



Chorley and Leyland Lions

A Member of Lions Clubs International (105CN)

AGM Tuesday 16th July 2025

President's Report

Despite some ups and downs another year of successful and enjoyable Club activities. Membership continues to be a challenge. We have both lost and found new members. Thanks to all members for their support during the year. It was an honour to be President of the Club.

We have made great progress with our Message In A Bottle scheme. We obtained a new supply directly from HMP Garth who produce them for Lions nationally. Collecting them – first time I have been in Prison for a long time !! New leaflets and display boxes and new outlets. Thanks to Steve Parker and Mike Thomason for reinvigorating our scheme and activities.

We have continued collecting and recycling spectacles. Co-inciding with a trip to see family I was able to pay a first visit to Lions H.Q. in Birmingham and personally deliver eight full boxes. We now have five designated collection points in Leyland (2), Chorley, Lostock Hall and Euxton.

Our fundraising efforts have continued during the year based on the usual formula of Tombolas, Name the Lion and Christmas and Easter Hampers. We attended events at British Commercial Vehicle Museum, Hutton Fete, and Leyland Festival. Our Christmas and Easter Hampers were distributed to various pubs and we are grateful as always to the Insty, Plough, Queens, Rose and Crown, Red Lion (Longton), Wheatsheaf, The Vic, Hinds Head Black Bull (Penwortham) and Papa Luigis for their support. We also now have our resident artist Peter Bourne to do fundraising sketch portraits.

New ventures were also a feature of the year with attendance at Chorley Flower Festival and providing the catering at the first Leyland Dolls House Fayre. This was a particular success. Thanks as always to Sue Garrett for her help overall during the year –but in particular at Dolls House Fayre where her Bara Brith was star of the show !

Fifth November featured as always the Round Table Leyland Bonfire where we again provided the bonfire 'security'. We were grateful for the help from our volunteers. Christmas also saw us invited to provide 'Father Christmas' at an event at Duxbury Hall Golf Club. Thanks to the brave souls who ventured forth.

Last year our attendance at Heskin Steam Rally was ruled out by the weather. Fortunately this year it went ahead – with mixed results. A really busy Saturday – and the disaster when a huge gust of wind blew away our gazebo. Unfortunately this will now have to be replaced.

For the Sunday we were able to put together a short term replacement – only to face a variety of drenching downpours. Let's hope the donation is worth it.

Remembrance Sunday was also marked by laying of a wreath at the Cenotaph.

On the social side we entered teams in two local quizzes held to support local charities. We have also held meals out with Club fundraising raffles and a successful Arty Party organised by Lion Peter.

Sadly we lost one of last year's new members Ellie Brown to health problems. However Mike Thomason has proved a great addition. We have also missed Mike Bedford's input and hopefully he is now back with us full steam. Good wishes also to Jacky Scott and Yvonne Day who have also had health issues.

This October we were able to hold our first Charter lunch for a couple of years. A well attended event at the Farington Lodge expertly organised by Steve Parker. Date for next year already fixed.

Our efforts during the year have enabled us to generate a good fund to support local charities and other organisations. During the year donations have been made to a variety of appeals. We have also been able to support a number of individuals. In April at our Presentation Evening, we gave donations to a range of local organisations. Two food banks, four medical charities including Blood Bikes, medical research, men's health support and a very successful local community choir. As always it was very interesting to hear stories from these organisations and hear of the important work they do. It was a great pleasure as well to have musical contributions !!

Can I thank everyone again for their major contributions to helping the Club survive through past challenging times and again provide service to the local communities.

David Farmer
President
14th July 2025

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Trustees Annual Report for the period 1 July 2024 to 30 June 2025

ADMINISTRATION ACCOUNT YEAR ENDED 30th JUNE 2025

SUMMARY

£ 639.56cr.	Balance brought forward at 01/07/24
£ 3,573.92	Gross income for year 2024 – 2025
£ 3,745.81	Gross expenditure for year 2024 – 2025
£ -171.89	Income over expenditure
£ 467.67cr	Balance at end of year 30th June 2025

RECONCILIATION WITH BANK ACCOUNT

£ 467.67cr	Account No.37323709, Balance at 30th June 2025
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INCOME

£ 730.00	Member Subscriptions
£ 169.00	Clothing sales
£ 27.27	Tail Twister and member only activities
£ 1,923.00	Charter dinner
£ 224.65	Art Party
£ 500.00	Round Table Bonfire*- Credited to wrong account moved to Charity account see below
£ 3,573.92	Gross income

EXPENDITURE

£ 1,217.14	International, District and Multiple District dues
£ 1,918.36	Charter dinner expenses
£ 33.70	Purchase of Regalia
£ 76.61	New Member fees
£ 500.00	Round Table Bonfire*- Credited to Charity account
£ 3,745.81	Gross expenditure

CHARITY ACCOUNT
YEAR ENDED 30th JUNE 2025

SUMMARY

£ 2,555.15cr	Balance brought forward at 01/07/24
£ 5,170.70	Gross income for year 2024– 2025
£ 6,036.31	Gross expenditure for year 2024 – 2025
£ -865.61	Income over expenditure

£ 1,689.54cr. Balance at end of year 30/06/25

RECONCILIATION WITH BANK STATEMENT

£ 2,002.94cr Account No. 37323695, Balance at 30th June 2025

£ 344.50 Less outstanding cheques

£ 31.10 Plus cash in hand

£ 1,689.54cr Total

INCOME

£ 1,832.39	Pub Hamper Raffles
£ 587.36	Tombolas, Craft and Toy Fair Sales
£ 600.00	Santa's Grotto
£ 500.00	Leyland Round Table Bonfire Night
£ 500.00	Heskin Rally
£ 451.15	Chorley Flower Show
£ 405.00	Sue, Phyll and Ron charity lunches
£ 237.80	Dolls house event, Leyland Civic Hall
£ 35.00	Donations
£ 22.00	Book sales
£ 5,170.70	Gross income

EXPENDITURE

GENERAL RUNNING COSTS

£	48.00	3rd party insurance
£	327.23	Hamper expenses
£	24.49	Poppy wreath
£	89.59	Hi Viz jackets
£	40.00	Misc. expenses

COMMUNITY SERVICE ACTIVITIES

£	93.00	MIAB expenses
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DONATIONS made to charities

£	114.00	Lions Youth Appeal
£	100.00	MS Society
£	500.00	Red Rosettes Choir
£	500.00	Children's Eye Cancer Trust
£	500.00	Heartbeat NW
£	500.00	Sepsis Trust
£	500.00	Blood Bikes
£	500.00	URC Open Kitchen
£	500.00	Andy's Man Club
£	500.00	Medical Detection Dogs
£	500.00	Base Community Shop
£	300.00	Chorley's Angels
£	200.00	Scout trip
£	200.00	Guides Trip

£ 5,414.00 Total Charitable Donations

£ 6,036.31 Gross expenditure

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Treasurer
Chorley and Leyland Lions
01/07/25