

Leeds & Skyrack Lions Club

Charitable Incorporated Organisation 1181586



Trustee Report and Financial Statements
for the period
ending 30 June 2022

Leeds & Skyrack Lions Club Charitable Incorporated Organisation

1. Reference and administrative details of the charity and trustees.

During the period ending 30 June 2022 the following were appointed by members to be trustees of the Club.

President

P Sandeman

Secretary

J Fellows

Treasurer

R J Carter

Member

J H Butterfield

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2. Trustees' Report

The Trustees present their Trustee Report together with the financial statements of the Leeds & Skyrack Lions Club Charitable Incorporated Organisation (the Charity) for the most recent period 1 July 2021 to 30 June 2022.

The trustees confirm that this Trustee Report and supporting financial statements of the Charity comply with the current statutory requirements of the Charity's governing document and the recommended best practice.

3. Structure, Governance and Management

The Leeds Skyrack Lions Club was registered as a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) on 16 January 2019.

The Leeds and Leeds Skyrack Lions Clubs formally combined on 1 July 2020 and we operate as the Leeds & Skyrack Lions Club CIO. New Trustees and Club Officers were appointed from that date and appropriate facilitating changes were actioned to the CIO.

The Constitution sets out that a minimum number of Trustees should be three and that the President, Secretary and Treasurer are all mandatory trustees. Members have agreed the appointment process in accordance with the Constitution.

The Trustees ensure that the Club is managed in accordance with the members agreed Constitution.

The Charity has insurance cover for its activities and Lions Clubs International MD 105 provides this.

4. Grants and Charitable Objectives

The club operates across the core area of the city of Leeds. The club supports worthy local causes and charities and lions charities nationally and internationally.

All club members work without reward and are independent of all politics or religion.

The charitable objectives of the Leeds & Skyrack Lions Club are the relief of poverty and the support of those in need and by providing humanitarian aid and disaster relief, including in particular:

- the advancement of citizenship by: promoting the principles of good citizenship
- encouraging members to take an active interest in the civic, cultural, social and moral welfare of the community;
- providing a forum for the open discussion of all matters of public interest; provided that partisan politics and sectarian religion shall not be debated by members;
- encouraging service-minded people to serve their community without personal reward and encouraging the promotion of high ethical standards in commerce, industry, professions, public works and private endeavours;
- supporting youth to develop their skills, capacities and capabilities to enable them to participate in society as mature and responsible individuals;

- promoting the Voluntary Sector for the public benefit by associating with local authorities in a common effort to advance education and provide facilities in the interests of social welfare for recreation or other leisure time occupation to improve the conditions of life of people in local, national and international communities;
- promoting volunteering;
- the relief of poverty and the relief of those in need in particular by providing humanitarian aid and disaster relief;
- the advancement of health or the saving of lives by preventing avoidable blindness, assisting disabled people to lead independent lives or helping to prevent or manage health issues;
- promoting for the benefit of the public the conservation protection and improvement of the physical and natural environment; and/or
- promoting community participation in healthy recreation.

The Trustees consider all applications received by the CIO in accordance with our grant making policy. Recommendations are made to all members who together make the final decisions regarding supporting or not supporting all requests for a grant. Under the terms of the Clubs' Constitution, Trustees and members can apply funds at their discretion, making grants where they believe that their contribution will make a real difference. We only make grants in furtherance of our priorities for support and our charitable objectives.

The number of applications that can be supported is, of necessity, limited to the amount of funds available for distribution in any one year. As there are numerous Lions Clubs in the UK, applications from the local Leeds area are generally given priority. Trustees also consider international funding requests referred to them by the Lions International organisation; applications for support and/or grants are all considered on their own merits, following investigation by the Trustees and club membership. However,

given that most of the available funds are raised within the local community, those applications that are local are given special consideration. The following are examples of areas adopted for support:

- Local charities - youth groups, groups working with the elderly, residential and nursing homes, disabled and individual appeals;
- Youth and children's organisations - sport related groups or individuals, scouting and guiding, youth club activities; young people undertaking overseas assignments;
- Community facilities - aid for disadvantaged, elderly, homeless individuals and families, village hall projects.

The above priorities in this policy are reviewed every year (or more often if deemed appropriate by the Trustees), and they may be changed in accordance with the Trustees' view of the most effective application of available funds at any point in time.

The trustees confirm that they have complied with the duty in section 4 of the Charities Act 2006 to have due regard to the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit, and we explain how this is achieved in this report.

All the administration expenses of the CIO are funded 100% by the member's own direct donations to the Club. These funds are held in a separate Business Administration and Reserve Bank Account.

All money raised by the Club from members of the public is used exclusively for charitable purposes and is held in a separate Charity Bank Account.

The trustees confirm that the CIO does not have any outstanding liabilities or debts.

Charitable Funds raised

The severe impact of Covid 19 health emergency during the previous reporting period 2020/2021 resulted in limited fundraising from the local community due to on-going restrictions. This has continued to have an impact on our ability to raise and distribute funds during 2021/2022.

During 2021/2022 the Club could again physically meet and commence fundraising. We did not undertake the previous level of supermarket and house-to-house collections for most of the year due to caution regarding on-going health uncertainties. We have delivered various service activities and provided community support.

1 July 2021 – 30 June 2022

£1683.70

1 July 2020 – 30 June 2021

£1555.42

1 July 2019 – 30 June 2020

£3468.71

1 April 2018 – 30 June 2019

£4536.55

Charitable Donations

Members have provided over 626 hours of Volunteer Service to the local community in addition to the following financial donations in the period. Brief details of the recipients or organisation are detailed below to indicate the range of activities supported.

Defibrillator Replacements and Maintenance

Environmental Teaching Resources for Primary Schools

Sightsavers

LCIF Ukraine Lions Appeal

Provision of flooring material for disadvantaged Leeds household

Funded a Leeds Disadvantaged Family to have a one-week Holiday in the Filey Lions Holiday Caravan

We have funded Beds for Ukraine Refugees in Leeds

Support for Leeds youth visit to Uganda - Cricket without borders UK

Hawksworth Older People's Support Services

Home-Start Leeds - Young Families Support

Lions MD Youth Charity

Disadvantaged Lions Sports Day Doncaster

Youth Projects

Books for Young People

Recycling Used Spectacles for Third World Countries

Leeds & Skyrack Lions Club collects thousands of used spectacles, which we collect, and process each year. A team of Lions and other volunteers in recycling workshops examines all the spectacles donated. Sorted pairs of glasses are then graded prior to distribution for reuse worldwide.

More information about all the Clubs activities is available at

<https://leedsandskyrack.lionsclub.co/>

Membership

Membership of the Leeds & Skyrack Lions Club Charitable Incorporated Organisation at the end of June 2022 was 13. All members are volunteers and we aim to meet once per month to take part in fundraising and social activities. New volunteers and members are most welcome.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "R. J. Carter", with a long horizontal flourish extending from the bottom of the signature.

Signed

Treasurer and Trustee

Date: 6 March 2023