for Commercial or for potentially illegal purposes are automatically rejected.

The Club does not at present have any investments.

As the Club comprises of just 13 members it would not be able to function without the contribution of additional volunteers, such as partners and family members at the major fundraising events.

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

Southwold (Sole Bay) Lions Club Annual Accounts

1st June 2020 - 31st May 2021

Bank Statements on 1st June 2020

Administration £ 4,206.99

Charity £16,993.82

Overall £21,200.81

Income

Subscriptions	£650
Gift Aid	£150.08
Earnings (Car Parking)	£1,732
Refund (Generator hire)	£234.07
Total	£2,766.15

Expenditure

Dues	£982.66
Zoom Meetings	£198
Accountancy costs	£52.50
ICO Certification	£35
Music on Green Licences	£59.70
Generator hire Music on Green	£212.39
Frames for certificates	£71.97
Total	£1,612.22

Charitable Donations

International

LCIF India Covid Appeal	£500
LCIF Japan Relief Appeal	£250
LCIF Lebanon Relief Appeal	£500
Romanian Pride	£500
Wales Romania Aid	£100
Total	£1,850

Local

Asset Educational Trust	
(Wenhaston School Laptops)	£600
Lowestoft Food Bank	£250
Support to local gymnasts	£500
Wrentham Tennis Club	£500
Millennium Hall Southwold	£433
Southwold Christmas Lights	£250
Reydon Christmas Lights	£250
Southwold Rugby Club	£1,500
RBL Poppy Appeal	£50
Dishwasher Pitches View Flat	£239
Repairs to Lurkin bench	£120
Framed Service Certificates	£62.94
Welfare payments	£122.85
Total	£4,877.79

Overall Total **£8,340.01**

Bank Statements 31st May 2021

Administration £4,017.94

Charity £11,609.01

Overall £15,626.95

Section E

Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

The charity currently has no policy on reserves.

Details of any funds materially in deficit

N/A

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.

As stated in the previous report.

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)

DAVID DUREAN

JOHN HENRY FREDERICK BECKETT

Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)

SECRETARY

PRESIDENT

Date

03/04/2022