

IRONBRIDGE AND SEVERN GORGE LIONS CLUB (CIO)

England & Wales · Charity number 1190585

Details

Status Registered

Legal form CIO

Registered 2020-07-28

Register [View on the Charity Commission register](#)

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Activities

Objects: SUCH PURPOSES AS ARE EXCLUSIVELY CHARITABLE IN ENGLAND AND 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 ALL MATTERS OF PUBLIC INTEREST; PROVIDED THAT PARTISAN POLITICS AND SECTARIAN RELIGION SHALL NOT BE DEBATED BY MEMBERS;ENCOURAGING SERVICE-MINDED PEOPLE TO SERVE THEIR COMMUNITY WITHOUT PERSONAL REWARD AND ENCOURAGING THE PROMOTION OF 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 COMMON 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 BY PREVENTING AVOIDABLE BLINDNESS, ASSISTING DISABLED PEOPLE TO LEAD INDEPENDENT LIVES OR HELPING TO PREVENT OR MANAGE HEALTH ISSUES;PROMOTING FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE PUBLIC THE CONSERVATION PROTECTION AND IMPROVEMENT OF THE PHYSICAL AND NATURAL ENVIRONMENT; AND/ORPROMOTING COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION IN HEALTHY RECREATION.

Activities: Awarding of grants to local organisations/charities including:- Midland Blood Bikes, Midlands Air Ambulance, Broseley School (books for library) , Home Start Telford, St Georges School Food Bank, 150 Christmas food hampers for families in crisis , T&W Parkinsons Society, Water aid Appeal, Grants to several local community centres, Providing free prostate cancer screening for over 700 men

Classification

- **How:** Makes Grants To Individuals, Makes Grants To Organisations, Other Charitable Activities
- **What:** General Charitable Purposes
- **Who:** Children/young People, Elderly/old People, People With Disabilities, The General Public/mankind

Geography

- Telford & Wrekin

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-06-30	£40,833	£37,387	-	-
2024-06-30	£35,837	£32,038	-	-
2023-06-30	£37,763	£30,269	-	-
2022-06-30	£23,658	£25,419	-	-
2021-06-30	£11,779	£9,172	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Colin John Thompson		2020-07-28
David Liddle		2025-07-01
Graham John Powell		2020-07-28
Joy Veale		2025-07-01

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Charitable Incorporated Organisation

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Previously registered as a Charitable Trust

Registration Number: 1119529

Organisation address:

4, Village Court Priorslee Telford
Shropshire TF2 9QH

Trustees:

President Kevan Gabbitas (From 1st July 2024 – 16th February 2025)
 No President (from 16th February 2025 – 30th June 2025)

Treasurer Graham Powell (Elected 1st July 2023)

Secretary Andrew Pilsbury (Elected 1st July 2023)

Elected Jane Turner Bragg (Elected 1st July 2023)
 Shiobhan Kilbane (Elected 1st July 2024)
 Colin Thompson (Elected 1st July 2024)

Bankers – NatWest, Business Banking, PO Box 16204, Birmingham B2 2WP



Report of the Trustees for the year ended 30th June 2025

The trustees present their report and financial statements for the year ended 30th June 2025.

Objectives and Activities

Purposes:

- a. To promote the principles of good citizenship by encouraging members to take an active interest in the civic, cultural, social, and moral welfare of the community.
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- d. To work with others to establish an active support infrastructure that maintains and improves the quality of life and wellbeing across our community.
- e. To be proactive and serve our local community by assisting, facilitating, and enabling individuals or groups to respond to problems or goals and achieve satisfactory outcomes.
- f. To provide humanitarian aid and disaster relief to those in need.
- g. To improve the health of others by preventing avoidable blindness and assisting people to lead independent lives or helping to prevent or manage health issues.
- h. To promote volunteering.

Service for the public benefit:

Ironbridge and Severn Gorge Lions Club serves the communities of South Telford and people internationally through the Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF). The Trustees confirm that they have complied with Section 4 of the Charities Act 2011 in having due regard for the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit.

Summary of grant making

Grants are awarded to people and organisations to improve the quality of life and wellbeing within our communities.



Achievements and Performance

The club remains in a strong financial position enabling it to continue its support for the local community. Challenges remain for many residents across Telford in particular food poverty that is still a widespread concern. The success of the club depends on its members, friends and the community at large and the Trustees would like to thank them all for their continued support.

During the year 2024-2025 the club gained two new members, and fifteen members resigned.

This report illustrates the highlights of the year's activities and demonstrates the commitment of the club to serve.

Our Local Community

Ironbridge Gorge is a UNESCO World Heritage site and the world's first cast iron bridge is a major local tourist attraction. Ironbridge Lions have been running Silver Over the Bridge (SOB) events since 1979. On a series of Sundays each summer we invite passers-by to lay their spare coins on a strip of sticky tape on the iron bridge, with the ambition of getting a line of coins from one side of the river to the other. Monies received on the day are donated to the local charity.

During the period of this report the club made SOB donations to Newport Visually Impaired Persons Association, Madley Community Café, Ada's Foundation, Parents Opening Doors, Telford 1st Responders and Broseley Bell Ringers.

Once again, we assisted the Ironbridge Coracle Trust at their annual Coracle Regatta staffing the car park, the proceeds of which were donated to the Trust, and running two stalls which raised funds for the Club. The small boats known as coracles have a history dating back beyond the Roman invasion and at one time the River Severn boasted more coracles than any other British river.

The Ironbridge Lions Santa and Sleigh is a Christmas tradition dating back many years. Every year we meet people, now grandparents, who remember their excitement as children, when the sleigh came down their road. Unable to tour public roads due to road safety regulations, we now take Santa and his Sleigh to local supermarkets, schools and care homes. These visits allow us to engage with local residents who very generously donate food and money, all of which is recycled locally.

Throughout the year we attend many local events, running car parks or providing stalls such as our Teddy Tombola or Nerf Gun Challenge, both of which are very popular with all ages.

The Club continues to make several donations, either monetary or goods, to local groups and individuals. The past year has been no exception and those helped include KIP, Abraham Darby Academy, YMCA, Salvation Army, Maninplace, Stay and Brookside Community Centre.



Health

Over the past eight years Ironbridge Lions have organised many prostate screening events. The period of this report covers an expansion to the program - three events which saw a total of 661 men undertake a simple blood test to monitor their PSA levels.

Annually Ironbridge Lions collect several thousand pairs of used spectacles for recycling.

The club also made donations to The Cock Hotel, Wellington and Coke Hearth Improvement Group to facilitate the installation of defibrillator units.

Hunger

Collecting food to support those in need at Christmas has been part of our annual programme for many years and the need for support continues to grow. We attempt to collect some four tonnes of non-perishable foodstuff that is sorted and repacked into food parcels. The collections take many forms – organised street collections; individuals collecting in their own neighbourhood or collections in schools, clubs, and workplaces.

Recognising that food poverty is not just a seasonal matter, we have been collecting and distributing food throughout the year making additional donations of food to KIP, Learning Community Centre Food Hub, Telford Crisis Support, Maninplace, The Salvation Army, YMCA and St. Andrew's Church.

The overwhelming response to our appeals enabled us to distribute over 500 food parcels during the year.

Children

The Club is always open to ideas to help young people by meeting need or achieving ambitions.

We donated to SMADA, a charity group supporting music at Abraham Darby Academy in Madeley. The Academy has a formidable musical reputation and SMADA aids students with music grade examination fees, presents concerts to support musical development and assists other local organisations in their fundraising.

Over the Christmas period the club donated hundreds of Cadbury selection boxes across several children's organisations.

We continue to make an annual donation to the POD Children's Charity a nationwide charity that organises entertainment for children in hospitals, including the Princess Royal (PRH) Telford. Founded in 1977 POD now gives monthly shows in 150 hospitals and hospices across the UK, aiming to alleviate the trauma of a hospital stay with fun and laughter. Our donation facilitates a regular monthly performance at PRH.

The Club also made donations to Redhill Primary School, CVS Young Carers and St. George's School,



Financial Review

Charity's financial position (£)

Account	Balances Brought Forward	Income	Expenditure	Balances to Carry Forward
Charity	£36,341.53	£34,656.41	£30,897.81	£40,100.13
Admin	£3,726.88	£6,177.06	£6,489.24	£3,414.70
Total Funds	£40,068.41	£40,833.47	37,387.05	£43,514.83

Principle sources of funds

The traditional sources of income are our Santa & Sleigh Christmas collections, the Prostate Screening sessions, bucket collections, our Silver Over the Bridge events and individual donations. All these activities benefitted from Gift Aid that we are entitled to claim from HMRC.

Principle risks facing the charity and mitigation

The immediate concern is the fall in membership numbers.

Structure, Governance and Management

The Club is managed and governed in accordance with the By-Laws and Constitution of Ironbridge and Severn Gorge Lions Club (CIO), a Charitable Incorporated Organisation registered with the Charity Commission of England and Wales.

The Club members meet formally at a monthly Business Meeting. This meeting makes formal decisions that are recorded in the meeting minutes. Further meetings may be held to discuss all club activities, these meetings make recommendations to the formal business meeting, we do not formerly record these discussions.

All elected officers of this Lions Club shall be duly appointed Trustees of the Club. The President, Secretary and Treasurer are ex-officio trustees. The Club also has three additional member trustees who are elected at the Club AGM, each serving for a period of two years.



