

Independent examiner's report to trustees of RAYLEIGH LIONS CLUB (CIO) CHARITY NO 1184449

I report on the accounts of the Fund for the year ended 30 June 2025 which are set out in the attached pages.

Respective responsibilities of the trustees and examiner.

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for the year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- Examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act.
- To follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act: and
- To state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the 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, seeking explanations from you as 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.

Independent examiner's statement

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 2011 Act: and
- to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 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.

Mary W. Stevenson,
Tara House, 60 Lower Road,
Hullbridge, Essex. SS5 6DF

Signed M W Stevenson Date 4/10/25

(Justice of the Peace)

TRUSTEES REPORT 2024/25

Reference and Administrative Information

Charity Name:	RAYLEIGH LIONS CLUB (C.I.O.)	
Registered Charity Number	1184449	
For the financial year beginning on	1 st July 2024	
For the financial year ending on	30 th June 2025	
Charity's principal address	108 Clarence Road, Rayleigh, Essex. SS6 8TD	
Trustees	President	Graham Roberts, 108 Clarence Road, Rayleigh, Essex. SS6 8AD
	Secretary	Sir Alex Astley-Cooper, 8 Berkshire Close, Leigh-on-Sea, Essex. SS9 4RT
	Treasurer	David Bodimeade, 39 Rawreth Lane, Rayleigh, Essex. SS6 9PZ
	Immediate Past President	Sir Alex Astley-Cooper, 8 Berkshire Close, Leigh-on-Sea, Essex. SS9 4RT

Trustees for M & G and Black Rock Legacy Accounts

Graham Roberts 108 Clarence Road, Rayleigh. Essex. SS6 8TD	Irene Frances Pracy Flat 8, Britton Court, Rayleigh, Essex. SS6 7JL
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Note:

The three officers of the club are declared as trustees in the charity deed and are therefore appointed automatically on their election to those positions. In addition, the club has decided that the past president should also be a trustee.

Governing Document: Rayleigh Lions Club (C.I.O) Constitution adopted on 17th July 2019.

Trust Fund Name: Rayleigh Lions Club (C.I.O)

Objects of Charity:

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

Advisors: None employed

Structure, Governance and Management:

- The Trustees administer the funds and seek from the general public opportunities to assist with charitable projects in the local area and within the Lions organisation. The members of the Club decide which requests should be considered for funding and the amount thereof.
- The Trustees are aware of the risks assumed in the operation of the Trust and have considerable experience of Fundraising activities. The annual fireworks display is the largest of these and is subjected to health and safety assessment. Insurance is carried to cover all activities and it is considered that with this the risks to the Trust and its Trustees are significantly reduced.
- No induction programme is proved for new Trustees as they are trained by the existing office-holders in the Operational procedures required to be undertaken.
- The Rayleigh Lions (CIO) Constitution was adopted on the recommendation of the Lions Clubs Multiple District 105 without amendment.

Delivering Public Benefit

Most of our fundraising events were able to take place this year. These included the fireworks display, quiz night, and Christmas sleigh and lights ceremonies. The profits from these activities enabled us to donate £13,299.99 towards community projects. Smaller containers have been obtained. This has reduced costs for storing the sleigh and fundraising equipment.

The amount of money that was raised has been available for charitable and community, local, national and international causes. Awards were made to support or provide for projects, when requested providing vital equipment and support for a few individuals, local needy and disabled residents who could not afford it themselves to enable them to improve their quality of life. All donations are listed under Community Service Donations within the Expenditure section.

Legacy Fund

The Trustees have again considered projects that can be funded from the Legacy but these must comply with the restrictions placed on the bequest and meet further conditions proposed by the club's members. Unfortunately, no projects could be found/funded this year that could not be funded from the Charity's Community Account. The £40,000 invested for the long term in January 1999 remains to allow future projects to be funded from the investments, which stand at £13,570.98 with Black Rock and £30,366.00 with M & G. Investments.

The present Trustees of the Legacy accounts are Lions Graham Roberts and Irene Frances Pracy.


Charitable Trust Account

The Trustees consider that this remains in a satisfactory position with a fund balance of £51,552.88 at 30.6.2025 in the Charity Community Account and £16,142.81 reserved in the Business Tracker account which receives the interest from the Black Rock Legacy investment.

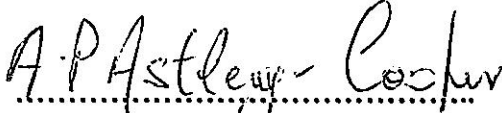
Declaration: The Trustees have approved the report above.

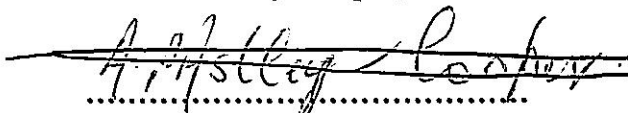
Signed:

Dated.....4/10/25.....


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Graham Roberts, President


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Sir Alex Astley-Cooper, Immediate Past President


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Sir Alex Astley-Cooper, Secretary


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David Bodimeade, Treasurer



RAYLEIGH LIONS CLUB (C.I.O.) CHARITABLE TRUST
ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2025

Charity Community Account balance at start of year (1 July 2024) was £45,472.70.

INCOME

Quiz Night	£816.41
Fireworks display (inc £3,000 float)	£22,317.01
M & G Legacy interest	£1,820.00
Friends of Lions Shop donations	£17,000.00
Sleigh & Christmas lights ceremonies	£422.02
Misc Sum-up.contactless account	
Gift Aid refunds	£120.36
Donations	£20.00
Winnings external Quiz nights	
Members subs (transferred to Admin a/c)	£313.38

Total **£42,829.18**

INCOME TOTAL **£42,829.18**

EXPENDITURE

GENERAL

Meeting room rent	£325.00
Storage Container rent	£4,368.00
Licences: (GPDR cert. & Lottery)	£55.00
Refunds to Admin a/c for Gift Aid/sum-up payments for subs	£505.38
Spectacles transmission to processing centres	£50.00
Message in a Bottle	£154.00
Lions website	£115.82

Total **£5,573.20**

DONATIONS (LIONS PROJECTS Multi District and International)

Leigh Lions Club – donation for Santa Tim Jones £100.00

Total **£100.00**

COMMUNITY SERVICE DONATIONS

Huntingdon's Disease	£100.00
Send the Right Message	£200.00 & £500.00
Edward Francis School sensory room	£2000.00
Greyhound Trust	£100.00
Paglesham Acute Ward (for Jenny Farley)	£500.00
Walking support for Irene Pracy	£99.99
Ukraine appeal	£500.00
Equipment for sight testing	£500.00 & £2500.00
California fire damage appeal	£750.00
Liam Taylor Legacy	£3500.00
Southend Foodbank	£300.00
Rayleigh Museum	£200.00
Barrow Farm	£50.00
Memory Lane Cafe	£500.00
Supporting Carers	£1000.00

Total **£13,299.99**

FUNDRAISING EVENTS

Firework display expenses (Tickets, posters, glowsticks, DJ, sound system, Barrow Farm equipment, van hire, fireworks, first aid, field hire, volunteer donations & £3,000 float repaid)	£17,627.89
Sleigh/Xmas lights ceremonies expenses	£16.49
Quiz Night	£131.43

Total **£17,775.81**

EXPENDITURE TOTAL: **£36,749.00**

Account Balances at 30th June 2025:

Charity Community Account £51,552.88

Business Tracker Account (Reserve) £16,142.81.

which receives the interest from Black Rock legacy investment account.

Legacy Accounts: M & G £30,366.00 Black Rock £13,570.98