



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From Period start date 1 July 2023 – 30 June 2024 **Period end date.**

Charity name: Clacton on Sea Lions (CIO)

Charity registration number:1181486

Objectives and Activities

	SORP reference	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	<p>To advance citizenship, by promoting the principles of good citizenship and encouraging members to take an interest in the community. Encourage people to serve the community without reward and promote high standards in dealings with the community.</p> <p>Support youth to develop their skills, capacities, and capabilities and to participate in society.</p> <p>Promoting health to assist people in the leading of independent lives and help to manage health issues.</p> <p>Promote the voluntary sector and volunteering and aid relief of poverty and the giving of humanitarian aid and disaster relief.</p>
Summary of the main activities in relation to those purposes for the public benefit, in particular, the activities, projects or services identified in the accounts.	Para 1.17 and 1.19	<p>The main benefits undertaken for the public are provision of Message in a Bottle which is an aid to help people remain in their own homes and assist the local emergency services when called out.</p> <p>Collaborated with the local Community Voluntary Services Tendring (CVST) to promote volunteering and assisting others.</p> <p>Donated food and monies to the local foodbanks to allow them to provide additional meals during the lockdown period food to those in need.</p> <p>Worked with organisations supplying meals to the lonely, vulnerable, and homeless.</p> <p>Over many years the local Rotary Club have provided meals for the elderly of Clacton but unfortunately due to reducing member</p>

		<p>numbers caused an inability to raise the necessary funds and this together with an aging membership they felt unable to do this at Christmas 2023. The Lions, collaborating with CVST in helping, provided the necessary funds to keep this service going and expanded it to include the elderly and lonely. This required the purchase of the food, cooking of the meals. The meals were provided in the CVST building which provided a warm environment for often lonely people to meet up with others on Christmas.</p> <p>Supported the Herts and Essex Air Ambulance which operates across the whole area including Clacton on Sea, Walton on the Naze, Harwich, Brightlingsea, Manningtree and Mistley.</p>
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	Para 1.18	At all times, the trustees keep in mind the need to follow the approved Grants Policy whilst keeping in mind the requirements of the Charity Commission on Public Benefit and this is always at the forefront of any recommendations made to the club members on expenditure and activities undertaken.

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

	SORP reference	
Policy on grant making.	Para 1.38	<p>We have a clear grant making policy and members always follow that when considering bids for funds or assistance whilst at the same time considering the need for public benefit. 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:</p> <p><u>Local charities</u> – youth groups, groups working with the elderly, residential and nursing homes, individual appeals.</p> <p><u>Youth and children's organisations</u> – sport related groups or individuals, scouting and guiding, youth club activities, young people undertaking overseas assignments.</p> <p><u>Community facilities</u> – relief of hardship for individuals and families, village hall projects.</p>
Policy on social investment including program related investment	Para 1.38	Not applicable

Contribution made by volunteers.	Para 1.38	We do not use volunteers all work i.e., fundraising is carried out by members of Clacton on Sea Lions Club and their immediate family.
Other		

