



DEVIZES LIONS CLUB (CIO)
REGISTERED CHARITY No 1185977

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES AND ACCOUNTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30th, 2024



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From July 1st, 2023 to June 30th, 2024

Charity name: Devizes Lions Club (CIO)

Charity registration number: 1185977

Objectives and Activities

	SORP reference	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	Charitable Objects of Devizes Lions Club The Objects of the Club are such purposes as are exclusively charitable in England & 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 matters of public interest; note that that partisan politics and

		sectarian religion shall not be debated by members. ○ Encouraging service-minded people to serve their community without personal reward and promoting 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 collective effort to advance education and provide facilities in the interests of social welfare for recreation or other leisure time occupation to improve the conditions of life of people in local, national and international communities. ● Promoting volunteering. ● The relief of poverty and the relief of those in need in particular by providing humanitarian aid and disaster relief. ● The advancement of health or the saving of lives. This includes preventing avoidable blindness, assisting people with disabilities to lead independent lives or helping to prevent or manage health issues. ● Promoting the conservation protection and improvement of the physical and natural environment. ● Promoting community participation in
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		healthy recreation. Nothing in the constitution shall authorise an application of the property of the Club for the purposes which are not charitable in accordance with section 7 of the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005 and section 2 of the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008.
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	Devizes Lions Club raises significant funds throughout the year from its fundraising activities. Some of those activities raise money for specific organisations that we consider will benefit from such a contribution. The club uses general funds that we raise through other fundraising activities to provide grants to causes and individuals local to Devizes. We support appeals from Lions' Districts, Multi District, Lions Clubs International and Lions Clubs International Foundation. The Club undertakes several community service projects. Examples of such activities include: Sports' and Arts' Coaching Weekends Devizes Lions believe that sports and the arts should be accessible to everyone. Every year since 1990, Devizes Lions has held a Sports Coaching Weekend where, for a modest contribution, local schoolchildren are invited to try one of about 20 different sports that they might not otherwise have the opportunity to

		experience. Tuition is all provided by qualified coaches. Each year around 250 children take part. The Arts' Coaching weekend follows the same format at Sports' Coaching. It's a more recent innovation and runs on a smaller scale but is no less valuable for that. Presentation Evening Towards the end of the Lions' year the Club holds a presentation evening when we make donations to a number of organisations and charities that operate within the Devizes area. These are selected following a rigorous appraisal to determine those that will benefit most from the donations. We also make grants to those Lions' projects in the UK and overseas that we consider will most benefit from our contributions. This year we gave circa £9,000 to 30+ local groups. Donations to Individuals and Groups We receive requests throughout the year from local individuals, families, community groups and others that need financial or material support. We review those requests against our Grant Making Policy the funds available. Carol Float Each year, Devizes Lions tour the town with a
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		float carrying a cheery Santa, lights and music. The public can follow Santa's route each evening in real-time via our Facebook Page. The float is one of our major sources of income each year, but it is also an important event for Devizes. As well as the touring float, we have a few 'static' collections in the street or at supermarkets. Golf Day This is a joint event where we join with Devizes Rotary to present an event enjoyed by dozens of golfers. It's also a decent fundraiser and the money raised goes to a local charity or group that is chosen by both service clubs. Lions on the Green This is a Classic Cars and Family Fun Day which we hold on Devizes Large Green. There are lots of cars, stalls and things for children to enjoy. We are reliant on the weather, but this has become one of our major sources of income. Public Collections Devizes Lions Club supports other organisations' fundraising activities by holding collections for organisations such as Marie Curie Cancer Care, BBC Children in Need and British Legion Poppy selling. We also hold public collections on an ad hoc basis to raise funds to help alleviate the
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		effects of national and international disasters. Message in a Bottle The purpose of Message in a Bottle is to place a plastic bottle containing contact details and information about the medical needs of an individual in fridges where it can easily be found by emergency services. Devizes Lions provides this service in Devizes and the surrounding areas by purchasing, delivering and maintaining the stock of bottles in doctors' surgeries, libraries, pharmacies, and other venues in the area.
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	Para 1.18	The Trustees are aware of the Charity Commission guidance on public benefit, and we take that into account when we decide where the guidance is relevant. The Club's Public Benefit Statement can be accessed online at www.devizeslions.org.uk and is attached as an appendix to this report.

