



**CHARITY COMMISSION**  
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

**Trustees' Annual Report for the period: July 2024 to June 2025**

**Charity name: WOOLWICH AND GREENWICH LIONS CLUB (CIO)**

**Charity registration number: 1183377**

**Author: Chandra Kumar, Chair of Trustees**

**Objectives and Activities**

	SORP reference		
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	<p>The Woolwich &amp; Greenwich Lions Club was formed on 16<sup>th</sup> Dec 1975 within Distt MD105SE in the UK as part of Lions Clubs International a voluntary service organisation with HQ in Illinois, USA. The aim being to help, support and guide local clubs to serve their local communities. Clubs are chartered as separate entities but have links to other clubs in their Zone, to their District in the South East of England, the Multiple District 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.</p> <p>Club is a voluntary organisation which exists to help the local community and support, as it sees fit, Lions Clubs' national and international projects. 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 Lions club, for no payment or reward. This is the Club's 44<sup>th</sup> year as part of Lions Clubs International and of serving Lions International initiatives and the local community.</p>	<p><b>Additional information (optional)</b> You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:</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 objectives of the Club are to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-create and foster a spirit of understanding among the peoples of the world;</li> <li>-promote the principles of good government and good citizenship;</li> <li>-take an active interest in the civic, cultural, social and moral welfare of the community;</li> <li>-unite the clubs in the bonds of friendship, good fellowship and mutual understanding;</li> <li>-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;</li> <li>-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</li> </ul>	

	SORP referenc e	
Policy on grant making	Para 1.38	Donations and grants are considered in accordance with the Lions Club CIO's Grant Making Policy. All financial expenditures and donations are individually approved by a majority of the Trustees, subject to there being a quorum of at least three trustees present to vote. The Charity Chairman, the Lion President, having a casting vote.
Policy on social investment including program related investment	Para 1.38	<b>None required</b>
Contribution made by volunteers	Para 1.38	Club members paid an annual subscription of £80, paid yearly. These subscriptions, and fund raising social events for members, pay for the administration of the charity and the members' dues which are paid on to support Lions District, Lions Multiple District and Lions Club International administration and for the administration of the Club. These monies, relating to the administration of the club, are held entirely separately from the charitable and charity fund-raising monies in the "Administration" bank account. This Administration fund pays for the administration and day to day running of the Lions Club,
Other		

## Achievements and Performance

	SORP referenc e	
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>The Trustees approved a number of grants to local organisations and individuals based on recommendations from the Community Services Committee / Club members.</p> <p>W&amp;G Lions made significant financial donations throughout the year to local good causes, Lions national and International initiatives. As the funds of the charity are mainly raised within the community an attempt is made to ensure that the majority of the grants given out are made to good causes locally and internationally ..</p>

		Donations made to: <b>Bexley and Greenwich Hospice £500, India Eye Camp led by Lion Manjit at Hohiarpur, India,£1588: EKOM Charity for their Eye Camp, WUSP a homeless charity in Woolwich £1500 and supported lunch for the Elderly at the Glyndon Community centre £200. These made a significant impact in the infrastructure and the services provided by them.</b>
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#### Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Achievements against objectives set	Para 1.41	Some or all of the objectives were achieved as summarised above.
Performance of fundraising activities against objectives set	Para 1.41	Performance criteria in performance of fund raising were not met to our required level but members have strenuously worked towards achieving them against the objectives.
Investment performance against objectives	Para 1.41	No investments made
Other		None

## Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	The financial accounts of the Woolwich & Greenwich Lions Club CIO for the year ended 30th June 2024 are attached to this report. Accounts finally approved on 20th April 2026
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	Charity operates on the fact that it only dispenses grants / donations within the limit of its funds at any given time. However the Charity looks to maintain a minimum balance in its reserve account of £500 notionally, to pre pay for fundraising initiatives and to cover any urgent needs or requests for financial grants / donations.
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	<b>£2156 as of June 2025</b>
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	<b>N/A</b>
Details of fund materially in deficit	Para 1.24	<b>None</b>
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	<b>None</b>

