



Maidstone Lions Club CIO

Registered Charity Number 1182988

Trustees Annual Report - Year Ended 30th June 2025

Legal and Administrative Details:

Lions Club Name: Maidstone
Formation Date: 23rd September 1959
Charity Name: Maidstone Lions Club
Registered Charity No: 1182988
Principal Address: The Charity has no registered permanent address, the focal point for correspondence is
Peter Woods, 37 Paynes Lane, Maidstone, Kent ME15 9QZ

Constitution: CIO constitution dated 1st February 2020

Trustees for the Year:

Trustees: Maidstone Lions Club Members as per attached Appendix A

Bankers: Shawbrook Bank
CAF Bank

Independent Examiner: AIMS Accountants for Business
New Stonehill Farm, Stonehill Road, Egerton, Kent TN27
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Restrictions: There are no restrictions

Aims and Organisation

Lions Clubs International

The Maidstone Lions Club is a local club formed as part of Lions Clubs International voluntary service organisation that helps, supports and guides local clubs to serve their local communities. Clubs are chartered as separate entities with their own constitution but have links to other clubs in their Zone, to their District in the South East of England, the Multiple Districts of the UK and to Lions Clubs International. Linkages with other Lions Clubs and the Lions Clubs structures provides a vehicle for the exchange of ideas and through co-operation the clubs work together to help on national and international charitable projects.

Maidstone Lions Club

Maidstone Lions Club is a voluntary organisation which exists to help the local community and support, as it sees fit, Lions Clubs' national and international projects in accordance with its grant giving policy. The administration of the Club is wholly financed by its members. All time to organise activities to raise funds and provide community service is given freely by the members and friends of the club, for no payment or reward. This is the Club's 65th year as part of Lions Clubs International.

The objects of each Lions Club are to:

- create and foster a spirit of understanding among the peoples of the world;
- promote the principles of good government and good citizenship;
- take an active interest in the civic, cultural, social and moral welfare of the community;
- unite the clubs in the bonds of friendship, good fellowship and mutual understanding;
- provide a forum for the open discussion of matters of public interest; provided, however, that partisan politics and sectarian religion shall not be debated by club members;
- encourage service-minded people to serve their community without personal financial reward, and to encourage efficiency and promote high ethical standards in commerce, industry, professions, public works and private endeavours.

Membership

The Lions Club's membership at the beginning of the year was 19. At the end of the year the membership was 19.

In undertaking its work the Charity relies on the members of the Maidstone Lions Club. Their time is given freely and without charge and without this support the charity would not be able to function.

Maidstone Lions Club is managed by its members and meets monthly at a “Business Meeting”. The Club elects and appoints annually a number of Officers and Trustees who meet monthly to discuss strategic or important issues. Detailed affairs relating to Fund-raising and decisions on Community Service proposals and donations are considered at regular monthly welfare committee meetings.

Club members pay an annual subscription of £52.00, paid half yearly. These subscriptions and some fund raising social events for members pay for the members’ dues which are paid to support Lions SE District, Lions Multiple Districts and Lions Club International administration and for the administration of the Club. The monies relating to the administration of the club are indicated in the accounts.

CIO Composition

The CIO is managed by the Trustees which include the Club President, Secretary and Treasurer. The Trustees are elected by the members of the Lions Club and are listed in Appendix A. Trustees are encouraged to attend the Lions District 105SE Spring Forum where guidance is given on the role of Trustees. New Trustees are given relevant information as outlined in the constitution.

The Club’s charitable work and donations are administered through the CIO. All financial donations are individually approved by a majority of the members and Trustees, subject to there being a quorum of at least 50% trustees and members; the Chairperson, Lion President, having a casting vote.

Purposes of the CIO

The charitable purposes of the CIO fall into the following general categories:

- the improvement of health or the saving of lives.
- the relief of those in need, by reason of youth, age, ill-health, disability, or other disadvantage.
- the advancement of citizenship or community development.
- the relief of financial hardship.
- the advancement of environmental protection or improvement.

Finance and Activities

Income

The CIO relies entirely on the Maidstone Lions Club for its income. Members and friends of the Club undertake a variety of fund-raising activities throughout the year.

The main income of the club during the year was derived from fundraising activities at fetes, rental income and street collections

These funds are only then donated to chosen causes following the guidelines in the Grant Making policy and a majority vote of members present when the welfare report is presented to the Lions Club members and approved by the Trustees.

Property

The Maidstone Lions Club owns two private residential properties for the purpose of generating rental income for the Maidstone Lions Club. These properties are:

9 Cudham Close, Vinters Park, Maidstone ME14 5QG

15 Castle Road, Allington, Maidstone ME16 OPR

Both are managed by – Hatch Batten Estates. Mid Kent Shopping Centre, Castle Road, Allington, Maidstone ME16 6PU

Donations made by the CIO

The Trustees approved a number of donations to local organisations and individuals based on recommendations from the Club members.

A list of the donations approved by the Trustees is enclosed within the accounts.

Welfare Activities

The Club supported many local and international cause including

Third World Spectacles recycling through the collection of 1000's of pairs of spectacles from local opticians and Maidstone Hospital

The Lions Message in a Bottle initiative by making 100's freely available through a number of outlets in Maidstone

Maidstone Churches Winter Shelter

Lions International Blood Research appeal

Kent Oncology Centre

Kent Domestic Abuse Centre

Spadework

Heart of Kent Hospice

Maidstone Baptist Church children's holiday lunch club

Crossroads Christmas hampers

Valencia Lions Club

Growing Hope

Mariners of Bewl

Blackthorn Trust

Wheeleasey

Individuals and families who sought grants from the club

Reserves Policy

The CIO looks to maintain a minimum balance in its account of £10,000.00 to cover any urgent needs or requests for financial donations.