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

	SORP reference	
Policy on grant making	Para 1.38	The Club has adopted a Grant Making Policy which is published on line at www.devizelions.org.uk and is attached as an appendix to this Report.

Policy on social investment including program related investment	Para 1.38	
Contribution made by volunteers	Para 1.38	To run its fundraising events and service activities, the Charity relies almost exclusively on the contribution made by the voluntary efforts of Lions, friends, family and (increasingly) helpers drawn from the general public.
Other		

Achievements and Performance

	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	The Club has raised funds through fundraising events including <i>inter alia</i>, a Carol Float, a Golf Day, Lions on the Green and Public Collections. The Club has undertaken a number of community service projects and provided grants that benefit deserving causes and individuals within Devizes and the surrounding areas, supporting appeals from Lions' Districts, Multi District, Lions Clubs International and Lions Clubs International Foundation. Examples include: Sports and Arts Coaching Weekends As discussed above Presentation Evening As discussed above Donations to Individuals and Groups As discussed above

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Achievements against objectives set	Para 1.41	
Performance of fundraising activities against objectives set	Para 1.41	
Investment performance against objectives	Para 1.41	
Other		

Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	Trustees consider that the charity remains in a strong financial position but note that the club is increasingly reliant on a small number of events. A drop in income would not compromise the future of the club but it would affect our main purpose – helping others.
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	The Trustees have a reserves policy to try to ensure that sufficient funds are retained to cover fluctuations in income in the year. As mentioned in para 1.21, we note that the club obtains a significant part of its income from a small number of fundraising Events. The Trustees consider the financial risk when planning future events and make the necessary reserves to cover the worst financial outcome.
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	£8,363.37.
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	N/A

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

		The Club's fundraising activities are set out above and more extensive details can be found
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The charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising)	Para 1.47	on the Projects Page of our website at www.devzeslions.org.uk
Investment policy and objectives including any social investment policy adopted	Para 1.46	
A description of the principal risks facing the charity	Para 1.46	Recruiting and retaining sufficient members to carry out our activities.
Other		

Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts:		None
Type of governing document (trust deed, royal charter)	Para 1.25	Devizes Lions Club (CIO) Constitution adopted on 21 October 2019. There have been no amendments to date.
How is the charity constituted? (e.g. unincorporated association, CIO)	Para 1.25	Charitable Incorporated Organisation
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	The methods for selecting Trustees are set out in Section 14 of the Constitution and By-Law 5 of The By-Laws of Devizes Lions Club (CIO) Issue 1 dated January 2020. Club Members elected Trustees annually with the term of office running for a year from 1st July to 30th June. New or additional Trustees are appointed by the Club Members or the Charity Trustees at any time and with the term of Office running for the rest of that Lions' year.

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	
		Devizes Lions Club (CIO) is an independent

The charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works	Para 1.51	member of Lions Club International, the world's largest service club organisation, established in the USA in 1917.
Relationship with any related parties	Para 1.51	
Other		

Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	Devizes Lions Club (CIO)
Other name the charity uses	Devizes Lions Devizes Lions Club Lions Club of Devizes
Registered charity number	1185977

Charity's principal address	Nursteed Community Centre Nursteed Road Devizes SN10 3AF

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)
	Trustees for Lions year 1st July 2023 to 30 June 2024			
1	Debbie Wilson	President		
2	Jerry King	Secretary		
3	Donald Jones	Charity Treasurer		
4	Christoper Ellis	1 st Vice President & Social Committee Chair		
5	Tony Scorer & Jo Sheppard	Welfare Committee Chair		
6	Andy Wilson	Activities Committee Chair		
7	Carol Rendell	Member's Trustee		
8	Andy Sheppard	Membership Officer		
	Trustees for Lions year 1st July 2024 to 30 June 2025			
1	Christopher Ellis	President		
2	Jerry King	Secretary		
3	Donald Jones	Charity Treasurer		

