

## **Lions Club of Exeter (CIO)**

### **Annual Report for the period 1 July 2024 to 30 June 2025**

#### **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 FORCE (support for people with cancer), that provide essential services to those most in need. In October we are providing a needy family with a week away at Hendra Holiday Park in Cornwall.

**Car Park Marshalling**

Exeter Lions Club members act as Car Park Marshalls at charity events, in particular 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.

**Other Fund Raising**

Exeter Lions hold bucket collections at local supermarkets at Christmas and other times of the year. Each Easter we raffle Easter Baskets at local pubs. All proceeds go to local charities apart from an annual donation to Lions Clubs International to support their world-wide disaster relief programme, which this year was £500.

**Lions Club of Exeter (CIO)**  
**Receipts and Payments Account**  
**1st July 2024 to 30 June 2025**

All funds are Unrestricted and to nearest £

<b>Receipts</b>	<b>£</b>
Easter Hampers	718
Exeter Foundation (Rugby parking)	4503
Exeter City Coucil (Newspaper recycling)	349
Christmas Collections, including Gift Aid	1128
Other fundraising	690
<u>Admin items:</u>	
Membership subs	709
Charter Night income	728
Other fundraising	219
<b>Total receipts</b>	<b>9,044</b>

**Asset and investment sales**

<b>Payments</b>	
<u>Donations:</u>	
FORCE	3,313
Exeter Foodbank	1,000
Crediton Lions (rugby)	2,252
LCIF Diaster Appeal	500
Other LCIF Donations	376
Child Sight UK	200
Exeter Food Action	100
Estuary League of Friends	100
Welfare - sofa bed	250
<u>Expenses and Purchases:</u>	
Data Protection fee	35
Easter basket costs	293
Other fundraising expenses	245
<u>Admin payments:</u>	
Lions Clubs Int'l membership dues & insurance	1,105
Charter Night expenses	762
Other	46
<b>Total payments</b>	<b>10,576</b>

<b>Asset and investment acquisitions</b>	nil
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**Statement of Assets and Liabilities at 30 Jun 2025**

<b>Cash Funds (all Unrestricted):</b>	
Held at Lloyds Bank at 30 Jun 2025	5,347
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<b>Assets retained for the charity's own use</b>	
Club regalia,chains of office etc.	297
Gazebo (purchased 2015)	582
Other fund raising equipment	600
Chinese Dragon costume	350
Collecting tins	50
	<b>1,879</b>

<b>Liabilities</b>	0
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