### 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	The Charity relies entirely on the members, partners and friends of W&G Lions Club for its income. The Club undertakes a variety of fundraising activities throughout the year, be it social events, walks and runs, rag collection etc
Investment policy and objectives including any social investment policy adopted	Para 1.46	<b>None required</b>
A description of the principal risks facing the charity	Para 1.46	<p>Not having property interests or employees, the Charity's exposure to risk is minimal.. The Trustees are covered by the Trustees' indemnity element of the Lions Multiple District Insurance policy up to £5million. Due diligence in checking the insurance details of any organisation employed at events is essential.</p> <p>The main perceived risk is insolvency. This is addressed by the trustees ensuring that grants / donations do not exceed the available funds held by the Charity at any given time. The Risk Policy of the Charity is subject to annual review</p>
Other		<b>None</b>

## Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts:		<b>Not a trust _ hence N/A</b>
Type of governing document (trust deed, royal charter)	Para 1.25	<b>N/A</b>
How is the charity constituted? (e.g unincorporated association, CIO)	Para 1.25	<b>CIO</b>
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	Trustee appointments by nomination and invitation with subsequent approval by the trustees and club officers subject to election procedure as defined by the Lions constitution.

### 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	<p>Meetings and documentation primarily.</p> <p>In accordance with the Constitution, the Charitable Incorporated Organisation is</p>
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		<p>managed by up to four Trustees who are, ex-officio, the Club President, Secretary and Treasurer &amp; the Membership Chairman, plus up to a further one elected Trustee, thereby making a total of five Trustees. The Trustees are elected at the same time as the Lions Club Officers by the members of the Lions Club at the charity's AGM in June or soon thereafter each year. They take office on 1<sup>st</sup> July. Trustees are made aware of their roles and responsibilities and are provided with copies of the Charity Commission guidance CC3 "The Essential Trustee". Trustees are also encouraged to attend the Lions District 105SE Spring Forum and various other training seminars where guidance is given on the role of Trustees. On appointment / election each year, each trustee is required to complete and sign a Declaration of Eligibility to serve as a Trustee. This Declaration takes into account the Charity Commission definitions of exclusions of trustees.</p> <p>.</p>
The charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works	Para 1.51	As per the MD 105SE directives and the LIONS CLUB INTERNATIONAL constitution.
Other		

## Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	WOOLWICH AND GREENWICH LIONS CLUB (CIO)
Other name the charity uses	NONE
Registered charity number	1183377
Charity's principal address	<p>The Charity has no registered permanent address but post can be received at The Glyndon community Centre, Raglan Rd, London SE18 7LB, the meeting place.</p> <p>The Lions Club Secretary acts as the focal Point for correspondence with Charity commission at his home address:</p>

	119 Faraday Av Sidcup DA14 4JE UK

### 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	Ashok Sharma	Club President & DO	default	As Chair of Trustees
2	Ravi Vaid	Secretary	default	As Trustee
3	Upkar Chana	Treasurer	default	As Trustee
4	Debo Kalley	1 <sup>st</sup> VP & DO	default	As Trustee
5	Chandra Kumar	District Governor	2025- 2026	As Trustee
6	Gurcharan Chhatwal	Member	2023-26(3yr Term)	As Trustee
7	Surinder Saggu	Membership Sect	default	As Trustee

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

Director name		
N/A		

### Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity

Trustee name	Dates acted if not for whole year	
N/A		

### 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 falls within the custodian charity's objects	None
Details of arrangements for safe custody and segregation of such assets from the charity's own assets	None

### 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)

None

## Exemptions from disclosure

Reason for non-disclosure of key personnel details

None

## Other optional information

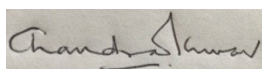
None

## Declarations

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

Signed digitally on behalf of the charity W & G LC (CIO)

Signature(s)



Full name(s)

Chandra Kumar

Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)

trustee

Date

20/04/2026

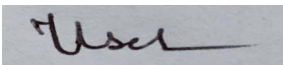
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Full name(s) Ashok kumar sharma

Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc) President

Signature(s) 

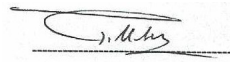
Full name(s) Upkar Chana

Position (e.g. Secretary, Chair, etc) Treasurer

Signature(s) 

Full name(s) Debo kalley

Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc) 1<sup>st</sup> VP

Signature(s) 

Full name(s) Gurcharan Chhatwal

Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc) Member Trustee