The Trustees are aware of their responsibilities and

- Make sure that the charity complies with its governing documents.
- Comply with charity law requirements and other laws that apply to our charity.
- Act in our charity's best interests.
- Manage our charity's resources responsibly.
- Act with reasonable care and skill.
- Ensure that our charity is accountable.

Reserves

The Club employs no staff and owns no property and therefore has no requirement to hold funds in a reserve account.

This report has been prepared in accordance with the Charity Commission requirements as described in SORP FRS 102.

Approved by the Trustees on 10th March 2026 and signed on their behalf:

Trustee

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Jo Ann', is written over a faint horizontal line.

Date 10th March 2026



Statement of Financial Activities for the year ending 30th June 2025

Income (£)	Notes	Charity	Admin	Totals (£)	
				2024/25	2023/24
Charitable Activities	2				
From Events		2,665.42			3,765.45
Lottery Grant		12,000.00			0.00
Stores/ Twincl		355.83			2,050.62
Gift Aid Income		3,484.94			4,619.11
Individual donations		908.10			5,876.50
Other donations		3,974.48			5,072.96
Prostate		11,267.64			4,871.31
Admin	3				
Dues In			1,789.16		1,960.47
Member Income			184.93		143.70
Tail Twister			143.87		188.57
Gift Aid Income			3,996.10		5,189.80
Social Events			63.00		2,073.50
Donations			0.00		25.00
Total Income		34,656.41	6,177.06	40,833.47	35,836.95
Expenditure (£)					
Charitable Activities	4				
Events		593.81			585.67
Lottery Food Poverty		0.00			0.00
Charity Donations		11,763.37			10,058.31
Donations LCI/MD105		0.00			250.00
Other expenditure		1,074.47			1,449.26
Prostate		17,466.16			11,210.26
Admin	5				
Dues Out			1,892.18		2,050.74
Club Purchases			143.45		398.96
Gift Aid Transfer			3,484.94		4,619.11
Social Expenses			483.00		1,368.82
Other Expenses			485.67		47.20
Total Expenditure		30,897.81	6,489.24	37,387.05	32,038.33
Net (expenditure) / Income		3,758.60	(312.18)	3446.42	3,798.66
Bank Account Movement. (£)	6				
NatWest Charity Open		36,341.53		36,341.53	33,639.08
NatWest Charity Close		40,100.13		40,100.13	36,341.53
Movement (Charity)		3,758.60		3,758.60	2,702.45
NatWest Admin Open			3,726.88	3,726.88	2,630.67
NatWest Admin Close			3,414.70	3,414.70	3,726.88
Movement (Admin)			(312.18)	(312.18)	1,096.21
Movement (Combined)				3,446.42	3,798.66



Statement of Assets and Liabilities at 30th June 2025

Account	Notes	Unrestricted (£)	Restricted (£)			Total Funds 2024/25	Total Funds 2023/24
			Admin	Flood	Lottery Food		
NatWest Charity	7	26,964.13		1,136.00	12,000.00	40,100.13	36,341.53
NatWest Admin			3,414.70			3,414.70	3,726.88
Total Funds		26,964.13	3,414.70	1,136.00	12,000	43,514.83	40,068.41

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18-7-2025

Graham Powell
Treasurer

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Date 10th March 2026



Notes relating to the financial statements for the year ending 30th June 2025

1. Financial Statements

Ironbridge & Severn Gorge Lions financial statements for the year ending 30th June 2025 have been prepared on a receipts and payments basis in accordance with SORP FRS 102.

2. Income – Charitable Activities

The Charity Account holds money raised through events, donations, grants and Gift Aid on said donations and is used solely for charitable purposes.

2.1. Events – this year saw the club engaging in a full range of activities including a Fashion Show, a Quiz, Teddy Tombola stalls, Nerf Gun stalls and car parks, often in support of other local organisations.

2.2. Stores and Lottery Income

The club received a National Lottery Grant of £12,000 to fund a food poverty project. The project runs until December 2026.

Twinkl Lottery	£335.50
Give as you Live	£20.33

2.3. Gift Aid receipts on charitable donations totaled £3,484.94. All Gift Aid is paid by HMRC into the Club's Admin Account with the amount relating to charitable donations being transferred to the Charity Account.

2.4. Individual and Other Donations

Members Events	£ 614.45
Individuals	£ 608.10
Silver Over the Bridge	£ 555.64
Food Collections	£ 300.00
Santa & Sleigh	£ 2,085.39
Car Parking	£ 719.00

2.5. Prostate – donations received to support the Prostate Screening Events held by the Club totaled £11,267.64 in the year. Most of this money is made up of individual donations received at the events.



3. Income – Admin

The Admin Account holds monies arising from Club Membership fees, Tail Twister fines and other funds raised internally by the Club.

All Gift Aid receipts are paid by HMRC into the Admin Account – the only Gift Aid retained in the Admin Account relates to Gift Aid eligible admin receipts, with the balance being transferred to the Charity Account.

4. Expenditure – Charitable Activities

4.1. **Events** – the Club spent £593.81 on items relating to events, this is a similar amount to last year. Expense incurred included event hall hire, costs associated with the fashion show and promotional materials.

4.2. **Lottery Food Poverty Project** - No expenditure within this financial year

4.3. **Charitable Donations** – Donations were made during the year to Redhill Primary School, Coke Hearth Improvement Group, CVS Young Carers, Abraham Darby Academy, YMCA, St. George's School, Stay, Ada's Foundation, Parents Opening Doors, The Cock Hotel, POD Children's Charity, Woodentops Day Nursery, Salvation Army, Telford 1st Responders, Brookside Central. There were further donations made to assist individuals meet their ambitions.

4.4. **Donations to Lions Club International Foundation / or District MD105CN**
There were no donations during the year.

4.5. **Other** - the total other expenditure for the year was £1,074.47 covering items such as electricity supply to the storage and food distribution facility and the maintenance and testing of fire extinguishers and dehumidifiers.

4.6. **Prostate** – Costs for the Prostate Screening Events stand at £17,466.16 for the year. The Club organised three events in the year, accommodating over 600 men.

5. Expenditure – Admin

Any expenditure from this account relates to member only costs and includes:

Subs to MD105, MD105CN and Lions International	£1,892.18
Gift Aid Transfer to Charity Account	£3,484.94
Member related expenditure	£1,112.12

6. **Bank Accounts** - All funds held in the National Westminster Bank.



7. Restricted and ring-fenced funds – there are two restricted funds (1) to support local flooding £1,136 and (2) a National Lottery award to support a Food Poverty program £12,000

8. Liabilities – as of 30th June 2025 the club had no financial liabilities.

9. Fixed assets – The Club has no assets for the purpose of depreciation.

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Dundas John Foley (from 1st July – 11st October 2023)

Treasurer Graham Powell (Elected 1st July 2023)

Secretary Andrew Pilsbury (Elected 1st July 2023)

Elected Jane Turner-Bragg (from 28th July 2020) Martin Lang (from 1st July 2022)

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Achievements and Performance

We started the new Lionistic year in a sound financial position which gave us the confidence to look at expanding the ways in which we can help to support our local community. The challenges of rising food and fuel prices coupled with high inflation continue to present challenges. The success of the club depends on its members and the Trustees would like to thank all members, old and new, for their continued support.

During the year 2023-2024 the club gained five new members and seven members resigned.

This report illustrates the highlights of the year's activities and demonstrates the commitment of the club to serve.

International

Although our focus as Ironbridge Lions is very much on supporting our local community, we are also proud to be able to respond to disasters wherever they occur in the world.

The plight of refugees from Afghanistan and Ukraine continues to be in our thoughts and we have provided goods to those who have been rehoused in Telford.

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During the period of this report we organised seven SOB events: Broseley 1st Responders, Haycop Conservation Group, Newport Visually Impaired, Telford Parkinson's Support Group, Madeley/Stirchley Guides & Scouts and one for our Prostate Screening. Unfortunately, due to inclement weather The Buildwas Players SOB was cancelled. A donation from our charity fund was given to them in lieu.

Once again we assisted the Ironbridge Coracle Trust at their annual Coracle Regatta manning the car park, the proceeds of which were shared with the Trust, and ran two stalls which raised funds for the Club. The small boats known as coracles have a history dating back beyond the Roman invasion and at one time the River Severn boasted more coracles than any other British river.



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Throughout the year we attend many local events, running the car park or providing stalls such as our Teddy Tombola or Nerf Gun Challenge, both of which are very popular with all ages. For the first time we attended the Festival of Colours at Wrekin College organised by the Dharm Association. These opportunities help us to raise our profile, generate funds and have a good time interacting with the public.

The Club continues to make several donations, either monetary or goods, to local groups and individuals. The past year has been no exception and those helped include – Broseley 1st Responders, Telford Crisis Support, Cuan Wildlife Rescue, Shropshire Army Cadet Force, Brain Tumor Research, CVS Autism Hub, Brookside Community Centre, Afghan Refugees, Christmas Smiles, Lions Sight Savers, Woodentops Nursery, A Better Tomorrow (ABT), YMCA, STAY, Maninplace, Salvation Army (Oakengates) and KIP.

Health

Over the past seven years Ironbridge Lions, has organised several prostate screening events. This year we held two such events, in March and June. Our appointment system worked extremely efficiently. Queuing for a test is now virtually eliminated.

