



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From Period start date 1 July 2024 – 30 June 2025 **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 Tending (CVST) to promote volunteering and assisting others.</p> <p>Worked with CHAPS a charity based in Colchester which carries out Prostate Screening to men in the local area. Over 100 men were screened at the last session and 3 were referred immediately to their doctors due to the abnormally high levels of PSA levels in their blood. Follow up analysis of similar sessions arranged in previous years found that those with the poor results showing concern</p>

		<p>found that some did have cancer but due to the early diagnosis received treatment and are now clear.</p> <p>Worked with Foodcycle and other organizations supplying meals to the lonely, vulnerable, and homeless.</p> <p>Over many years the local Rotary Club has provided meals for the elderly of Clacton but unfortunately due to reducing member numbers caused an inability to raise the necessary funds and this together with an aging membership they felt unable to do this at Christmas 2024. 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 requires the purchase of the food, and 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>Also, for Christmas we donated toys to the Clacton Police Christmas Tree which gives out toys to disadvantaged children.</p> <p>Made donations to the Jaywick Community Forum – Winter Wonderland and Easter Egg Hunt. They work in the Jaywick area of Clacton, which has one of the highest levels of deprivation in the country. Additionally made a donation to the Brooklands community shop in Jaywick to help them purchase food to sell to the local population at cost price.</p> <p>Donations were made to the two local Sea Cadets unit and a local Scout Troup.</p> <p>A donation was also made to a local Majorettes group to help them purchase uniforms for children who's parents could not afford the cost. In that way this allowed the children to experience and become involved with something they would not have been able to undertake.</p> <p>A new till was purchased for the Harwich Community Café after there's was stolen during a burglary at their premises.</p>
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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 regarding expenditure and activities undertaken.
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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 organizations</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 almost £17,000 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 1151 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 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 many parcels from their Harvest Festival to the needy in the local area.</p> <p>Due to the continued steep increase in 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>A one off large donation was made to the Stroke Services to help facilitate alterations to the front of their building to improve access and security for their users.</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>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> <p>A donation was made to the UK Lions Eye Camera appeal which provides special cameras that are taken into schools and with parent's permission scan the children's eyes to identify any problems eyesight problems that may be present. This is particularly beneficial in areas where parents do not take their children to opticians for sight checks. The cameras operate across the UK and members of Clacton Lions Club (CIO) have recently received training to use them and it is intended that scanning will commence very shortly.</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>
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		<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, 5 members of Clacton on Sea Lions have joined the committee running the service. All are Trustees one taking over as Chairman and another is the property manager looking after the maintenance and safety of the property and the equipment. A third is the liaison officer meeting new clients and sorting out any problems that may occur for users of the service.</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 organizations/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 31-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 £16,802.40 during the year. The charity remains in a strong financial position and able to move forward in 2025/26.
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 £3000 or 10% off the available balance. These figures are chosen specifically to allow three years' payments to be made to those organizations 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 organizations are added to the annual donation list.
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	£3,000 (held in the 31-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., Marie Curie Appeal where all funds raised are handed over to the specific charity. The Lions Charity has a good name locally and requests made 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 31-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 31-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 Organization
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 Vice President and Immediate Past President. 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. The other Trustees hold their positions because of being Chairman of certain areas of the Charity i.e. Membership Chair and Fund-Raising Chair.

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 organizational 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 organization based on a regional basis to ensure clubs work within the aims of the organization. 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	Elizabeth Godden	President		Clacton on Sea Lions
2	Paula Batchelor	Immediate Past President		Clacton on Sea Lions
3	Stephen Browne	Vice President		Clacton on Sea Lions
4	Ian Mckenzie	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	Keith Blower	Fund Raising Chair		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


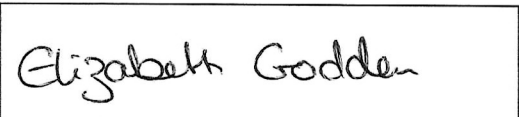
Other optional information

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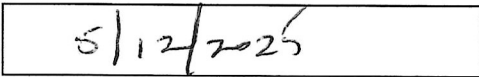
Declarations

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	Elizabeth Godden
Position (e.g. Secretary, Chair, etc)	Treasurer	Immediate Past President

Date



CLACTON on SEA LIONS (CIO)

CAMBRIDGE and COUNTIES BANK

for PERIOD 1 JULY 2024 - 30 JUNE 2025

<u>Income</u>			<u>Expenditure</u>
£	569.64	Interest	£ -
£	1,000.00	Transfer from Treasurers Account	
		Transfer to Treasurers Account For CHAPS Day	£ 3,500.00
£	1,569.64		£ 3,500.00
£	16,837.65	Bal B/F 1 July 2024	£ 14,907.29
		Bal C/F 30 June 2025	
£	18,407.29		£ 18,407.29

LIONS CLUB of CLACTON on SEA (CIO)
ADMINISTRATION ACCOUNT
for Period 1 JULY 2024 - 30 June 2025

<u>Income</u>			<u>Expenditure</u>
£	1,614.00	Subs	£ 2,790.92
	-	Expenses	£ 15.00
£	1,800.00	eBay Sales	-
		Club Supplies	£ 82.14
	-	Almoner	£ 12.00
£	346.81	Tail Twister	-
£	1,986.00	Charter	£ 1,670.40
£	177.00	Recoverable Expenses	£ 186.95
	-	Postage	£ 13.60
	-	Printing	£ 34.18
	-	Software	£ 233.88
£	142.00	Donations	
		Advertising Pens	£ 365.40
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£	6,065.81		£ 5,404.47
£	998.47	B/F 1 July 2024	C/F 30 June 2025
			£ 1,659.81
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£	7,064.28		£ 7,064.28
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LIONS CLUB of CLACTON on SEA (CIO)
TREASURERS ACCOUNT
for PERIOD 1 JULY 2024 - 30 JUNE 2025