Risk Policy

There are no employees but the Charitable Trust owns two properties. The property risks are mitigated by letting the properties through professional agents who hold tenancy deposits, and have appropriate buildings insurances.

The Trustees are covered to the level of £10 million by the Trustees' indemnity element of the Lions Multiple District Insurance policy. Due diligence in checking the insurance details of any organisation employed at events is essential.

The only other perceived risk is insolvency. This is addressed by the trustees ensuring that grants / donations do not exceed the available funds held by the CIO

Review of Financial Activities and Affairs

The Receipts and Payments accounts of the Maidstone Lions Club for the year ended 30th June 2025 are attached to this report. These have been independently examined and approved.

Signed on behalf of the current Trustees:

Judith Woods, Peter Woods, Malcolm Luxton, Peter Hooper, Ian McWalter, Marion Brooks, David Priestley, Peter Stonely, Derek Ransley

		Date	Signature
President	Malcolm Luxton		
Treasurer	Peter Woods		

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Maidstone Lions Trustees as at 1st July 2024

David Priestley	President
Peter Stonely	1st Vice President
Malcolm Luxton	Secretary
Peter Woods	Treasurer
Ian McWalter	Member
Peter Hooper	Welfare chair
Judith Woods	Member
Marion Brooks	Past President



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Accountant/Examiners' report

In order to assist you to fulfil your duties under the Charities Act 2011, we have prepared for your approval the receipts and payments accounts of Maidstone Lions Club Charitable Incorporated Organisation for the year ending 30th June 2025, from the charity's accounting records and from information and explanations you have given us.

As a member firm of the Institute of Chartered Management Accountants (CIMA), we are subject to its ethical and other professional requirements which are detailed in the member's handbook.

This report is made solely to the charity, as a body, in accordance with the terms of our engagement letter. Our work has been undertaken solely to prepare for your approval the receipts and payments accounts of Maidstone Lions Club Charity Trust Fund and state those matters that we have agreed to state to them, as a body, in this report in accordance with AAF 2/10 as detailed at icaew.com/compilation. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than Maidstone Lions Club Charity trust Fund as a body for our work or for this report.

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 (the Charities Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act,
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act, and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

My examination was carried out in accordance with general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from the trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair' view and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention

1. which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in, any material respect, the requirements:
 - to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; and
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act

have not been met; or

2. to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached



Gary Robinson (Chartered Management Accountant)

Date: 2nd December 2025

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Receipts and Payments Accounts

For the year ending 30th June 2025

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total June 2025 £	Total June 2024 £
Receipts				
Fundraising	4,126		4,126	3,301
Subscriptions	1,084		1,084	783
Donations	217		217	19
Rental Income Vinters	15,240		15,240	13,860
Rental Income Allington	16,620		16,620	15,120
Deposit Account Interest	2,813		2,813	663
sub	40,099	0	40,099	33,746
Payments				
Donations	21,780		21,780	22,884
Fundraising Expenses	1,099		1,099	811
Legal and Professional Costs	0		0	0
Operational Costs	3,277		3,277	3,099
Subscriptions and dues	1,697		1,697	1,656
Investment Property Expenses - Vinters	2,422		2,422	3,254
Investment Property Expenses - Allington	2,131		2,131	2,022
sub	32,406	0	32,406	33,726
Asset and investment purchases				
	0		0	0
sub	0	0	0	0
Total payments	32,406	0	32,406	33,726
Net of receipts / (payments)	7,694	0	7,694	21
Cash funds last year end	106,889	0	106,889	106,868
Cash funds this year end	114,583	0	114,583	106,889

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Statement of Assets and Liabilities For the year ending 30th June 2025

	Unrestricted Funds June 2025 £	Unrestricted Funds June 2024 £
Cash Funds		
Shawbrook	85,024	85,024
CAF Bank	29,559	21,865
Cash	0	0
Total cash funds	114,583	106,889
Other monetary assets		
None	0	0
Total other monetary assets	0	0
Investment assets		
Investment Property - Vinters	240,000	240,000
Investment Property - Allington	250,000	250,000
Total investment assets	490,000	490,000
Assets retained for the Charity's own use		
None	0	0
Total assets retained for the Charity's own use	0	0
Liabilities		
None	0	0
Total liabilities	0	0
Total assets and liabilities	604,583	596,889

Approved on behalf of Maidstone Lions Club - Charitable Incorporated Organisation

Signature _____

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Name _____

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Date:

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Appendix A

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Donations for the year ending 30th June 2025

Details

	Total
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donation to British Heart Foundation	275.00
donation to The Family Trust	1,239.67
donation for carpeting for HD	716.00
donation to Spadework	537.12
donation to Maidstone Baptist Church	452.96
donation to Heart of Kent Hospice	1,500.00
donation to Space2be me	534.52
Donation to MBC's Domestic Abuse Project	564.98
donation to crossroads	200.00
donation to Space2be me	500.00
Donation to LIBRA	1,000.00
donation to WICTU - stoves for Ukraine	1,000.00
donation to club de leones de elche Spain	3,000.00
MCWS food for January	996.96
donation to Sight Savers in memory of Gulab	5,000.00
Donation to Mid Kent Winter Shelter	1,003.04
donation to opticians for glasses	175.00
donation to Growing Hope	771.97
donation to Growing Hope from Charter raffle	300.00
donation to Mariners of Bewl	500.00
donation to the Blackthorn Trust	250.00
donation to Maidstone Operatic Society	700.00
donation to Wheeleasy Mobility	250.00
Donation to MBC's Domestic Abuse Project	46.00
from Clarion Housing, a new gas cooker for KK	216.95
Total Donations	21,780.17



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