Hunger

Collecting food to support those in need at Christmas has been part of our annual programme for many years and, sadly, the need for support has only grown over that time. Starting in early November we attempt to collect some four tonnes of non-perishable foodstuff that we sort and repack into food parcels for those in crisis at Christmas. The collections take many forms – large, organised street collections; individuals collecting in their own neighbourhood; plus collections in schools, clubs, and workplaces. The overwhelming response enabled us to distribute 427 food parcels over the festive period.

Recognising that food poverty is not just a seasonal matter, we have been collecting and distributing food throughout the year.



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Children

The Club is always open to ideas that provide an opportunity to help young people by meeting need or achieving ambitions.

Over the course of the past year, we have made a donation to SMADA, a charity group supporting music at Abraham Darby Academy in Madeley. The Academy has a formidable musical reputation and SMADA's main aim is to raise funds to support all the bands within the Academy at the various concerts, events and festivals. The charity also aids students with music grade examination fees, presents concerts to support musical development and assists other local organisations in their fundraising.

A further donation was made to the POD Children's Charity a nationwide charity that organises entertainment for children in hospitals, including the Princess Royal (PRH) Telford. Founded in 1977 POD now gives monthly shows in 150 hospitals and hospices across the UK, aiming to alleviate the trauma of a hospital stay with fun and laughter. Our donation will ensure the continuation of a regular monthly performance at PRH.

The Club also contributed towards CVS Young Carers' summer outing and provided goods and services to Woodentops Day Nursery and Christmas Smiles. The latter charity has the aim to ensure that every child receives a Christmas present.

Recognition

District Governor Barry Prior attended our 45th Charter Lunch, held in March 2024.

At the handover ceremony in June which this year took the form of a skittles evening, VP Kevan awarded Lion John Toll Life Membership of the Club in recognition of his 40 years of service to the community.

A very generous donation of £4,500 was received from a member of the public.

Once again the Trustees would like to thank all our members, friends, families, and the local communities for their continued support as we look forward to an even better 2024/25 Lionistic year.



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Financial Review

Charity's financial position (£)

Account	Balances Brought Forward	Income	Expenditure	Balances to Carry Forward
Charity	£33,639.08	£26,255.95	£23,553.50	£36,341.53
Admin	£2,630.67	£9,581.04	£8,484.83	£3,726.88
Total	£36,269.75	£35,836.99	£32,038.33	£40,068.41

Principle sources of funds

The traditional sources of income are our Santa & Sleigh Christmas collections, the Prostate Screening sessions, bucket collections, our Silver Over the Bridge events and individual donations. All these activities benefitted from Gift Aid that we are able to claim from HMRC.

Principle risks facing the charity and mitigation

The primary risks are around the state of the economy, which is significantly impacting our ability to raise funds, while simultaneously creating an increased demand for services. The previously expressed secondary risks of membership and the member age profile have, to a degree, been mitigated by a marked increase in younger member numbers although this benefit is partially offset by a reduction in available volunteer hours.

Members continually engage with our local community and refine ways to focus on the most deprived in the communities we serve.

Structure, Governance and Management

The Club is managed and governed in accordance with the By-Laws and Constitution of Ironbridge and Severn Gorge Lions Club (CIO), a Charitable Incorporated Organisation registered with the Charity Commission of England and Wales.

The Club members meet formally at a monthly Business Meeting. This meeting makes formal decisions that are recorded in the meeting minutes. Further meetings may be held to discuss all club activities, these meetings make recommendations to the formal business meeting, we do not formerly record these discussions.

All elected officers of this Lions Club shall be duly appointed Trustees of the Club. The President, Secretary and Treasurer are ex-officio trustees. The Club also has two additional member trustees who are elected at the Club AGM, each serving for a period of two years.



Ironbridge and Severn Gorge Lions Club (CIO)

Charity Registration Number 1190585

The Trustees are aware of their responsibilities and

- Make sure that the charity complies with its governing documents.
- Comply with charity law requirements and other laws that apply to our charity.
- Act in our charity's best interests.
- Manage our charity's resources responsibly.
- Act with reasonable care and skill.
- Ensure that our charity is accountable.

Reserves

The Club employs no staff and owns no property and therefore has no requirement to hold funds in a reserve account.

This report has been prepared in accordance with the Charity Commission requirements as described in CC15b.

Approved by the Trustees on 8th January 2025 and signed on their behalf:

President

A handwritten signature in black ink, which appears to read 'Kevan Gabbitas', is written over a faint, circular watermark of the Lions Club logo.

Kevan Gabbitas

Date 8th January 2025



Ironbridge and Severn Gorge Lions Club (CIO)

Charity Registration Number 1190585

Statement of Financial Activities for the year ending 30th June 2024

Income (£)	Notes	Charity	Admin	Totals	
				2023/24	2022/23
Charitable Activities	2				
From Events		3,765.45			1,793.76
Grants & Twincl lottery		2,050.62			3,176.85
Gift Aid Income		4,619.11			5,667.01
Individual donations		5,876.50			2,466.00
Other donations		5,072.96			6,192.00
Prostate		4,871.31			6,872.17
Admin	3				
Dues In			1,960.47		1,764.00
Member Income			143.70		147.72
Tail Twister			188.57		128.72
Gift Aid Income			5,189.80		6,971.21
Social Events			2,073.50		2,199.00
Donations			25.00		384.62
Total Income		26,255.95	9,581.04	35,836.99	37,763.06
Expenditure (£)					
Charitable Activities	4				
Events		585.67			981.69
Donations <£250		4,228.00			2,757.82
Donations >£250		5,830.31			8,520.00
Donations LCI/MD105		250.00			96.00
Other expenditure		1,449.26			1,754.83
Prostate		11,210.26			5011.10
Admin	5				
Dues Out			2,050.74		1,744.34
Club Purchases			398.96		1,036.78
Gift Aid Transfer			4,619.11		5,667.01
Social Expenses			1,368.82		2,699.69
Other Expenses			47.20		
Total Expenditure		23,553.50	8,484.83	32,038.33	30,269.26
Net (expenditure) / Income		2,702.45	1,096.21	3,798.66	7,493.80
Bank Account Movement. (£)	6				
NatWest Charity Open		33,639.08		33,639.08	26,952.73
NatWest Charity Close		36,341.53		36,341.53	33,639.08
Movement (Charity)		2,702.45		2,702.45	7,046.35
NatWest Admin Open			2,630.67	2,630.67	2,183.22
NatWest Admin Close			3,726.88	3,726.88	2,630.67
Movement (Admin)			1,096.21	1,096.21	447.45
Movement (Combined)				3,798.66	7,493.80



Ironbridge and Severn Gorge Lions Club (CIO)

Charity Registration Number 1190585

Statement of Assets and Liabilities at 30th June 2024

Account	Notes	Unrestricted (£)	Restricted (£)			Total Funds 2023/24	Total Funds 2022/23
			Admin	Flood	Prostate		
NatWest Charity	7	33,272.93		3,068.60		36,341.53	33,639.08
NatWest Admin			3,726.88			3,726.88	2,630.67
Total Funds						40,068.41	36,269.75

Treasurer

Graham Powell

Date 8th January 2025



Ironbridge and Severn Gorge Lions Club (CIO)

Charity Registration Number 1190585

Notes relating to the financial statements for the year ending 30th June 2024

1. Financial Statements

Ironbridge & Severn Gorge Lions financial statements for the year ending 30th June 2024 have been prepared on a receipts and payments basis in accordance with the Charity Commission document CC15b.

2. Income – Charitable Activities

The Charity Account holds money raised through events, donations, grants and Gift Aid on said donations and is used solely for charitable purposes.

2.1. Events – this year saw the club engaging in a full range of activities including a Fashion Show, a Quiz, Teddy Tombola and Nerf Gun Stalls and running car parks often supporting local organisations.

2.2. Grant and Lottery Income

Give As You Live	£ 59.62
Twinkl Lottery	£ 455.00
Tesco Community Grant	£ 1,500.00
Other	£ 120.00

2.3. Gift Aid receipts on charitable donations totaled £4,619.11. All Gift Aid is paid by HMRC into the Club's Admin Account with the amount relating to charitable donations being transferred to the Charity Account.

2.4. Individual and Other Donations

Members	£ 138.00
Individuals	£ 5,098.50
Silver Over the Bridge	£ 1,779.17
Food Collections	£ 640.00
Santa & Sleigh	£ 3,205.48

2.5. Prostate – donations received to support the Prostate Screening Events held by the Club totaled £4,871.31 in the year. The majority of this money is made up of individual donations received at the event.



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Charity Registration Number 1190585

3. Income – Admin

The Admin Account holds monies arising from Club Membership fees, Tail Twister fines and other funds raised internally by the Club.

All Gift Aid receipts are paid by HMRC into the Admin Account – the only Gift Aid retained in the Admin Account relates to Gift Aid eligible admin receipts, with the balance being transferred to the Charity Account.

4. Expenditure – Charitable Activities

- 4.1. **Events** – the Club spent £585.67 on items relating to events, this is a reduction on last year. Expense incurred included event hall hire, costs associated with the fashion show and a quantity of Message-in-a-Bottle canisters.
- 4.2. **Donations < £250.00** – 24 small donations under £250.00 totalling £4,228.00 were made this year and included items for Woodentops Day Nursery, YMCA Young Carers, food banks, support for the homeless and the onwards donation of funds raised from Silver Over the Bridge collections.
- 4.3. **Donations > £250.00** – 15 donations over £250.00 totalling £5,830.31 were made this year. Charities supported include Broseley Bell Ringers, Boseley 1st Responders, CUAN Wildlife Rescue, Haycop Conservation Group, Ironbridge Coracle Trust, Abraham Darby Academy, Army Cadets, POD Charitable Trust, Maninplace, STAY, Brookside Community Centre, Salvation Army, Buildwas Players and Telford Parkinson's Support.
- 4.4. **Donations to Lions Club International Foundation / or District MD105CN**
There were no donations during the year.
- 4.5. **Other** - the total other expenditure for the year was £1,449.26 covering items such as electricity to the storage and food distribution facility and spare parts for the sleigh.
- 4.6. **Prostate** – Costs for the Prostate Screening Events stand at £11,210.26 for the year. The Club now holds two events a year, each one accommodating around 300 men.