<u>Income</u>			<u>Expenditure</u>
£	390.00	Donations	£ 16,802.40
£	309.00	Presidents Charity	-
£	664.00	Morrisons Hamper Draw	£ 241.32
£	600.00	eBay Sales	-
		Storage Unit	£ 2,996.74
£	1,178.00	Easter Hamper Draw	£ 208.50
£	5,697.62	Car Boot Sales	-
£	241.95	Fetes	£ 25.00
		Fund Raising Expenses	£ 499.83
		Peace Poster	£ 278.50
£	470.98	McMillian	-
£	1,238.55	Marie Curie	-
£	1,460.75	Quiz Sheets	£ 200.00
£	3,500.00	Bank Transfer - Deposit Account	£ 1,000.00
£	282.64	Clacton Pride Day	-
£	2,252.72	Christmas Hamper Draw	£ 464.98
£	2,331.78	HMRC GADS Refund	-
£	593.55	Quiz Nights	£ 42.50
-		Message in A Bottle	£ 540.00
-		Software/ Website Licences	£ 552.71
£	4,571.06	Small Scheme Donations	-
-		Guides Challenge Badges	£ 37.10
£	580.85	Ink Cartridge Salvage	-
-		Defib Spares	£ 138.00
-		Printing	£ 98.00
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£	26,363.45		£ 24,125.58
£	2,927.78	B/f 1 July 2024	£ 5,165.65
£	29,291.23		£ 29,291.23
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		c/f 30 June 2025	

Clacton on Sea Lions Club (CIO) - Charity Account
Donations Made - Period: Year ended 30th June 2025

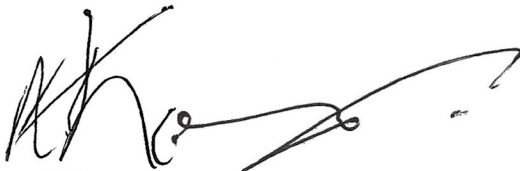
Date	Payee	Amount
11/07/2024	Lions District 105CE - Youth Projects	£258.00
18/07/2024	Harwich Community Café - New Till	£100.00
19/08/2024	Lions Brain Tumor Appeal - Memry of PDG Alan Hall	£50.00
18/09/2024	LCI 105 - Vision Camera Appeal	£100.00
10/10/2024	Macmillan Cancer Support	£500.00
10/10/2024	Tendring Specialist Stroke Services	£1,000.00
11/10/2024	Royal British Legion - Poppy Appeal	£55.00
26/10/2024	Motor Neuone Disease Association - DG Wife's Appeal	£250.00
26/10/2024	CHAPS - Prostrate Screening Session	£3,500.00
15/11/2024	105CE - LCIF Spain Appeal	£250.00
18/11/2024	CVST Christmas Dinner	£500.00
21/11/2024	Jaywick Community Forum - Winter Wonderland	£50.00
27/11/2024	Clacton Police Christmas Tree - Disavantaged Children	£100.69
09/12/2024	Alzimers Society	£20.00
09/12/2024	GOSH	£40.00
09/12/2024	British Heart Foundation	£15.00
09/12/2024	CRISIS at Christmas	£50.00
13/01/2025	Evolution Angel Majorettes	£100.00
15/01/2025	Brooklands Community Shop	£150.00
29/01/2025	Westcliff Theatre Trust	£50.00
29/01/2025	Marie Curie (Morrisons)	£675.00
29/01/2025	The Harwich & District Social Groiup	£50.00
29/01/2025	TPRS	£100.00
29/01/2025	Brightlingsea Foodbank	£675.00
29/01/2025	Mannngtree Foodbank	£675.00
29/01/2025	Walton Foodbank	£675.00
29/01/2025	Lions Club 105 CE Vision Cameras	£150.00
05/02/2025	Clacton Foodbank (Salvation Army)	£675.00
06/02/2025	Harwich Foodbank (Salvetion Army)	£675.00
13/02/2025	LCI 105 - LCIF California Wildfire Appeal	£250.00
05/03/2025	Clacton Foodcycle	£150.00
13/03/2025	1st Clacton Scouts	£100.00
14/03/2025	Lullaby Trust	£50.00
17/03/2025	Jaywick Bereavement Club	£50.00
17/03/2025	Marie Curie	£1,250.00
10/04/2025	Jaywick Community Forum - Easter Egg Hunt	£50.00
23/04/2025	Pakinson's Disease Society Clacton Branch	£400.00
23/04/2025	CVST - Mugs	£413.71
23/05/2025	Clacton Sea Cadets	£600.00
23/05/2025	Walton and District Sea Cadets	£600.00
17/06/2025	Clacton Sea Cadets	£250.00
17/06/2025	LCI 105CE - Eye Camps	£260.00
17/06/2025	LCI 105 CE - LCIF Undesignated	£290.00
17/06/2025	Thurrock Mencap	£250.00
24/06/2025	Lawford House Pool - Matthew Ellis	£100.00
25/06/2025	Tendring Specialist Stroke Services	£250.00
		£16,802.40

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the Trustees of	Clacton on Sea Lions Club (CIO)
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A Thompson
15 November 2025

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