Achievements and Performance

<p>Summary of the main achievements of the charity, identifying the difference the charity's work has made to the circumstances of its beneficiaries and any wider benefits to society as a whole</p>	<p>Para 1.20</p>	<p>In total Clacton on Sea Lions (CIO) donated just over£13,000 to groups and individuals in the local community plus other local and national charities. This includes funds which were donated to the Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF) to support its work in eradicating preventable blindness, the elimination of measles worldwide and disaster relief. Any donations handed out by LCIF are used by members of Lions Clubs living locally and are therefore guaranteed to reach those who need help most.</p> <p>We continued to issue Message in a Bottle throughout the year and 1276 were issued. These bottles are stored in a central place in individuals' homes such as the fridge and contain paperwork to show illnesses, medication, and any other relevant information such as next of kin. The bottles are well known to the emergency services who find them especially useful and help to issue them on our behalf. They look for them when they attend a person's home so they can have the necessary information to hand especially if the patient is unconscious or cannot otherwise speak.</p> <p>We have fully, or part funded 4 defibrillators in the Tendring District and continue to provide the necessary spare parts to allow them to remain fully functional. One in particular which is sited next to the late-night venues and seafront has been used on numerous occasions.</p> <p>Worked with a local school in Clacton on Sea to distribute a large number of parcels from their Harvest Festival to the needy in the local area.</p> <p>Due to the continued steep increase in the cost of living the local foodbanks like many others suffered a huge surge in demand for their services and found it difficult to cope with the demands placed on them. As a result, donations were therefore made to the 5 Food Banks that operate in the Tendring area as well as the</p>
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		<p>Trusell Trust who have a separate scheme in the area.</p> <p>Donations were also made to the local Stroke Service who provide physiotherapy, encouragement to try and lead as normal a life as possible to those who have had a stroke and a meeting place for victims and their families.</p> <p>We agreed to fund the 4th Prostrate screening event in conjunction with a local charity CHAPS for 100 men in the Tendring area. This will take place in November 2024 and the necessary funds have been earmarked for this event. Those tested were given the results and advised to contact their doctor if the results of the test were such as to give a cause for concern. The previous sessions resulted in a finding several men with a high chance of having Prostrate cancer. Follow up analysis of those with the poor results showing concern found that some did have cancer but due to the early diagnosis received treatment and are now clear.</p> <p>Whenever possible donations to national charities are handed to the local branch for use in the Tendring area. However, on occasions donations and assistance are given nationally i.e., collecting on behalf of the Marie Curie Daffodil Appeal.</p> <p>Further donations were made to Sailship a CIC whose aim is to champion work & life skills training for people living with a learning disability. They also provide therapeutic pathways for improved mental health and well-being for the wider community - people of all ages and offer dementia friendly spaces within our grounds.</p> <p>A donation was made to the national Lions Clubs Brian Tumour appeal which is helping funding into the causes and treatment of Brain Tumours. The donation was made from funds specifically collected for this appeal.</p>
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		<p>A donation was made to a local dementia group run by CVST to allow them to show pictures to the members which helps them remember their past and family.</p> <p>A donation was made to a group to provide Christmas presents to local children who live in the Jaywick area of Clacton on Sea an area which has one of the highest levels of deprivation in the UK.</p> <p>The Charity has also stated to issue 'Plugsters' these are made of a strong plastic and designed to fit around a 13amp plug in such a way that there is a loop at the front of the plug which allows those with limited hand movement to pull the plug out of the wall socket easily.</p> <p>Clacton Lions have worked closely with a charity Tendring Talking Times (TTT), a weekly talking newspaper for those with sight problems. TTT was struggling to attract volunteers to run the service and members of Clacton on Sea Lions Club have stepped in to provide readers, people to undertake the recording, packers to send out the memory sticks and unpackers to remove the memory sticks from the wallets on their return after use. Additionally, 3 members of Clacton on Sea Lions have joined the committee running the service. Two are Trustees one taking over as Chairman and the third is the property manager looking after the maintenance and safety of the property and the equipment.</p>
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Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Achievements against objectives set.	Para 1.41	No specific achievements set but the CIO looks to support the greatest number of local organisations/individuals as funds will allow.
Performance of fundraising activities against objectives set.	Para 1.41	Whilst no fund-raising targets are set there is always an expectation that each year the Clacton on Sea Lions Club (CIO) will match or exceed the previous year's income. We normally manage to achieve this.
Investment performance against objectives	Para 1.41	We do not undertake any investments other than having surplus funds in a higher interest 90-day savings account although returns from this have diminished due to the falls in interest rates. This will have no significant impact of the CIO or its ability to conduct its work.
Other		

Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	We managed to donate £13,162.88 during the year. The charity remains in a strong financial position and able to move forward in 2024/25.
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Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	The Clacton on Sea Lions (CIO) has a reserves policy which states that reserves will be at £3000 or 10% of the available balance. These figures are chosen specifically to allow three years payments to be made to those organisations who currently receive annual donations to allow them to find other funding sources to offset the loss of income from Clacton on Sea Lions should the club cease to exist. It will increase as any additional organisations are added to the annual donation list.
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	£3,000 (held in the 90-day deposit account)
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	Not applicable
Details of fund materially in deficit	Para 1.24	Not Applicable
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	No concerns

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

The charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising)	Para 1.47	Collection of monies from the public for either general charitable use or specific causes i.e., Macmillan Coffee Morning where all funds raised are handed over to the specific charity. The Lions Charity has a good name locally and requests to members of the public when collecting funds are well received by the public who often seek us out in preference to others. We also have a particularly good working relationship with the local supermarkets who again are always happy to allow us space for collection on funds.
Investment policy and objectives including any social investment policy adopted.	Para 1.46	We do not undertake any investments as our income is not enough to justify this. However, any surplus funds are deposited in a higher interest 30-day account to try and generate a small additional income.
A description of the principal risks facing the charity	Para 1.46	An ageing membership makes it more difficult to ensure enough people are available to undertake collections to raise money. Also, along with other Charities we are finding that the rising cost of living is making people

		reluctant to volunteer or join groups such as Clacton on Sea Lions (CIO). Although we do have funds available in our 90-day deposit account and these will be used, if necessary, to ensure we are able to meet any demands we are reluctant to transfer more than necessary to allow these to be available for as long as possible. The £3,000 reserve is held within this account so funds will never be allowed to drop below that figure.
Other		All charitable funds raised from the public and other sources are used for the benefit of others. All administration costs/fees come from members annual subscriptions and other payments from members such as fines at meetings for silly comments and are kept totally separate from Charitable funds in their own account.

Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts:		
Type of governing document (trust deed, royal charter)	Para 1.25	Constitution
How is the charity constituted? (e.g. unincorporated association, CIO)	Para 1.25	Charitable Incorporated Organisation
Trustee selection methods including details of any constitutional provisions e.g., election to post or name of any person or body entitled to appoint one or more trustees	Para 1.25	Certain members are Trustees by dint of the position they hold within the Clacton on Sea Lions Club i.e., President, Secretary, Treasurer. These positions are decided annually by nomination and election and cease when the office is vacated. Three of the Trustees are elected for a three-year period (one retiring each year) by members of the club by ballot after nomination.

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees.	Para 1.51	All new Trustees are existing members and have worked with and seen the Trustees operating. They are also given a copy of the charity deed, grants policy and information on a Trustees responsibility
The charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works.	Para 1.51	The charity works within the framework and structure of Lions Clubs International which has its headquarters in the USA. There is also a national organisation based on a regional basis to ensure clubs work within

		the aims of the organisation. Each country works within its laws i.e., data protection.
Relationship with any related parties	Para 1.51	None
Other		

Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	Clacton on Sea Lions Club (CIO)
Other name the charity uses	None
Registered charity number	1181486
Charity's principal address	2 Albany Gardens East Clacton on Sea Essex CO15 6HW

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	Paula Batchelor	President		Clacton on Sea Lions
2	Keith Blower	Immediate Past President		Clacton on Sea Lions
3	Liz Godden	Vice President		Clacton on Sea Lions
4	Terry Lilley	Secretary		Clacton on Sea Lions
5	Ben Carroll	Treasurer		Clacton on Sea Lions
6	Alan Mercer	Membership Secretary		Clacton on Sea Lions
7	Andrew Johnston	Trustee		Clacton on Sea Lions
8	Lorraine McKenzie	Trustee		Clacton on Sea Lions
9	Adrian Robinson	Trustee		Clacton on Sea Lions
10	Stephen Cooper	Trustee		Clacton on Sea Lions
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Corporate trustees – names of the directors at the date the report was approved.

