

Trustees' annual report for the period



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

1 July 2024

Period end date

30 June 2025

Charity name

Horsham Lions Club CIO

Charity No
(if any)

1183334

Period start date

Objectives and Activities

	SORP reference	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	Cash donations to International, National and Local charities and to good causes in the Horsham, West Sussex area
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	Charitable payments as follows: Chestnut Tree House £500 LCIF Requests £500 Payment for Xmas vouchers £3021 Air Ambulance £2808 The Samaritans £2500
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	Para 1.18	In dealing with the CIO Funds, the Trustees are mindful and give full regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission with regards to public benefit

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

	SORP reference	
Policy on grant making	Para 1.38	Each case requesting assistance is considered by all members and voted on accordingly.
Policy on social investment including program related investment	Para 1.38	
Contribution made by volunteers	Para 1.38	Without the assistance of volunteers our Lions Club would be severely hampered in achieving all we do.
Other		

	SORP reference	
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.	Para 1.20	<p>It can be seen from the Objectives and Activities section that our charity has been active over the last 12 months. Activities are picking up although we have noticed a lack of available cash when we do our collections. . I will expand on each of the payments and explain how it has assisted the various beneficiaries. We purchased a card reader this year which helped improve monies raised at or Supermarket collections.</p> <p><u>Xmas vouchers</u>. These are given to families identified by the local Social Services as needing assistance.</p> <p><u>Donations to organisations and Individuals</u>. Many people helped at a time of need through our numerous donations.</p> <p><u>The Phoenix Stroke Club</u> This was our charity for our annual Swimathon and the funds will be used by them to improve the service to their clients</p>
		All donations are made in response to direct/indirect requests made by individuals to the club either in person or via the clubs website.

Additional information (optional)

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Achievements against objectives set	Para 1.41	The Lions look to receive over £3000 from our Christmas collections to assist with the payment for the Christmas parcels. This was met this year. The annual Swimathon took place in its usual month of March and was extremely popular with our target of £5000 being met. A few new ventures were undertaken in the last 12 months which it is hoped will continue.
Performance of fundraising activities against objectives set	Para 1.41	No fund raising objective set as this is such an unpredictable activity as far as income is concerned. Any income raised is fully spent on worthy causes.
Investment performance against objectives	Para 1.41	n/a
Other		

	SORP reference	
Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	The financial situation at the end of the current financial position is strong. We have sufficient to pay for forthcoming expenses such as Christmas where we have to buy vouchers before we collect monies at Supermarkets or Santa collections. The balance is higher than we would like, but funds need to be paid out to our charity for the Swimathon, The Phoenix Stroke Club, but we have been hampered by some late teams sending in funds and sponsorship forms. This will be attended to within the next month.
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	See above. Some £3000 is retained for Christmas expenses for the food vouchers for the local families in need, and for day to day requests for assistance.
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	£5000
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	n/a
Details of fund materially in deficit	Para 1.24	n/a

Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	The main concern are the numbers of active members and their ages which may cause problems shortly unless we can recruit some new younger people to join.

Additional information (optional)

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	SORP reference	
The charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising)	Para 1.47	Supermarket collections £3144 Swimarathon £6416 Santa house to house collections £1027
	Para 1.46	n/a
A description of the principal risks facing the charity	Para 1.46	See 1.23. We have funds, an active membership, and plans for activities throughout the year.
Other		The continuance of Horsham Lions Club is always reliant on having enough members to run it. We have an aging membership with some having done between 25-40+ years in the Lions. We have 15 active members having increased the membership in the last 12 months with other potential new members in the pipeline.

Description of charity's trusts:	SORP reference	
Type of governing document (trust deed, royal charter)	Para 1.25	Trust Deed
How is the charity constituted? (e.g unincorporated association, CIO)	Para 1.25	CIO
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	Elected from Club membership

Additional information (optional)

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	SORP reference	
Policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees	Para 1.51	All are experienced members having been with the club for many years
The charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works	Para 1.51	The Charity works within the structure laid out by the Lions and the Charity Commissioners
Relationship with any related parties	Para 1.51	N/A
Other		

Charity name	Horsham Lions Club
Other name the charity uses	
Registered charity number	1183334
Charity's principal address	Bryher, Pondtail Drive, Horsham, West Sussex RH12 5HY

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)
Clare Wilson	Secretary		Club Members
David Trowbridge	Treasurer		Club Members
Anthony Gellett	President		Club Members
Miles Loveday	Trustee		Club Members
Tom Osborne	Trustee		Club Members
Ian Coker	Trustee		Club Members

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Reference and Administrative details

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Corporate trustees – names of the directors at the date the report was approved

Director name		

Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity

Trustee name	Dates acted if not for whole year	

Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

Description of the assets held in this capacity	

Name and objects of the charity on whose behalf the assets are held and how this falls within the custodian charity's objects	
Details of arrangements for safe custody and segregation of such assets from the charity's own assets	

Additional information (optional)

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address

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

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Exemptions from disclosure

Reason for non-disclosure of key personnel details

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Other optional information

Declarations

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

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Signature(s)

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Full name(s)

David Trowbridge	
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Position (eg Secretary,
Chair, etc)

Treasurer	
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Date 2 July 2025

HORSHAM LIONS CLUB
CIO

Independent Auditors Report

I have examined the accounts and statements relating to the financial year ended 30 June 2025, together with the records of the Trust. In my opinion these statements and accounts show a true and fair view of the financial transactions for the year ended 30 June 2025 and of the state of affairs of the Trust as at that date.

Signed by:.....

Date.....

Full Name.....

Address.....

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