



DEVIZES LIONS CLUB (CIO)
REGISTERED CHARITY No 1185977

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES AND ACCOUNTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30th, 2025



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From July 1st, 2024 to June 30th, 2025

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. - o 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. - o 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. Since 1990, Devizes Lions has run a Sports Coaching Weekend where, for a modest contribution, local schoolchildren take part in a sport or activity that they might not tried before. 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 more than 20 local groups shared around £9k 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 and the funds we have available. Carol Float Each year, Devizes Lions tour the town with a float carrying a cheery Father Christmas, lights and music. The public can follow our route each evening in real-time via our Facebook Page.
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		The float is one of our major sources of income and it is also an important event for Devizes. We rely increasingly on volunteers from outside the club to make this event happen. 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 vintage vehicles, stalls and things for children to enjoy. We rely on on the weather, but this has become one of our major sources of income. Bingo We run a bingo evening most months. They're public events with prizes. Public Collections Devizes Lions Club supports other charities' 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
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		hoc basis to raise funds to help alleviate the 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 a person's medical needs in their fridge 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 found at www.devizeslions.org.uk

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 available at www.devizelions.org.uk
Policy on social investment including program related	Para 1.38	

investment		
Contribution made by volunteers	Para 1.38	To run our 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 wider 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 (inter alia) 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

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	See CC016A below
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

	Para 1.47	The Club's fundraising activities are set out above and more details can be found 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 in 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 4 dated May 2023. 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)

Policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees	Para 1.51	
The charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works	Para 1.51	Devizes Lions Club (CIO) is an independent 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 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		
	Trustees for Lions year 1st July 2025 to 30 June 2026			
1	Andy Wilson	President		
2	Ian Cooper	Secretary		
3	Donald Jones	Charity Treasurer		
4	Andy Sheppard	1 st Vice President & Membership Officer		

5	Roger Stratton	Welfare Committee Chair		
6	Christopher Ellis	Social Committee Chair		
7	Andy Trotter	Activities Committee Chair		
8	Vickie Wolf	2 nd Vice President		

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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Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address
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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

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Declarations

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

Signed on behalf of the charity’s trustees

Signature(s)		
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Full name(s)	Donald Jones	Christopher Ellis
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Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Treasurer	President (2024-25)
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Date	24/03/2026
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Charity Name Devizes Lions Club (CIO)	No (if any) 1185977
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Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period from	Period start date 01/07/2024	To	Period end date 30/06/2025
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Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Member funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Other Fund Raising Events	24,210	-	-	24,210	23,358
Donations	2,516	-	-	2,516	640
Sports Coaching	3,614	-	-	3,614	6,871
Arts Coaching	1,739	-	-	1,739	541
Sponsored Walk	5,535	-	-	5,535	1,660
Sale of goods		-	-	-	266
Members Accounts		-	8,430	8,430	14
Gift Aid	2,803	-	-	2,803	1,001
Interest	150	-	3	153	171
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	40,566	-	8,432	48,999	34,522

A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	40,566	-	8,432	48,999	34,522

A3 Payments

Donations to Individuals and Groups	13,154	-	-	13,154	20,526
Expenses on Fund Raising Events	8,097	-	-	8,097	5,897
Sports Coaching Expenses	5,624	-	-	5,624	6,195
Arts Coaching Expenses	1,300	-	-	1,300	374
Rent for Store		-	-	-	
Operational expenses	2,573	-	-	2,573	1,069
Sundries	364	-	-	364	159
Sponsored Walk	5,595	-	-	5,595	2,015
Subscriptions, social, etc.		-	8,329	8,329	10,302
Sub total	36,707	-	8,329	45,035	46,537

A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	
	-	-	-	-	
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-

Total payments	36,70 7	-	8,329	45,035	46,53 7
Net of receipts/(payments)	3,860	-	103	3,963	- 12,015
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	15,43 5	-	-	15,435	-
Cash funds this year end	19,29 5	-	103	19,398	- 12,015

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	Charity current a/c (Co-op)	1,361	-	-
	Charity deposit a/c (Co-op)	10,712	-	-
	Charity current a/c (HSBC)	161		
	Charity deposit a/c (HSBC)	0		
	Members' current a/c (Lloyds)	558	-	-
	Members' deposit a/c (Lloyds)	6,503	-	-
	Total cash funds	19,295	-	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK
		Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds

B2 Other monetary assets

Details	to nearest £	to nearest £	to nearest £
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-

B3 Investment assets

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

B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use

Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
Gazebos	Admin	-	-
Trailer modified to be Father Christmas's sleigh	Charity	-	-
Collecting accoutrements (buckets, card readers, etc.)	Charity	-	-
President's chain of office, regalia	Admin	-	-

B5 Liabilities

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

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

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval



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Independent examiner's report on the accounts

Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/ members of

Charity Name

Devizes Lions Club (CIO)

On accounts for the year ended

30/06/2025

Charity no (if any)

1185977

Set out on pages

(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

Responsibilities and basis of report

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity (“the Trust”) for the year ended 30 / 06 / 2025.

As the charity trustees of the Trust, 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 the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's statement

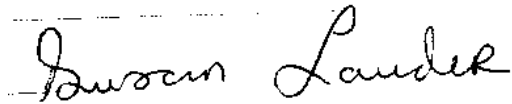
I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention (other than that disclosed below *) in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records

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

** Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.*

Signed:

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Susan Lauder". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'S' and 'L'.

Date:

13/04/2026

Name:

Susan Lauder

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

Address:

14 Oamaru Way

Devizes

SN10 3DT

Section B

Disclosure

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.