4	Andy Wilson	1 st Vice President & Activities Committee Chair		
5	Debbie Wilson	Welfare Committee Chair		
6	Jo Sheppard	Social Committee Chair		
7	Andy Sheppard	Membership Officer		
8	Ian Cooper	Members' Director		

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	
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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

Signature(s)		
Full name(s)	Donald Jones	 Debbie Wilson
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Treasurer	President
Date	15/04/2025	



Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period
from

Period start date
01/07/2023

To

Period end date
30/06/2024

Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Members Admin Account to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Other Fund-Raising Events	23,624			23,624	26,973
Donations	640			640	1,898
Sports Coaching	6,871			6,871	3,755
Arts Coaching	541			541	-
Interest	171			171	171
Members Accounts	14		8,380	8,394	7,301
Sponsored Walk	1,660			1,660	-
Gift Aid	1,001			1,001	1,880
Income from Gazebo hire			190	150	40
Insurance element relating to Fundraising			44	44	44
Refund faulty goods			-	-	50
Social events			1,650	1,650	264
Charity transfer			-	-	20
Payment for goods			-		4
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	34,522	-	10,264	44,796	42,400
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
Trailer		-	-		-
		-	-		-
Sub total		-	-		-
Total receipts	34,522	-	10,264	44,786	42,400

A3 Payments

Donations to Individuals and Groups	20,526		19	20,526	18,647
Expenses on Fund Raising Events	5,897			5,897	9,458
Sports Coaching Expenses	6,195			6,195	5,061



Receipts and payments accounts

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

Section A Receipts and payments

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Members Accounts	14	-	8,380	8,394	7,301
Sponsored Walk	1,660	-	-	1,660	-
Gift Aid	1,001	-	-	1,001	1,880
Tent hire	-	-	190	190	40
Insurance element relating to fundraising	-	-	44	44	44
Refund faulty goods	-	-	-	-	50
Charity transfer	-	-	-	-	20
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A3 Payments					
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Expenses on Fund Raising Events	5,897	-	-	5,897	9,458
Sports Coaching Expenses	6,195	-	-	6,195	5,061
Arts Coaching Expenses	374	-	-	374	-
Rent for Store	-	-	-	-	250
Operational expenses	1,069	-	-	1,069	1,560
Sundries	159	-	-	159	1,037
Sponsored Walk	2,015	-	-	2,015	-
Dues paid to LCI, MD & District	-	-	3,258	3,258	2,800
Refunds from Lions District allocated to Members	-	-	-	-	150
Refund of Member's personal money	-	-	116	116	-
Handover Meeting Expenses	-	-	952	952	13
Lions Clothing and equipment	-	-	403	403	859
Charity transfer	-	-	98	98	114
Social events	-	-	5,077	5,077	3,185
Wreath - British Legion	-	-	-	-	50
Presidents allowance	-	-	308	308	-
To other clubs	-	-	90	90	-
Sub total	36,235	-	10,302	46,537	43,184
A4 Asset and investment purchases. (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	36,235	-	10,302	46,537	43,184
Net of receipts/(payments)	- 1,713	-	- 38	- 1,751	- 784
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	10,077	-	6,997	17,074	17,863
Cash funds this year end	8,364	-	6,959	15,323	17,079

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

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Admin Account to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	HSBC Current Account	64	-	-
	HSBC Sponsored Walk Account	8,300	-	-
	HSBC Deposit Account	-	-	-
	Lloyds Admin Account	-	-	6,959
	Total cash funds	8,364	-	6,959
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))			

	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Admin Account to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets	N/A	-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-

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

	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use	N/A		-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

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

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

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees

Devizes Lions Club (CIO)

On accounts for the year
ended

30 June 2024

Charity no
(if any)

1185977

Set out on pages

(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended **30/06/2024**

Responsibilities and
basis of report

As the charity's trustees, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent
examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed:

Date: 10 April 2025

Name:

Mrs Alison Cross

Relevant professional
qualification(s) or body
(if any):

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