5. Expenditure – Admin

Any expenditure from this account relates to member only costs and includes:

Subs to District and Lions International	£2,050.74
Gift Aid Transfer to Charity Account	£4,619.11
New members t-shirts / awards and regalia / gifts / RBL wreath.	
Social events, including the annual Charter Lunch and Handover events.	



Ironbridge and Severn Gorge Lions Club (CIO)

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6. **Bank Accounts** - All funds held in the National Westminster Bank.
7. **Restricted and ring-fenced funds** – the sum restricted to support local flooding needs stands at £3,068.60.
8. **Liabilities** – as at 30th June 2024 the club had no financial liabilities.
9. **Fixed assets** – The Club has no assets for the purpose of depreciation.

IRONBRIDGE AND SEVERN GORGE LIONS CLUB (CIO)

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Ironbridge and Severn Gorge Lions Club CIO

Charity Registration Number 1190585

REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30TH JUNE 2023

Charitable Incorporated Organisation

Register No. 1190585

Registration: 28th July 2020



Ironbridge and Severn Gorge Lions Club CIO

Charity Registration Number 1190585

REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30TH JUNE 2023

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Ironbridge and Severn Gorge Lions Club CIO

Charity Registration Number 1190585

Reference and Administrative Information

Lions Clubs International Charter - February 1979

Charitable Incorporated Organisation registered in England and Wales as:

Ironbridge and Severn Gorge Lions Club CIO

Registration Date: 28th July 2020

Registration Number: 1190585

Registered for Gift Aid with HMRC

Previously registered as a Charitable Trust

Registration Number: 1119529

Organisation address:

4, Village Court
Priorslee
Telford
Shropshire TF2 9QH

Trustees:

President Dundas Foley (from 1st July to 11th October 2023)
Graham Powell (to 30th June 2023)

Treasurer Graham Powell (from 1st July 2023)
Jo Dolan (to 30th June 2023)

Secretary Andrew Pilsbury (from 1st July 2023)
Colin Thompson (to 30th June 2023)

Elected Jane Turner – Bragg (from 28th July 2020)
Martin Lang (from 1st July 2022)

Bankers – NatWest, Business Banking, PO Box 16204, Birmingham B2 2WP



Ironbridge and Severn Gorge Lions Club CIO

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Report of the Trustees for the year ended 30th June 2023

The trustees present their report and financial statements for the year ended 30th June 2023.

Objectives and Activities

Purposes:

- a. To promote the principles of good citizenship by encouraging members to take an active interest in the civic, cultural, social, and moral welfare of the community.
- b. To provide a forum for the open discussion of all matters of public interest; provided, however, that partisan politics and sectarian religion shall not be debated by club members.
- c. To encourage service-minded people to serve their community without personal financial reward, to encourage efficiency, promote high ethical standards in commerce, industry, professions, public works, and private endeavours.
- d. To work with others to establish an active support infrastructure that maintains and improves the quality of life and wellbeing across our community.
- e. To be proactive and serve our local community by assisting, facilitating, and enabling individuals or groups to respond to problems or goals and achieve satisfactory outcomes.
- f. To provide humanitarian aid and disaster relief to those in need.
- g. To improve the health of others by preventing avoidable blindness and assisting people to lead independent lives or helping to prevent or manage health issues.
- h. To promote volunteering.

Service for the public benefit:

Ironbridge and Severn Gorge Lions Club serves the communities of South Telford and people internationally through the Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF). The Trustees confirm that they have complied with Section 4 of the Charities Act 2011 in having due regard for the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit.

Summary of grant making

Grants are awarded to people and organisations to improve the quality of life and wellbeing within our communities.



Ironbridge and Severn Gorge Lions Club CIO

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Achievements and performance

We started the new Lions year in a sound financial position which gave us the confidence to look at expanding the ways in which we can help to support our local community. The threat of Covid may be behind us but the new challenges of rising price of food and fuel coupled with high inflation present new challenges. The success of the club depends on its members and the Trustees would like to thank all members, old and new, for their continued support. The club continues to grow, and we were proud to welcome a further four new members during the year.

This report illustrates the highlights of the year's activities and demonstrates the commitment of the club to serve.

International

Although our focus as Ironbridge Lions is very much on supporting our local community, we are also proud to be able to respond to disasters wherever they occur in the world.

In October we decided to donate £750, through the Disaster Emergency Committee, towards those who needed help as a result of the terrible flooding in Pakistan.

The earthquakes which struck Turkey and Syria on 6th February destroying countless lives and devastating communities created a further such a need and at our meeting in February our members were unanimous in voting to donate £1000, again through The Disaster Emergency Committee.

The plight of refugees from Afghanistan and Ukraine continues to be in our thoughts and we have provided goods to those who have been rehoused in Telford.

Our Local Community

Ironbridge Gorge is a UNESCO World Heritage site and the world's first cast iron bridge is a major local tourist attraction. Ironbridge Lions have been running Silver Over the Bridge (SOB) events since 1979. On a series of Sundays each summer we invite passers-by to lay their spare coins on a strip of sticky tape on the iron bridge, with the ambition of getting a line of coins from one side of the river to the other. Each of these events raises funds which are donated to local charities. We were delighted to be able to run eight events in the year.

The small boats known as coracles have a history dating back beyond the Roman invasion and at one time the River Severn boasted more coracles than any other British river. We have a long-standing relationship with Ironbridge Coracle Trust, and we were very pleased to again help at their annual Coracle Rogatta



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The Ironbridge Santa and Sleigh is a Christmas tradition dating back many years. Every year we meet people, now grandparents, who remember their excitement, as children, when the sleigh came down their road. Unable to tour public roads due to road safety regulations, we now take Santa and his Sleigh to local supermarkets, schools, and care homes. These visits allow us to engage with local residents who very generously donate food and money, all of which is redistributed in the course of our community activity.

Throughout the year we attend many local events, running the car park or providing stalls such as our Teddy Tombola or Nerf Gun Challenge, both of which are very popular with all ages. These are opportunities to raise our profile, generate funds or simply have a good time.

The club continues to make a number of donations, either monetary or goods, to a number of local groups, and individuals, throughout the year. The past year has been no exception and those helped include – Christmas Smiles, Shifnal Forget-Me-Not Dementia support group, Cuan Wildlife Centre, Brain Tumour Research, Telford & Wrekin young carers, Ironbridge Coracle Trust, Madeley war memorial, Friends of Holmer Lake and both Telford & Broseley First Responders,

Health

Over the past 5 years Ironbridge Lions, have organised several prostate screening events. Our testing session in February was slightly different to the norm in that we limited the number of men screened. The intent being to hold multiple but smaller events throughout the year. The event was a great success with 167 men attending. Our appointment system meant that all queuing for a test was eliminated.

Hunger

Collecting food to support those in need at Christmas has been part of our annual programme for many years and, sadly, the need for support has only grown over that time. We start in early November in our attempt to collect some four tonnes of non-perishable foodstuff that we sort and repack into food parcels for those in crisis at Christmas. The collections take many forms – large, organised street collections, individuals collecting in their own neighbourhood or collections in schools, clubs, and workplaces. The response was again overwhelming enabling us to distribute 416 food parcels over the festive period.

Recognising that food poverty is not just a seasonal matter we have been collecting and distributing food throughout the year.

We were fortunate to be successful in an application to the Co-op Community Fund and received a grant specifically to enhance and expand the facilities at our Hadley Den. Work is still underway but upon completion we will have a fit for purpose food storage, sorting and distribution facility.



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Children

The club is always open to ideas that provide an opportunity to help young people by meeting need or achieving ambitions.

Over the course of the past year, we have made a donation to SMADA, a charity group supporting music at Abraham Darby Academy in Madeley. The Academy has a formidable musical reputation and SMADA's main aim is to raise funds to support all the bands within the Academy at the various concerts, events, and festivals. The charity also aids students with music grade examination fees, presents concerts to support musical development and assists other local organisations in their fundraising.

A further donation was made to the POD Children's Charity a nationwide charity that organises entertainment for children in hospitals, including the Princess Royal (PRH) Telford. Founded in 1977 POD now gives monthly shows in 150 hospitals and hospices across the UK, aiming to alleviate the trauma of a hospital stay with fun and laughter. Our donation will ensure the continuation of a regular monthly performance at PRH.

Following a visit to the Woodentops Nursery, located at the Park Lane centre, we worked alongside Newport Men in Sheds to design and construct two outdoor pods that could be used as a quiet space for children who struggle with indoor noise. Funding by Ironbridge Lions enabled the provision and installation of the pods at a fraction of the cost of a commercial offering.

Recognition

During our 44th Charter Lunch, held in March 2023, District Governor Mary Ann Woodman presented Ironbridge & Severn Gorge Lions Club with a Certificate of Appreciation for the club's work in the community over the past 12 months.

