



## Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From

Period start date

Day 01

Month  
June

Year 2022

To

Period end date

Day 31

Month May

Year 2023

### 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	Jeff Fuller	President	01/07/22 – 30/06/23	
2	Phil Slater	1 <sup>st</sup> Vice President	01/07/22 – 30/06/23	
3	Colleen Rackham	2 <sup>nd</sup> Vice President	01/07/22 – 30/06/23	
4	Richard Wood	Treasurer	01/07/22 – 30/06/23	
5	David Durrant	Secretary	01/07/22 – 30/06/23	
6	Carol Southam	3 <sup>rd</sup> Vice President	01/07/22 – 30/06/23	
7	Paul Carter	Past President	01/07/22 - 30/06/23	

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 previously reported 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. Two members have since declared being 'At Large' (Lions terminology for a member who remains on the books but not actually active).

Difficulties are ongoing recruiting new members from the declining population of the town and surrounding areas Further attempts are being made to engage with potential members via social media and the 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. This is currently delayed awaiting the outcome of an ongoing claim by a member of the public against the Henham Steam Rally Company as a result of damage to a Steam engine. Once this has been resolved the amount of the fund available to be returned to Southwold Lions will be known and is expected early next year.

## 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 Club planned to hold its annual Music on the Green event in July, however due to a last minute withdrawal of the band the event had to be cancelled.

Southwold Town Council Xmas Lights event club members were able to erect the lighted crib in Southwold High Street.

In March the Club held its annual Afternoon Tea Dance for senior Citizens. This was well attended and enjoyed

The Club Held its annual Fete on the Spring Bank Holiday at the end of May. A good number and variety of craft and trade stalls, This was also a very successful event.

Planning is currently under way for next years regular events, Tea Party, Fete and Music on the Green music event.

## 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 remains 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 1<sup>st</sup>**

**June 2022 - 31<sup>st</sup> May 2023**

**Bank Statements on 1<sup>st</sup> June 2022**

**Administration £ 4,677.34**

**Charity £10,389.88**

**Overall £15,067.22**

**Income**

Subscriptions	£ 698.00
Donations & Gift Aid	£ 701.22
Events & Functions	£5,363.28
<b>Total</b>	<b>£6,762.50</b>

**Expenditure**

Dues	£1,122.13
Meetings	£ 180.00
Club Expenditure	£3492.13
Fete	£1959.39
Music on the Green	£1,555.88
<b>Total</b>	<b>£8,309.53</b>

**Charitable Donations**

**International**

Puerto Rico Flood Appeal	£100
Turkey Appeal	£500
<b>Total</b>	<b>£600.00</b>

**Local**

Klondyke Skate Park	£ 500.00
Royal British Legion	£ 75.00
Panto Group	£ 750.00
DG Wife Breakfast Appeal	£ 250.00

**Section D****Achievements and performance**

Reydon Christmas Lights	£ 250.00
Southwold Xmas Lights	£ 250.00
Lucy Cook (Honduras Placement)	£ 350.00
3 Million Steps	£ 100.00
Welfare Payment	£ 41.98
URC electricity	£ 20.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>£2,586.98</b>

**Overall Total** **£(4,734.01)**

**Bank Statements 31<sup>st</sup> May 2023**

**Administration £2,456.92**

**Charity £7,876.29**

**Overall £10,333.21**



## 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:

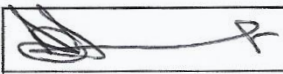
- the charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising);
- how expenditure has supported the key objectives of the charity;
- investment policy and objectives including any ethical investment policy adopted.

As stated in the previous report.

## Section F Other optional information

## Section G Declaration

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees Date

Signature(s)		R C Wood
Full name(s)	DAVID DURRANT	RICHARD CRAWLEY WOOD
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	SECRETARY	TREASURER
Date	24/06/2024	