



Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From	Period start date			To	Period end date		
	Day 01	Month July	Year 2023		Day 30	Month June	Year 2024

Section A Reference and administration details

Charity name WITNEY LIONS CLUB (CIO)

Other names charity is known by

Registered charity number (if any) 1184028

Charity's principal address 281 Manor Road

Cogges

Witney

Postcode

OX28 3UQ

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	Pamela G Triggs			
	Keith R Holmes			
3	Julie M Surplice			
4	Daniel Ford		01 July 2023 to 07 January 2024	
5	Wyn Devonald			
6	Philip Ogden		08 January 2024 to 30 June 2024	
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Names of the trustees for the charity, if any, (for example, any custodian trustees)

Name	Dates acted if not for whole year

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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Section B

Structure, governance and management

Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document (eg. trust deed, constitution)	CONSTITUTION OF THE INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF LIONS CLUBS
How the charity is constituted (eg. trust, association, company)	As a CIO
Trustee selection methods (eg. appointed by, elected by)	As per Constitution

Additional governance issues (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant, about:

- policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees;
- the charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works;
- relationship with any related parties;
- trustees' consideration of major risks and the system and procedures to manage them.

Witney Lions Club (CIO) is a club within The International Association of Lions Clubs, a worldwide voluntary service organisation. Witney Lions Club (CIO) is a member of District 105a (one of eight districts covering England, Wales, Scotland and Channel Islands which form the UK Multi District 105).

The major risk to the club is we have an ageing membership and combined with the problems faced by many volunteer organisations, i.e. the difficulties faced in recruiting new members. This has been identified as the greatest risk to this club activities.

Section C

Objectives and activities

Summary of the objects of the charity set out in its governing document

The objects of the Club are such purposes as are exclusively charitable in England, Scotland and Wales, 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 and recreation or other leisure time occupation to improve the conditions of life of people in local, national and international communities

Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit in relation to these objects (include within this section the statutory declaration that trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit)

Promoting volunteering;
The relief of poverty and the relief of those in need particularly by providing humanitarian aid and disaster relief;
The advancement of health or the saving of lives 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.

Our main fundraising event this year was our annual Christmas collections in Witney and surrounding villages/towns. This year we managed to support 15 events throughout the area raising just over £5000 (gross) via donations. This enables us to engage with the communities we serve.

Witney Carnival is a free event for the community and we work in collaboration with other local organisations and the Town Council to deliver this large community event. The event includes a carnival parade through the streets of Witney followed by community and fundraising activities on the local recreational space. The participants in the parade come from a wide range of local schools, community groups and organisations. This event is a traditional event run for the benefit of the whole community, as the spaces are flat and accessible it enables participation by all. Attendance was down as the weather was wet and therefore the amount raised was reduced.

Additional details of objectives and activities (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include further statements, where relevant, about:

- policy on grantmaking;
- policy programme related investment;
- contribution made by volunteers.

Section D

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Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

Witney Lions Club (CIO) were able to support a wide range of community groups and individuals during 2023-2024.

Witney Lions awarded grants directly in response to requests received and ran our annual Witney Lions Dream Scheme enabling local groups to apply for funding to enable them to work and provide support within the community.

As well as the Dream Scheme further donations helped individuals and families in need as well as organisations supporting those in need in the local area. These grants totalled £1910.

This year's Witney Lions Dream Scheme distributed over £5000. The Scheme was funded by the money raised from our Christmas collections. These funds were pledged and paid out to thirteen community groups and clubs across the area we cover. The recipients support a wide range of activities in the community. The recipients included a pre-school, local primary schools, youth football, youth groups including scouting and guiding groups as well as groups supporting the adult community.

As part of the Lions Clubs International British Isles Projects and in collaboration with local opticians we have set up spectacle recycling bins. The used spectacles are collected and taken to a UK central collection point where they are processed and recycled supporting community eye clinics across the world. 10,000 pairs of spectacles were sent for recycling by this project from our area.

In addition, we support the Lions Message in a Bottle and Message in a Wallet national project working with local groups and the NHS to distribute these, thereby supporting this lifesaving service. The cost of these projects is funded by the money we raise throughout the year.

We supported the organisers of the first European Adaptive Carp Championship to hold this event, this is was 48hrs fishing competition for anglers with a wide range of disabilities from all areas of the UK. The event was a learning experience for both the organisers and our club. It was not set up as a fundraiser but more as providing support for those staying onsite at this event.

Section E

Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

We do not have a specific reserve amount, we distribute our funds as we raise them. We hold reserves to ensure we can cover the fundraising costs for the events we hold and carry over funds to enable us to make grants to those most in need within the community we operate throughout the year.

Details of any funds materially in deficit

Further financial review details (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant about:

- the charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising);
- how expenditure has supported the key objectives of the charity;
- investment policy and objectives including any ethical investment policy adopted.

Section F Other optional information

The Christmas collection make the largest contribution to the funds, once costs were covered this raised £4400.

Witney Carnival once all costs by the Witney Carnival Committee were covered generated a £900 donation to the club.

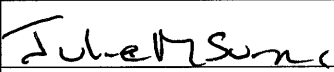
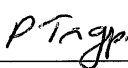
Members of the Witney Lions Club (CIO) membership fees and social events are covered by income for the membership events and fees.

We were fortunate this year to hold a number of small events including a book stalls and receive additional donations from supporters adding to the funds we were able to distribute during the year.

Section G Declaration

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)		
Full name(s)	JULIE M SURPLICE	PAMELA G. TRIGGS
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	PRESIDENT	SECRETARY
Date	10/03/25	



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

WITNEY LIONS CLUB (CIO)

1184028

Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period from	Period start date	To	Period end date
	01/07/2023		30/06/2024

Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Donation receipts	11,935	844	-	12,779	10,869
Membership event receipts	-	2,797	-	2,797	2,897
Membership subscription fees	-	1,676	-	1,676	1,407
Carnival receipts	-	-	-	-	2,601
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	11,935	5,317	-	17,252	17,774
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	11,935	5,317	-	17,252	17,774
A3 Payments					
Donation payments	7,953	193	-	8,146	8,517
General Expenses	102	194	-	296	355
Fundraising costs	1,743	-	-	1,743	558
Membership event payments	-	2,233	-	2,233	2,781
Membership fees	-	1,760	-	1,760	1,556
Lions Projects costs	316	-	-	316	108
Repairs and Maintenance	22	334	-	356	1,180
Carnival payments	-	-	-	-	2,601
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	10,136	4,714	-	14,850	17,656
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	10,136	4,714	-	14,850	17,656
Net of receipts/(payments)	1,799	603	-	2,402	118
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	5,425	754	-	6,179	6,062
Cash funds this year end	7,224	1,357	-	8,581	6,180

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	CIO Account	7,244	1,357	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	7,224	1,357	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK

	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-

	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B3 Investment assets			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use	Box trailer	Unrestricted	-	-
	2 Marquee's & Trailers	Unrestricted	-	-
	3 Gazebo's	Unrestricted	-	-
	Santa Sleigh Trailer	Unrestricted	-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
B5 Liabilities			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
P Trigg	P TRIGGS	10 th March 2025
Julie M Surpin	JULIE M SURPIN	10/03/25