The President's handover ceremony in June was an opportunity to make Lion Gordon Weston, a charter member of the club, with Life membership to recognise his 44 years of service to the community.

It has been a difficult yet rewarding year and the Trustees would, again, like to thank all our members, friends, families, and the local communities for their continued support as we look forward to an even better 2023/24 Lions year.



Ironbridge and Severn Gorge Lions Club CIO

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Financial Review

Charity's financial position (£)

Account	Balances Brought Forward	Income	Expenditure	Balances to Carry Forward
Charity	£26,592.73	£26,167.79	£19,121.44	£33,639.08
Admin	£2,183.22	£11,595.27	£11,147.82	£2,630.67
Total	£28,775.95	£37,763.06	£30,269.26	£36,269.75

Principle sources of funds

The traditional sources of income are our Santa & Sleigh Christmas collections, the Prostate Screening sessions bucket collection and our Silver Over the Bridge events. All these activities benefitted from Gift Aid that we able to claim from HMRC.

Principle risks facing the charity and mitigation.

The primary risks are around the state of the economy, which is significantly impacting our ability to raise funds, while simultaneously creating an increased demand for services. The previously expressed secondary risks of membership and the member age profile have, to a degree, been mitigated by a marked increase in younger member numbers.

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The Club President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer are trustees for the duration of their period of office. The club also has two additional member trustees who are elected at the club AGM, each serving for a period of two years.



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Approved by the Trustees on 3rd January 2024 and signed on their behalf:

Treasurer

Graham Powell

Date 3rd January 2024



Ironbridge and Severn Gorge Lions Club CIO

Charity Registration Number 1190585

Statement of Financial Activities for the year ending 30th June 2023

Income (£)	Notes	Charity	Admin	Totals	
				2022/23	2021/22
Charitable Activities	2				
From Events		1,793.76		1,793.76	2,156.49
Grants & Twinkl lottery		3,176.85		3,176.85	1,209.52
Gift Aid Income		5,667.01		5,667.01	
Individual donations		2,466.00		2,466.00	1,501.56
Other donations		6,192.00		6,192.00	9,740.92
Prostate		6,872.17		6,872.17	4,999.71
Admin	3				
Dues In			1,764.00	1,764.00	1,444.50
Member Income			147.72	147.72	228.20
Tail Twister			128.72	128.72	144.89
Gift Aid Income			6,971.21	6,971.21	
Social Events			2,199.00	2,199.00	1,947.65
Donations			384.62	384.62	284.50
Total Income		26,167.79	11,595.27	37,763.06	23,657.94
Expenditure (£)					
Charitable Activities	4				
Events		981.69		981.69	692.36
Donations <£250		2,757.82		2,757.82	1,601.12
Donations >£250		8,520.00		8,520.00	4,820.00
Donations LCI/MD105		96.00		96.00	400.00
Other expenditure		1,754.83		1,754.83	5,559.81
Prostate		5,011.10		5,011.10	8,013.98
Admin	5				
Dues Out			1,744.34	1,744.34	1,152.91
Club Purchases			1,036.78	1,036.78	1,078.46
Gift Aid Income			5,667.01	5,667.01	
Social Expenses			2,699.69	2,699.69	2,100.38
Presidents Expenses			0.00	0.00	0.00
Total Expenditure		19,121.44	11,147.82	30,269.26	25,419.02
Net expenditure / Income		7,046.35	447.45	7,493.80	(1,761.08)
Bank Account Movement	6				
Barclays Charity Open		0.00		0.00	26,971.40
Barclays Close		0.00		0.00	0.00
NatWest Charity Open		26,592.73		26,592.73	1,100.00
NatWest Charity Close		33,639.08		33,639.08	26,592.73
Movement (Charity)		7,046.35		7,046.35	(1,478.67)
Barclays Admin Open			0.00	0.00	1,328.73
Barclays Admin Close			0.00	0.00	0.00
NatWest Admin Open			2,183.22	2,183.22	1,136.50
NatWest Admin Close			2,630.67	2,630.67	2,183.22
Movement (Admin)			447.45	447.45	(282.01)
Movement (Combined)				7,493.80	(1,760.68)



Ironbridge and Severn Gorge Lions Club CIO

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Statement of Assets and Liabilities at 30th June 2023

Account	Notes	Unrestricted (£)	Restricted (£)			Total Funds 2021/22	Total Funds 2020/21
			Admin	Flood	Prostate		
Barclays Charity	7				0.00	0.00	
NatWest Charity		29,868.38		3,138.60	632.10	33,639.08	
Barclays Admin					0.00	0.00	
NatWest Admin			2,630.67		2,630.67	2,183.22	
Total Funds		29,868.38	2,630.67	3,138.60	632.10	36,269.75	
						28,775.95	

Treasurer

Graham Powell
Date, 3rd January 2023



Ironbridge and Severn Gorge Lions Club CIO

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Notes relating to the financial statements for the year ending 30th June 2023

1. Financial Statements

Ironbridge & Severn Gorge Lions financial statements for the year ending 30th June 2023 have been prepared on a receipts and payments basis in accordance with the Charity Commission document CC 15b.

2. Income – Charitable Activities

The Charity Account holds money raised through events, donations, rants and Gift Aid on said donations and is used solely for charitable purposes.

2.1. Events – this year saw the club engaging in a full range of activities including Teddy Tombola and Nerf Gun Stalls and running car parks often supporting local organisations.

2.2. Grant and Lottery Income

Give as you live	£102.30
Twincl Lottery	£897.80
Co-op Community Grant	£1,860.42
Amazon Smiles	£66.33
Other	£250

2.3. Gift Aid receipts on charitable donations totalled £5,667.01. All Gift Aid is paid by HMRC into the clubs Admin account with the amount relating to charitable donations being transferred to the Charity Account.

2.4. Individual and other Donations

Members	£500.00
Collection Tins	£19.61
Silver Over the Bridge	£1,884.44
Food Collections	£602.86
Donation – Madeley Town Council	£200.00
Donation – Jules Convenience Store	£500.00
Santa & Sleigh	£2,485.09

2.5. Prostate – donations received to support the Prostate Testing Events held by the club totalled £6,872.17 in the year. This is majority made up of individual donations received at the event and donations from Eileen Hewer Trust & Madeley Townswomen's Guild.



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3. Income – Admin

The Admin Account holds monies arising from Club Membership fees, Tail Twister fines and other funds raised internally by the club. The club has seen a further increase in membership this year, offset by two resignations, one through ill-health. All Gift Aid Receipts are paid by HMRC into the Admin Account – the only Gift Aid retained in the Admin Account relates to Gift Aid eligible Admin receipts, with the balance being transferred to the Charity Account.

4. Expenditure – Charitable Activities

- 4.1. **Events** – the club spent £981.69 on items relating to events, this is a slight increase on last year, which is largely attributable to refurbishment of the Santa Sleigh & the need to purchase bags for food donation parcels (previously subsidised by the Supermarket)
- 4.2. **Donations < £250.00** – Seventeen small donations under £250.00 totalling £2,757.82 were made this year and included items for refugee families and the onwards donation of funds raised from Silver Over the Bridge Collections.
- 4.3. **Donations > £250.00** – Eighteen donations over £250.00 totalling £8,520.00 were made this year. Charities supported include Disaster Emergency Committee, Broseley Bell Ringers, Ironbridge Coracle Trust, Telford Crisis Support, Coalbrookdale Community Hall, Newport Visually Impaired Persons Association, Woodentops Nursery, SMADA, Shrewsbury ARK, Friends of Holmer Lake and the Buildwas Players.
- 4.4. **Donations to Lions Club International Foundation / or District MD105CN** totalled £96.00 for the year.
- 4.5. **Other** - the total Other Expenditure for the year was £1,754.83, with the major expenditure being the refurbishment of the "Den" which is where the Club stores, sorts, and distributes food as part of the Winter Food Parcel activities.
- 4.6. **Prostate** – Costs for the Prostate Testing Events stand at £5,011.10 for the year. The club is moving away from holding one annual event for 600 people to several smaller events throughout the year.

5. Expenditure – Admin

Any Expenditure from this account relates to member only costs and includes:

- Subs to District and Lions International £1,744.34
- Gift Aid Transfer to Charity Account £5,667.01
- New Members T- Shirts / Awards and regalia / Gifts / RBL Wreaths
- Social Events, including the annual Charter Lunch and Handover Events.



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6. Bank Accounts

The Barclays Bank Accounts are dormant, with all funds held in the National Westminster Bank Accounts.

7. **Restricted and ringfenced funds** – the sum restricted to support Local Flooding needs remains unchanged at £3,138.60. The sum ringfenced for Prostate Testing was £632.11 at the end of the year.
8. **Liabilities** – as at 30th June 2023 the club had no financial liabilities.
9. **Fixed assets** – The club has no assets for the purpose of depreciation.

IRONBRIDGE AND SEVERN GORGE LIONS CLUB (CIO)

England & Wales - Charity number 1190585

Accounts



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 Charlie Miller (to 30th June 2022)

Treasurer Jo Dolan (from 1st July 2022)
 Jill Marsh (to 30th June 2022)

Secretary Colin Thompson

Elected Jane Turner – Bragg
 Martin Lang (from 1st July 2022)
 Graham Powell (to 30th June 2022)

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Ironbridge and Severn Gorge Lions Club serves the communities of South Telford and people internationally through the Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF). The Trustees confirm that they have complied with Section 4 of the Charities Act 2011 in having due regard for the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit.

