

Lions Club of Exeter (CIO)

Annual Report for the period 1 July 2020 to 30 June 2021

Summary of Purposes

1. Promoting the principles of good citizenship;
2. Encouraging members to take an active interest in the civic, cultural, social and moral welfare of the community;
3. Encouraging service-minded people to serve their community without personal reward;
4. Promoting the Voluntary Sector for the public benefit;
5. The relief of poverty and the relief of those in need in particular by providing humanitarian aid and disaster relief;
6. The advancement of health or the saving of lives by preventing avoidable blindness, assisting disabled people to lead independent lives or helping to prevent or manage health issues.

Review of Activities and Achievements

Below is a list of the main activities undertaken by Lions Club of Exeter in 2020 to 2021.

Reference is made against activities that are reflected in the accompanying accounts. Most of this period coincided with National Lockdown and Lions activities were severely curtailed as a result.

The trustees have had regard to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit.

Hot Food Project

With the help of a grant from the National Lottery, Exeter Lions have supported two local projects to provide hot meals for families experiencing hardship during the Covid pandemic. This included the purchase of containers and kitchen equipment as well as ingredients.

Newspaper Recycling

Members collect newspapers from a number of sources and transport it to a Local Authority recycling centre where it is weighed and credit given according to the weight. The funds raised from this activity is then given to local good causes.

Message in a Bottle

Exeter Lions Club have been providing the Message in a Bottle Service in the Exeter area for many years. The purpose of the **Lions Message in a Bottle** scheme is a simple idea designed to encourage people to keep their personal and medical details on a standard form and in a common location, the fridge - to place a small plastic bottle in fridges of the infirm and elderly and particularly those living on their own so that emergency services can

easily find the bottle which contains contact details plus information about their health issues and medication.

Food Bank

Exeter Lions Club supports the Exeter Food bank on a regular basis by providing funds to purchase essential items which the public haven't donated.

Welfare Support

Exeter Lions Club has supported a number of local charities such as Westbank Community Care, Devon Freewheelers and Headway that provide essential services to those most in need.

Also, a mobility scooter was purchased to assist a child with disabilities in attending school.

Dementia Support

Up until Covid 19 Lockdown, Exeter Lions Club was supporting St Thomas Memory Cafe once a month with afternoon session for dementia sufferers and their carers in a number of ways. Members of the club attended as volunteer helpers for the sessions and the club paid the annual rent for the hire of the room and paid towards a proportion of the Organisers annual wages. This support will resume once restrictions are lifted but in the meantime Exeter Lions funded a Christmas party for the group.

Diabetes Awareness

Exeter Lions Club and other local Lions Clubs have been involved with a Diabetic awareness stand at the Devon County Show for almost twenty years.

Previously, Exeter Lions have teamed up with Exeter Diabetes UK Group to put on a Know Your Risk event in the High Street and it is planned to put on a similar event at the stadium of Exeter Chiefs Rugby Football Club.

Car Park Marshalling for various charity events

Exeter Lions Club members act as Car Park Marshalls at various charity events, and on a regular basis for the Exeter Foundation a charity set up by Exeter Chiefs Rugby Football Club to raise funds on match days which is then divided between local charities. This was suspended during Covid restrictions.

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Receipts and Payments Account
1st July 2020 to 30 June 2021

All funds are Unrestricted and to nearest £

Receipts	£
Lottery Community Fund	7,927
Exeter Foundation (Rugby parking)	4,236
Exeter City Council (Newspaper recycling)	620
Christmas collections	77
Other fundraising	139
Sundry donations	209
<u>Admin items:</u>	
Membership subs	858
Part payment of insurance from Club funds	52
Total receipts	14,118

Asset and investment sales	0
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Payments

<u>Donations:</u>	
Stoke Hill Hot Food Project (Lottery funded)	987
Stoke Hill Hot Food Project (funded by Club)	500
Westbank -Hot Food Project (Lottery funded)	6,940
Westbank -Hot Food Project (funded by Club)	839
Devon Freewheelers	250
Headway	750
Westbank -other donations	650
Sylvania Community Shop	500
Mobility Scooters Plus	695
Lions Clubs International 105SW projects	300
Lions Clubs International Foundation	1,100
Message in a Bottle	26
<u>Expenses and Purchases:</u>	
Data Protection fee	40
Collecting tins	123
Part payment of insurance credited to Admin.	52
<u>Admin payments:</u>	
Lions Clubs Int'l membership dues & insurance	895
Gift for retiring District Governor	15
Total payments	14,662

Asset and investment acquisitions

Collecting tins	123
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Statement of Assets and Liabilities at 30 Jun 2021

Cash Funds (all Unrestricted):

Held at Lloyds Bank at 30 Jun 2021	9,482
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Assets retained for the charity's own use

Club regalia,chains of office etc.	400
Gazebo (purchased 2015)	900
Other fund raising equipment	923
Chinese Dragon costume	540
	2,763

Liabilities

nil