Director name		
None		

Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity

Trustee name	Dates acted if not for whole year	
None		

Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

Description of the assets held in this capacity.	None
Name and objects of the charity on whose behalf the assets are held and how this fall within the custodian charity's objects	Not Applicable
Details of arrangements for safe custody and segregation of such assets from the charity's own assets	Not Applicable

Additional information (optional)

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address
None		

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

No staff employed

Exemptions from disclosure

Reason for non-disclosure of key personnel details

Not Applicable

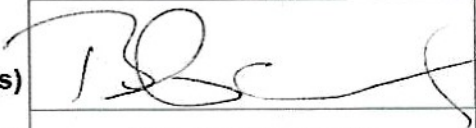
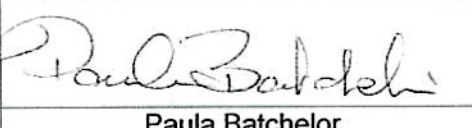
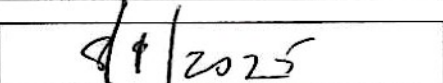
Other optional information

No staff employed.

Declarations

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)		
Full name(s)	Ben Charles Carroll	Paula Batchelor
Position (e.g. Secretary, Chair, etc)	Treasurer	Immediate Past President
Date		

Independent Examiners Report

Report to the Trustees of Clacton on Sea Lions Club (CIO)

Charity Registration Number 1181486

Period Ending 30 June 2024

My examination of Clacton on Sea (CIO) accounts was carried out on accordance with the general directions given by the Charity Commission. I have been able to review the books and records kept for the period 1 July 2023 to 30 June 2024.

During my examination no matters came to my attention to give any concern and in my opinion the financial statements on the attached pages give a fair indication of the affairs and results of the years activities of the Lions Club of Clacton on Sea (CIO) as of 30 June 2024.



A Thompson

2/12/2024

Liz Godden

LIZ GODDEN
PRESIDENT 2024/25

Paula Batchelor

PAULA BATCHELOR
PAST PRESIDENT 2023/24

CLACTON on SEA LIONS (CIO)

CAMBRIDGE and COUNTIES BANK

for PERIOD 1 JULY 2023 - 30 JUNE 2024

<u>Income</u>		<u>Expenditure</u>	
£	611.09	Interest	£ -
£	3,000.00	Transfer from Treasurers Account	
		Transfer to Treasurers Account	£ -
£	3,611.09		£ -
£	13,226.56	Bal B/F 1 July 2023	Bal C/F 30 June 2024
			£ 16,837.65
£	16,837.65		£ 16,837.65

LIONS CLUB of CLACTON on SEA (CIO)
ADMINISTRATION ACCOUNT
for Period 1 JULY 2023 - 30 JUNE 2024

<u>Income</u>			<u>Expenditure</u>
£	1,990.00	Subs	£ 2,435.71
£	71.25	Donations	£ 20.00
£	1,000.00	eBay Sales	-
£	101.40	Social Events	£ 100.00
-	-	Almoner	£ 39.97
£	295.52	Tail Twister	-
£	1,966.00	Charter	£ 1,904.52
-	-	Regalia	£ 68.90
-	-	Postage	£ 22.00
-	-	Miscellaneous & Admin	£ 41.73
-	-	Printing	£ 127.43
-	-	Hall Hire	£ 495.00
-	-	Computer Repair	£ 119.95
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£	5,424.17		£ 5,375.21
£	949.51	B/F 1 July 2023	£ 998.47
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£	6,373.68		£ 6,373.68
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LIONS CLUB of CLACTON on SEA (CIO)
TREASURERS ACCOUNT
for PERIOD 1 JULY 2023 - 30 JUNE 2024