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Achievements and performance

We started our new Lions year in July 2021 with high expectations that the worst of the Covid 19 pandemic was behind us, meetings and activities would recommence and life in general would return to a new normality. To a large degree, despite a few hiccups along the way, we have managed to meet that aspiration. The success of the club depends on its members and the Trustees would like to thank all members, old and new, for their continued support. The club continues to grow, and we were proud to welcome eight new members during the year.

This report illustrates the highlights of the year's activities and demonstrates the commitment of the club to serve.

International

Although our focus as Ironbridge Lions is very much on supporting our local community, we are also proud to be part of Lions Club International giving us an ability to respond to disasters wherever they happen in the world.

August 2021 brought us an opportunity for international support when several European countries experienced massive flooding after receiving two months of rainfall in the space of two days. Thousands of people were displaced from their homes, over 100 confirmed dead, and many more missing. Lions Club International made an immediate donation towards flood relief work and we made a modest contribution towards this appeal.

Over the last 40 years, Lions clubs across the UK have supported Sightsavers, through the Lions Sight Savers Trust, to help save and restore sight for millions of people across Africa and Asia. Over £3.9 million has been donated from Lions clubs during this time and we were very pleased to make a further donation this year.

The plight of refugees from Afghanistan and Ukraine has been at the forefront of our thoughts over the past year and we wanted to aid where we could. We have provided goods to Afghan refugees who have been rehoused in Telford and we will continue to help where we can. The club also made a substantial donation to the Disaster Emergency Committee Ukraine Appeal.

Our Local Community

Ironbridge Gorge is a UNESCO World Heritage site and the world's first cast iron bridge is a major local tourist attraction. Ironbridge Lions have been running Silver Over the Bridge (SOB) events since 1979. On a series of Sundays each summer we invite passers-by to lay their spare coins on a strip of sticky tape on the iron bridge, with the ambition of getting a line of coins from one side of the river to the other. Each of these events raises funds which are donated to local charities. After a year of inactivity, thanks to Covid, we were delighted to be able to run five events in the year.



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The small boats known as coracles have a history dating back beyond the Roman invasion and at one time the River Severn boasted more coracles than any other British river. We have a long-standing relationship with Ironbridge Coracle Trust, and we were very pleased to help this year when their annual Coracle Regatta returned after a Covid-enforced gap in 2020.

The Ironbridge Santa and Sleigh is a Christmas tradition dating back many years. Every year we meet people, now grandparents, who remember their excitement, as children, when the sleigh came down their road. Unable to tour public roads due to road safety regulations, we now take Santa and his Sleigh to local supermarkets, schools, and care homes. These visits allow us to engage with local residents who very generously donate food and money, all of which is redistributed in the course of our community activity.

Health

In July the club was approached by a local sports club. The club, which uses the facilities of a local park, were concerned at the lack of a local defibrillator. We established that although there were several defibrillator units in the vicinity many were located within buildings and were not readily available for community use. In a remarkable piece of local collaboration between ourselves, our friends in the Rotary Club of Ironbridge, local First Responders, and our Borough Councillor it took just 18 days to find the site, raise the funds and install and commission a defibrillator in a local park. A really powerful demonstration of what can be achieved by collaboration.

Over the past 5 years Ironbridge Lions, have organised an annual prostate testing event. Our testing session in March, our first since 2020, was another very successful event. During the 3-hour session, we tested a total of 558 men – representing an average of 3 tests per minute – with 44 of those tested returning a PSA level that justified a recommendation to seek further medical advice through their own doctor.

Hunger

Collecting food to support those in need at Christmas has been part of our annual programme for many years and, sadly, the need for support has only grown over that time. We start in early November in our attempt to collect some four tonnes of non-perishable foodstuff that we sort and repack into food parcels for those in crisis at Christmas. The collections take many forms – large, organised street collections, individuals collecting in their own neighbourhood or collections in schools, clubs, and workplaces. The response this year was overwhelming – at the end of December we had distributed 326 large food parcels and by mid-January the number had increased to a remarkable total of 414.



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When clients of local charity Telford Crisis Support (TCS) are rehomed by the council and have nothing, they are provided with basic large items such as a fridge, cooker, bed etc. However, they are not given, and in many cases have no access to, other necessary domestic items. TCS wanted to be able to expand their foodbank service and give families the tools to cook hearty meals with low energy costs by providing, where needed, items such as a slow cooker, a toaster, a microwave, crockery, or cutlery. We were pleased to be able to provide seed funding to enable this scheme to start.

Children

The club made two donations, both to schools with whom we have a long-standing partnership.

The first of these was to SMADA, a charity group supporting music at Abraham Darby Academy in Madeley. The Academy has a formidable musical reputation and SMADA's main aim is to raise funds to support all the bands within the Academy at the various concerts, events, and festivals. The charity also provides assistance to students with music grade examination fees, presents concerts to support musical development and assists other local organisations in their fundraising.

The second donation was to St. George's C of E Primary School to support their new "reading sheds" initiative. The school advised that they had purchased two new sheds, to be run as mini libraries on their playgrounds for both infants and juniors. All children would be able to access the facilities, offering both the opportunity to read and, equally important for many of the pupils, provide a quiet space away from the hustle and bustle. To assist with this project, we were delighted to be able to provide a stock of books and a financial donation to purchase further stock over time.

The Kids Cancer Charity has been a valued lifeline for children and their families throughout the Covid lockdowns providing respite breaks for local families. The charity currently cares for a number of children and their families across Shropshire including families from the Telford area and we were pleased to be in a position to make a further donation this year.

Environment

In recent years we have relied on hiring or borrowing dehumidifier units to help those affected by flooding in the Gorge. That changed in late 2021 when, in partnership with the Rotary Club of Ironbridge, we purchased several dehumidifiers for use once flood waters subside. These new units saw action sooner than we would have wished; the floods came within a few weeks of this purchase and the dehumidifiers were deployed. Having our own supply made life much easier but it's still distressing to witness the damage and heartbreak that the flood waters cause.



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Recognition

During our 43rd Charter Lunch, held in March 2021, District Governor Neil Martin presented Ironbridge & Severn Gorge Lions Club with the Elliott Trophy, for building the best website in the UK Central & North District. Congratulations to our Webmaster, Lion Colin - to be recognised the best of 93 clubs for a second time is a real achievement.

At the end of the financial year our Treasurer, Lion Jill Marsh stood down after 11 years in post. Jill, who remains a club member, was awarded the Melvin Jones Fellowship in recognition of her outstanding service to the club and to the wider Lions community

It has been a difficult yet rewarding year and the Trustees would, again, like to thank all our members, friends, families, and the local communities for their continued support as we look forward to an event better 2022/23 Lions year.



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Financial Review

Charity's financial position (£)

Account	Balance brought forward	Income	Expenditure	Balance carried forward
Charity	28,071.40	19,608.60	21,087.27	26,592.73
Admin	2,465.23	4,049.74	4,331.75	2,183.22
Total	30,536.63	23,658.34	25,419.02	28,775.95

Principle sources of funds

The traditional sources of income are our Santa & Sleigh Christmas collections, the Prostate Screening sessions bucket collection and our Silver Over the Bridge events. All these activities benefitted from Gift Aid that we able to claim from HMRC.

Principle risks facing the charity and mitigation

The primary risks are around the state of the economy, which is significantly impacting our ability to raise funds, while simultaneously creating an increased demand for services. Secondary risks are associated with membership and the member age profile.

Members continually engage with our local community and refine strategies to focus on the most deprived in the communities we serve. The membership strategy is working well but we remain focussed on member retention and growth.

Structure, Governance and Management

The Club is managed and governed in accordance with the By- Laws and Constitution of Ironbridge and Severn Gorge Lions Club (CIO), a Charitable Incorporated Organisation registered with the Charity Commission of England and Wales.

The Club members meet formally at a monthly Business Meeting. This meeting makes formal decisions that are recorded in the meeting minutes. Further meetings may be held to discuss all club activities, these meetings make recommendations to the formal business meeting, we do not record discussions.

The Club President, Secretary and Treasurer are trustees for the duration of their period of office. The club also has two additional member trustees who are elected at the club AGM, each serving for a period of two years.



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The Trustees are aware of their responsibilities and

- Make sure that the charity complies with its governing documents
- Comply with charity law requirements and other laws that apply to our charity
- Act in our charity's best interests
- Manage our charity's resources responsibly
- Act with reasonable care and skill
- Ensure that our charity is accountable

Reserves

The club employs no staff and owns no property and therefore has no requirement to hold funds in a reserve account

This report has been prepared in accordance with the Charity Commission requirements as described in CC15b.

Approved by the Trustees on 4th January 2023 and signed on their behalf:

President

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "G Powell", written over a horizontal line.

