

Lions Club of Exeter (CIO)

Annual Report for the period 1 July 2023 to 30 June 2024

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 2023 to 2024. Reference is made against activities that are reflected in the accompanying accounts. The trustees have had regard to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit.

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, that provide essential services to those most in need. In particular we have helped elderly people suffering with dementia, through lunch clubs etc. In October we provided two needy families with a week away at Hendra Holiday Park in Cornwall.

Car Park Marshalling for various charity events

Exeter Lions Club members act as Car Park Marshalls at various charity events, such as the Children's Hospice South West Rainbow Run, 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.

Ukraine

Exeter Lions has continued to support the Lions Club of Callington and other local organisations to raise funds for those affected by the conflict in Ukraine by raffling Easter Baskets and through other activities.

Disaster Relief

Exeter Lions donated £1,500 to Lions Clubs International to support their world-wide disaster relief programme.

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Receipts and Payments Account
1st July 2023 to 30 June 2024

All funds are Unrestricted and to nearest £

Receipts	£
Easter Hampers	1,395
Exeter Foundation (Rugby parking)	6,542
Exeter City Coucil (Newspaper recycling)	395
LIDL - defibrillator donation	999
Christmas Collections, including Gift Aid	722
Choir Concert	709
Other fundraising	188
Sundry donations	165
Pinhoe BC - half cost of defibrillator	695
<u>Admin items:</u>	
Membership subs	612
Charter Night income	742
Other fundraising	119
Total receipts	13,283

Asset and investment sales

Payments

Donations:

Ukraine Appeals	335
Lions Clubs International 105SW District projects	500
Lions Clubs International Disaster Relief	1,500
Exeter Leukaemia Fund	3,000
Children's Hospice South West	3,115
Hendra Holidays (Welfare)	1,262
Crediton Lions - half rugby parking	3,271
MacMillan Cancer	200
Defibrillator for Pinhoe Baptist Church	1,390
Defibrillator for Clyst Honiton	1,300
Topsham Town Fayre	251
Other	140

Expenses and Purchases:

Data Protection fee	35
Easter basket costs	324
Choir Concert - hall hire and cost of refreshments	124
Hendra Holiday mileage	117
Other fundraising expenses	251

Admin payments:

Lions Clubs Int'l membership dues & insurance	879
Charter Night expenses	610
Other	123
Total payments	18,727

Asset and investment acquisitions

Statement of Assets and Liabilities at 30 Jun 2023

Cash Funds (all Unrestricted):

Held at Lloyds Bank at 30 Jun 2023	6,879
	6,879

Assets retained for the charity's own use

Club regalia, chains of office etc.	297
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Gazebo (purchased 2015)	657
Other fund raising equipment	675
Chinese Dragon costume	405
Collecting tins	90
	2,124
Liabilities	0