<u>Income</u>			<u>Expenditure</u>
£	2,849.000	Donations	£ 13,362.88
£	727.96	Presidents Charity	-
£	572.19	Ink Bin	-
£	900.00	eBay Sales	-
		Storage Unit	£ 3,106.66
		Insurance	£ 103.38
£	3,547.85	Car Boot Sales	-
£	1,571.73	Fetes	£ 55.00
		Fund Raising Expenses	£ 373.35
		Peace Poster	£ 261.97
£	325.02	McMillian	-
£	1,399.44	Marie Curie	-
£	1,488.69	Quiz Sheets	£ 305.00
		Bank Transfer - Deposit Account	£ 3,000.00
£	4,218.09	Christmas Collection	-
£	2,074.52	Hamper Draw	£ 452.33
£	760.02	Summer Hamper Draw	£ 202.09
£	597.45	Quiz Night	£ 157.50
-		Message in A Bottle	£ 1,295.00
-		Software/ Website Licences	£ 681.57
£	1,332.74	Easter Hamper Draw	£ 166.27
-		Regalia Out	£ 63.98
-		Specs Collection	£ 30.00
-		Defib Spares	£ 440.34
-		Printing	£ 135.13
-		Plugsters	£ 370.00
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£	22,364.70		£ 24,562.45
£	5,125.53	B/f 1 July 2023	£ 2,927.78
£	27,490.23		£ 27,490.23
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		c/f 30 June 2024	

Clacton on Sea Lions Club (CIO) - Charity Account
Donations Made - Period: Year ended 30th June 2023

Date	Payee	Amount
13/07/2023	Lions 105CE - Lions Brain Tumour Research	£120.00
20/07/2023	Lions 105CE - Lions Youth Projects	£130.00
18/08/2023	Lions 105CE - Lion Heidi Mt Kenya Appeal	£100.00
15/09/2023	Lions 105CE - LCIF Morocco Appeal	£500.00
12/10/2023	Clacton Veterans Breakfast Club	£200.00
23/10/2023	Manningtree Foodbank	£400.00
23/10/2023	Walton and District Foodbank	£400.00
24/10/2023	British Legion	£80.00
24/10/2023	MacMillian Cancer Support	£326.00
24/10/2023	Tendring Specialist Stroke Service	£250.00
20/04/2024	Brightlingsea Foodbank	£400.00
29/10/2023	DG's Wife Charity	£100.00
02/11/2023	Harwich Foodbank	£400.00
02/11/2023	Clacton Foodbank	£400.00
10/11/2023	Lions 105CE - LCIF Mexico Appeal	£200.00
14/11/2023	Clacton Sea Cadets	£250.00
30/11/2023	LCI 105CE Eye Camp	£260.00
30/11/2023	LCI 105 CE LCIF Disaster Fund	£295.00
11/12/2023	Tendring D C Toys for Xmas Fair at the Sunspot Jaywick	£50.00
22/12/2023	CRISIS	£45.00
08/01/2024	Chron's and Colitis	£20.00
13/01/2024	LCI 105 CE MD Disaster Fund	£250.00
24/01/2024	Herts and Essex Air Ambulance	£2,500.00
24/01/2024	Together for Short Lives	£590.00
24/01/2024	Sailship	£540.00
24/01/2024	TRPS (E Fraser)	£150.00
24/01/2024	Westcliff Theatre Trust	£50.00
24/01/2024	Brightlingsea Food Bank	£55.00
24/01/2024	Together for Short Lives	£25.00
24/01/2024	Harwich and District Social Group	£50.00
14/03/2002	1st Clacton Scouts	£100.00
18/03/2024	Marie Curie	£1,400.00
18/03/2024	CVST - Projector for Dementia Group	£100.00
08/05/2024	Activity Alliance - Decorating Materials	£99.88
09/05/2024	LCIF Disaster Fund	£250.00
22/05/2024	Point Clear and St Osyth Social Club	£200.00
12/06/2024	Sailship	£2,000.00
19/06/2024	Sailship	£77.00
		£13,362.88