Graham Powell

Date *4th January 2023*



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Statement of Financial Activities for the year ending 30th June 2022

Income (£)	Notes	Charity	Admin	Totals	
				2021/22	2020/21
Charitable Activities	2				
From Events		2,156.49		2,156.49	554.32
Grants & Twincl lottery		1,209.52		1,209.52	8,297.78
Individual donations		1,501.56		1,501.56	871.05
Other donations		9,740.92		9,740.92	532.62
Prostate		4,999.71		4,999.71	101.79
Admin	3				
Dues In			1,444.50	1,444.50	1,422.15
Member Income			228.20	228.20	0.00
Tail Twister			144.89	144.89	0.00
Social Events			1,947.65	1,947.65	0.00
Donations			284.50	284.50	0.00
Total Income		19,608.60	4,049.74	23,658.34	11,779.71
Expenditure (£)					
Charitable Activities	4				
Events		692.36		692.36	785.66
Donations <£250		1,601.12		1,601.12	1,781.33
Donations >£250		4,820.00		4,820.00	588.00
Donations LCI/MD105		400.00		400.00	950.00
Other expenditure		5,559.81		5,559.81	591.03
Prostate		8,013.98		8,013.98	3,180.00
Admin	5				
Dues Out			1,152.91	1,152.91	944.11
Club Purchases			1,078.46	1,078.46	306.26
Social Expenses			2,100.38	2,100.38	45.75
Presidents Expenses			0.00	0.00	0.00
Total Expenditure		21,087.27	4,331.75	25,419.02	9,172.14
Net (expenditure) / Income		(1,478.67)	(282.01)	(1,760.68)	2,607.57
Bank Account Movement. (£)	6				
Barclays Charity Open		26,971.40		26,971.40	25,589.86
Barclays Close		0.00		0.00	26,971.40
NatWest Charity Open		1,100.00		1,100.00	00.00
NatWest Charity Close		26,592.73		26,592.73	1,100.00
Movement (Charity)		(1,478.67)		(1,478.67)	2,481.54
Barclays Admin Open			1,328.73	1,328.73	2,339.20
Barclays Admin Close			0.00	0.00	1,328.73
NatWest Admin Open			1,136.50	1,136.50	00.00
NatWest Admin Close			2,183.22	2,183.22	1,136.50
Movement (Admin)			(282.01)	(282.01)	126.03
Movement (Combined)				(1,760.68)	2,607.57



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Statement of Assets and Liabilities at 30th June 2022

Account	Notes	Unrestricted (£)	Restricted (£)			Total Funds 2021/22	Total Funds 2020/21
			Admin	Flood	Prostate		
Barclays Charity	7				0.00	26,971.40	
NatWest Charity		23,454.13		3,138.60	26,592.73	1,100.00	
Barclays Admin					0.00	1,328.73	
NatWest Admin			2,183.22		2,183.22	1,136.50	
Total Funds		23,454.13	2,183.22	3,138.60	28,775.95	30,536.63	

Treasurer

Jo Dolan

Date 4/11/23



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Notes relating to the financial statements for the year ending 30th June 2022

1. Financial Statements

Ironbridge & Severn Gorge Lions financial statements for the year ending 30th June 2022 have been prepared on a receipts and payments basis in accordance with Charity Commission document CC15b.

2. Income – Charitable Activities

The Charity Account holds money raised through events, donations or grants and is used solely for charitable purposes.

2.1 Events

The year saw signs of a return to normality following long periods of Covid related inactivity. We were invited to take stalls at several events, Teddy Tombola, Nerf Guns, and Noisy Balloons being particularly popular. Running the car park at the Coracle Regatta and the sale of Snowmen provided additional sources of income.

2.2 Grant and lottery income:

Twinkl Lottery	£776.50
Co-op Local Causes	£328.81
Miscellaneous	£104.21

2.3 Individual and other donations

Individual donations	£1501.96
Ironbridge Rotary Club donations	£1996.40
T&W Councillor Community Fund	£200.00
Food2share Ltd.	£1225.90
Santa/Sleigh (Christmas)	£3829.70
Silver Over the Bridge	£1973.43
Miscellaneous	£515.49

3. Income – Admin

The Admin. account holds monies such as members subscriptions, tail twisting fines and other internally raised club funds.

Membership of the club increased from 16 on 30th June 2021 to 22 on 30th June 2022.



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4. Expenditure – Charitable Activities

4.1 The club spent £692.36 on promotional and other materials used for fundraising activities.

4.2 Donations <£250

The club made a total of 10 donations or grants of £250 or less, totalling £1601.12 to local individuals or groups.

4.3 Donation >£250

The club made 10 donations of £250 or more, totalling £4,820.00. This included 5 Silver Over the Bridge events, £1250 to the DEC Ukraine appeal and £500 to Telford Crisis Support.

4.4 Donations to Lions Club International Foundation (LCIF) or District MD105CN

European Flood Appeal	£200.00
Sight Savers	£200.00

4.5 Other Expenditure

The club purchased dehumidifiers at a cost of £3,722.80 and spent £535.74 to increase storage capacity at The Hadley Den, £350.00 on televisions for resettled refugees, £126.76 on the club website/hosting, £439.39 on Hadley Den utilities and refurbishment and a further £385.12 on miscellaneous items.

4.6 Prostate

The club held a prostate event, attended by 558 men, in March 2021.

5. Expenditure – Admin

Members use only.

Subscriptions, including to District and International Lions totalled £1,152.91 Club Purchases including members shirts, gifts, postage, flowers, and wreaths totalled £1,078.46 The net cost for the charter lunch and President's handover events was £152.73

6. Bank Accounts

The Barclays accounts are dormant, and as of 30th June 2022 all funds were held within the NatWest accounts.



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7. Restricted & Ringfenced Funds

The club holds £7,104.73 ringfenced for future Prostate Screening events and a further £3,138.60 restricted to use in the event of local flooding.

8. Liabilities

At financial year end 30th June 2022, the club had no financial liabilities.

9. Fixed Assets

The club has no fixed assets for the purposes of depreciation.

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Achievements and performance

When we started our 2020/21 Lions year on 1st July 2020 there was some expectation that the four-month-old Covid-19 lockdown restrictions were about to be eased. At that point just over 40,000 people had died from Covid-19 but the number of new cases per day within the UK had dropped to less than 800. On the 17th July 2020 the Prime Minister expressed hope that life would return to normal by Christmas. When we concluded our year on 30th June 2021, we were still living under Covid-19 restrictions. Covid-19 had a significant impact on our year, fundraising was virtually impossible, physical meetings ceased and yet, thanks to the power of Zoom and the fortitude of our members, friends, and partners we continued to serve and meet the needs of our local communities.

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International

In early August 2020 there was a large explosion in The Lebanon that created a humanitarian crisis, many were killed and injured, many homes destroyed. Within days teams from across the world, including from Lions Club International, were in-country providing support where needed. We contributed towards the cost of that work.

Lions Clubs in the UK have maintained a separate charitable trust to support Sightsavers for over 40 years and have contributed over £4 million in that time. Ironbridge Lions has always made an annual donation to this cause, and we were able to do so again this year.

On Thursday, 6 May 2021, the number of new daily Covid-19 infections in India reached a high of more than 414,000, leading to the heart-breaking images of hospitals being overwhelmed and families trying to source their own oxygen supplies. Through LCIF we donated £500 to the Lions network in India to enable Lions clubs throughout the country to purchase and distribute critical medical equipment and supplies for local hospitals and clinics.

Health

Asthma Relief is a small UK charity specialising in the supply of essential medical breathing equipment to hospitals, doctors' surgeries, clinics, hospices, nursing homes, and individuals. Nebulisers can make a great difference to the quality of life of those who receive them. Our club has supported Asthma Relief in the past and we were able to do so again this year.



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We were, like many, impressed by the skill and dedication of our NHS staff during the pandemic and members wanted to find a way of showing their appreciation. In cooperation with a local Co-op store, who match funded our contribution, the staff of St. George's C of E Primary School and Lyreco Ltd, we provided 'goodie' bags for all the staff rest rooms within the Telford Princess Royal Hospital.

Every emergency produces new opportunities for community service and several of our 'younger' members joined the small army of volunteers supporting the vaccination programme at The Telford International Centre.

Over the past 5 years Ironbridge Lions, with the very active support of Ironbridge Rotary, have organised an annual prostate testing event. Covid restrictions made it impossible to hold the event this year but alongside the Graham Fulford Charitable Trust, our partners in the testing programme, we were able to fund the supply of up to 260 home test kits at a discounted cost.

Hunger

In early October 2020 we started preparations for one of our signature events, the supply of food parcels to those individuals and families in crisis at Christmas, by launching the 100 Bag Challenge...could we find 100 people, groups, or organisations to donate a bag of non-perishable food? In two and a half months we collected more than 230 bags of food from a wide variety of sources.

The street collections traditionally involve leafleting homes and following up with door-to-door collections. The Covid-19 restrictions meant we had to change the collection process and ask householders to leave their donation on the doorstep. The outcome was a significant increase in the volume of food collected.

By late January 2021 we had distributed more than 450 food parcels, containing some 4.5 tonnes of non-perishable food stuff.

Children

Wooden Tops Day Nursery. based in Woodside, Telford caters for up to 87 children aged between 3 months and 5 years. We made sure that each child had a selection box in their Christmas stocking.

We also donated toys to Christmas Smiles, a project that is run by the community for the community. Christmas Smiles' aim is to give a surprise Christmas present to every person, adult, or child, who lives in the Telford community and who is experiencing difficulties.



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Girlguiding in Shropshire is broken down into 7 Divisions, two of which cover a geographic area coinciding with that which we serve. The Guides were unable to raise funds and although they were not meeting physically, they incurred fixed costs (subscriptions, premises costs etc.) leading to a position where they needed help to keep functioning. We donated to both local districts helping them to continue with their activities including the retention and growth of membership numbers. Later in the year we responded to an appeal to donate funds towards the update of Madeley Guide and Scout Hut. The Hut is home to Rainbows, Beavers, Brownies, Cubs, Guides, Scouts and Rangers, and in total plays host to some 200 children a week.

