



Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From

Period start date

Day 01

Month
June

Year 2024

To

Period end date

Day 31

Month May

Year 2025

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	Colleen Rackham	President	01/07/24 – 30/06/25	
2	Carol Southam	1 st Vice President	01/07/24 – 30/06/25	
3	Paul Carter	2 nd Vice President	01/07/24 – 30/06/25	
4	Richard Wood	Treasurer	01/07/24 – 30/06/25	
5	David Durrant	Secretary	01/07/24 – 30/06/25	
6	Jeff Fuller		01/07/24 – 30/06/25	
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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 available from Lions Club International District at start of each new term. Current officers all have considerable previous experience in post.

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 roughly static. 1 new member was recruited during the period and no members resigned. Club membership now stands at 13 for 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 now declared being 'At Large' (Lions terminology for a member who remains on the books but not actually active). This leaves the active membership at 11.

Difficulties are ongoing recruiting new members from the population of the town and surrounding areas. Most of the population of Southwold are elderly or second home owners/holiday lets. The adjacent village of Reydon, which has more younger residents, is a potential for recruitment and is being explored. To engage with potential members the club uses social media and has its own website.

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.

Southwold Town Council Xmas Lights event - club members were able to erect the lighted crib in Southwold High Street. Also ran a fundraising stall at the 2024 event.

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. Due to the increasing age of members and additional costs incurred through changes to legislation and conditions imposed by the town Council on the use of the site the future of the fete will need to be carefully considered prior to the 2026 event.

The above form the staple of Southwold Lions events and as such Planning is currently under way for these regular events to be held again in 2025-26 season.

Additionally in April 2025 the club celebrated its 51st annual Charter anniversary with a lunch for members and invited local guests and dignitaries.

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 grant making;
- 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 50+ year history. Applications from the public/organisations 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. The club has imposed a limit of £500 per individual grant unless exceptional circumstances suggest that a larger sum would be more beneficial.

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

As reported in the 2024 report following the refund of monies held by the Henham Steam Rally Limited the club elected to invest that money with a view to increasing its value to the club. As such a sum of £20,000 was placed into an account with United Trust Bank at a fixed rate of 5.05% and a further amount of £15,000 invested into an account also with United Trust Bank with a variable rate based on Bank of England base rate tracking. Both accounts paid interest in December 2024 and will again in December 2025. In December 2025 upon maturity of the investments, the club will need to consider its options for further investment.

As the Club comprises of just a small number 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 2024 - 31st May 2025		
Bank Statements on 1st June 2024		
Admin	£873.18	
Charity	£6,380.58	
Total		£7,253.76
Income		
Events & Functions	£5,542.43	
Subscriptions	£575.00	
Donations & Gift Aid	£1,351.75	
Interest Received	£1,717.46	
Total		£9,186.64
Charitable Donations		
International	£200.00	
Local	£3,427.52	
Total		£3,627.52
Expenditure		
Subscriptions	£1,392.72	
Room Hire	£240.00	
Club Expenditure	£4,504.68	
Fete	£909.84	
MOG & OAP Teas	£1,737.97	
Total		£8,785.21
Net Income/(Expenditure)		£-
3,226.09		
Bank Statements on 31st May 2025		
Admin	£1,178.60	
Charity	£2,849.07	
Total		£4,027.67

Investments

Charity 2 Year Bond 5.5% Interest Paid Annually	£20,000.00
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Charity 180 day Notice Base rate Tracker	£15,000.00
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Total Investments	£35,000
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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.

The principle and only source of funds comes through the clubs fundraising activities (as previously detailed) or individual donations and social events for club members. This funding is managed through two main accounts, an Admin account into which monies from subscriptions and club social activities, not attended by the general public, is deposited and a Charity account into which monies raised from donations and fundraising events attended by the general public is deposited. The Admin account is used solely for the running expenses of the club and the charity account for grant making.


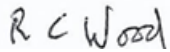
Previously there has been no investment policy however with the monies received from Henham Steam Rally this year two investments have been made as detailed elsewhere in this report. This will be reviewed when the investment mature in 2025

Section F Other optional information

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Section G Declaration

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees Date

Signature(s)		
Full name(s)	David Kenneth Durrant	Richard Crawley Wood
Position (e.g. Secretary, Chair, etc.)	Secretary	Treasurer
Date	11/02/2026	