Environment

In January 2021 after torrential rainfall across North Wales floodwaters once again caused the River Severn to rise, flood barriers to be deployed and the almost inevitable flooding of properties with The Gorge. Residents and business owners in flooded properties can do very little until the flood waters subside and cleaning up operations can commence, and at this point speed is of the essence. We were able to locate and hire several commercial dehumidifiers to deploy to homes and businesses across the community.

Given the frequency of local flooding and the need to provide assistance at short notice we successfully applied for a grant from The Lions UK Community Disaster Fund to enable the purchase of commercial dehumidifiers for deployment in the event of future flooding of properties within The Severn Gorge.

Recognition

In December 2020 we were delighted, and somewhat surprised, to receive from Telford & Wrekin Council, a certificate of recognition as "heroes" under the Mayor and Leader Recognition award scheme. In truth, there is nothing in what we do that could be regarded as heroic, but we are proud of the contribution that we make to the community, and it is pleasing to have that contribution recognised.

Lions Clubs in the UK are organised under a district umbrella and towards the end of our year we were delighted to receive a Certificate of Appreciation from the outgoing District Governor.

It has been a difficult yet rewarding year and the Trustees would like to thank all our members, friends, families, and the local communities for their continued support as we look forward to our 2021/22 Lions year and a return to something approaching normality.



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Financial Review

Charity's financial position (£)

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Total	27,929.06	11,779.71	9172.14	30,536.63

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The traditional sources of income as the Ironbridge and Severn Gorge Charitable Trust were our Santa & Sleigh Christmas collections, the Prostate Screening session bucket collection and our Silver Over the Bridge events. All these activities benefitted from Gift Aid that we able to claim from HMRC.

Principle risks facing the charity and mitigation

A large part of the financial year 2020/2021, our initial period as a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO), coincided with the COVID-19 lockdown which severely restricted our ability to engage in community fundraising activities. The secondary risks are associated with membership and the member age profile.

Members held regular online virtual meetings during the period and continued to engage with our local community to help those in need of assistance. Members developed a membership strategy and planned future activity all aimed at member retention and growth and future fund raising.

Structure, Governance and Management

The Club is managed and governed in accordance with the By- Laws and Constitution of Ironbridge and Severn Gorge Lions Club (CIO) for a Charitable Incorporated Organisation registered with the Charity Commission of England and Wales.

The Club members meet formally at a monthly Business Meeting. This meeting makes formal decisions that are recorded in the meeting minutes. A second monthly meeting may be held to discuss all club activities, this meeting makes recommendations to the formal business meeting, we do not record discussions.

The Club President, Secretary and Treasurer are trustees for the duration of their period of office. The club also has two additional member trustees who are elected at the club AGM, each serving for a period of two years.



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The Trustees are aware of their responsibilities and

- Make sure that the charity complies with its governing document
- Comply with charity law requirements and other laws that apply to our charity
- Act in our charity's best interests
- Manage our charity's resources responsibly
- Act with reasonable care and skill
- Ensure that our charity is accountable

Reserves

The club employs no staff and owns no property and therefore has no requirement to hold funds in a reserve account

This report has been prepared in accordance with the Charity Commission requirements as described in CC15b.

Approved by the Trustees on 7th January 2022 and signed on their behalf:

President

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Charlie Miller', with a horizontal line underneath.

Charlie Miller

Date 7 JAN 22



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Statement of Financial Activities for the year ending 30th June 2021

Income (£)	Notes	Charity	Admin	Totals	
				2020/21	2019/20
Charitable Activities	2				
From Events		554.32		554.32	5,989.50
Grants & Twincl lottery		8,297.78		8,297.78	10,104.54
Individual donations		871.05		871.05	669.60
Other donations		532.62		532.62	1,548.55
Prostate		101.79		101.79	15,078.18
Admin	3				
Dues In			1,422.15	1,422.15	1,273.90
Member Income			0.00	0.00	152.10
Tail Twister			0.00	0.00	79.39
Social Events			0.00	0.00	1,224.00
Donations			0.00	0.00	406.80
Total Income		10,357.56	1,422.15	11,779.71	36,526.56
Expenditure (£)					
Charitable Activities	4				
Events		785.66		785.66	1,458.98
Donations <£250		1,781.33		1,781.33	2,806.46
Donations >£250		588.00		588.00	8,558.00
Donations LCI/MD105		950.00		950.00	8,200.00
Other expenditure		591.03		591.03	1,326.96
Prostate		3,180.00		3,180.00	8,243.45
Admin	5				
Dues Out			944.11	944.11	945.04
Club Purchases			306.26	306.26	558.43
Social Expenses			45.75	45.75	1,433.62
Presidents Expenses			0.00	0.00	122.00
Total Expenditure		7,876.02	1,296.12	9,172.14	33,652.94
Net (expenditure) / Income		2,481.54	126.03	2,607.57	2,873.62
Bank Account Movement. (£)	6	Charity	Admin		
Barclays Charity Open		25,589.86			22,793.34
Barclays Close		26,971.40			25,589.86
NatWest Charity Open		00.00			
NatWest Charity Close		1,100.00			
Movement (Charity)		2,481.54			2,796.52
Barclays Admin Open			2,339.20		2,262.10
Barclays Admin Close			1,328.73		2,339.20
NatWest Admin Open			00.00		
NatWest Admin Close			1,136.50		
Movement (Admin)			126.03		77.10
Movement (Combined)				2,607.57	2,873.62



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Statement of Assets and Liabilities at 30th June 2021

Account	Notes	Unrestricted (£)	Restricted (£)			Total Funds 2020/21	Total Funds 2019/20
			Admin	Flood	Prostate		
Barclays Charity	7	21,852.40		5,000.00	119.00	26,971.40	25,589.86
NatWest Charity		1,100.00		0.00	0.00	1,100.00	0.00
Barclays Admin			1,328.73			1,328.73	2,339.20
NatWest Admin			1,136.50			1,136.50	0.00
Total Funds		22,952.40	2,465.23	5,000.00	119.00	30,536.63	27,929.06

Treasurer

J.M. Marsh

Jill Marsh

Date *07/01/22*



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Notes relating to the financial statements for the year ending 30th June 2021

1. Financial Statements

Ironbridge & Severn Gorge Lions financial statements for the year ending 30th June 2021 have been prepared on a receipts and payments basis in accordance with Charity Commission document CC15b.

2. Income – Charitable Activities

The Charity Account holds money raised through events, donations or grants and is used solely for charitable purposes.

2.1 Events

Due to the Covid-19 restrictions there was little opportunity to hold the usual events. Most of the event income in the year was derived from car parking and a visit by Santa to Ironbridge.

2.2 Grant and lottery income:

Twinkl Lottery	£602.00	
HMRC Gift Aid	£2,518.63	
Grant from MD105CN	£5,000.00	(flood relief)
Miscellaneous	£177.15	

2.3 Individual and other donations

Individual donations	£871.05
Ironbridge Rotary Club donation	£114.50
Cancelled & returned cheques	£200.00
Refund on equipment hire	£67.20
NatWest Compensation	£100.00
Miscellaneous	£50.92

3. Income – Admin

The Admin. account holds members subscriptions and money donated to the club or raised for members use.

Membership of the club increased from 12 on 30th June 2020 to 16 on 30th June 2021. The club also had two associate members during the period.



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4. Expenditure – Charitable Activities

4.1 The club decided to refurbish Santa's Sleigh and other materials used for fundraising activities at a cost of £564.79. A further £245.43 was used to supply PPE equipment for members involved in activities, Hadley Den materials, and activity costs.

4.2 Donations <£250

The club made a total of 12 donations or grants of £250 or less to local individuals or groups.

4.3 Donation >£250

The club made donations totalling £588 to help local residencies or businesses during or post the periods of flooding.

4.4 Donations to Lions Club International Foundation (LCIF) or District MD105CN

Lebanon Disaster Appeal	£150.00
MD105CN Youth Appeal	£100.00
MD105CN Sight Savers	£200.00
Indian Pandemic Appeal	£500.00

4.5 Other Expenditure

Miscellaneous expenditure for replacement defibrillator pads, Hadley Den utilities and replacement locks, and mileage.

4.6 Prostate

The club was unable to hold its usual Prostate Screening session and in lieu lodged £3,180 with the Graham Fulford Trust to allow men who live in the TF Postcode area to receive a home test kit with a 50% discount. The amount committed on 30th June 2020 was £1,652.32. The money unused when the club resumes its normal screening program will be returned to the Charity Account.

5. Expenditure – Admin

Members use only.

Subscriptions, including to District and International Lions totalled £944.11
Club Purchases including postage, wreaths & Zoom Licences totalled £306.26
Social expenses for induction and handover events totalled £45.70.



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6. Bank Accounts

The club opened new Charity and Admin bank accounts with NatWest Business on 26th May 2021. The club transferred all funds from Barclays to NatWest on or before 31st July 2021.

7. Restricted & Ringfenced Funds

The club holds £119 of funds donated to the club and restricted to funding a future Prostate Screening event and a further £5,000, restricted to purchase a stock of dehumidifiers for use in the event of local flooding.

In January 2021 members agreed to ringfence £10,000 of the unrestricted charity funds to fund future Prostate Screening events.

8. Liabilities

At financial year end 30th June 2021, the club had no financial liabilities.

9. Fixed Assets

The club has no fixed assets for the purposes of depreciation.