



Ironbridge and Severn Gorge Lions Club CIO

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Charitable Incorporated Organisation

Register No. 1190585

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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 John Marsh (To 31st December 2020)
Charlie Miller (From 1st January 2021)

Treasurer Jill Marsh

Secretary Colin Thompson

Elected Graham Powell

Elected Jane Turner – Bragg

Bankers –

Barclays Bank plc, 1 Churchill Place, London E14 5HP

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



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Report of the Trustees for the year ended 30th June 2021

The trustees present their report and financial statements for the year ended 30th June 2021.

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). Ironbridge Lions work with the youth, elderly, those with differences and those who are disadvantaged.

Summary of grant making

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



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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.

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

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 (£)

Account	Balance brought forward	Income	Expenditure	Balance carried forward
Charity	25,589.86	10,357.56	7,876.02	28,071.40
Admin	2,339.20	1,422.15	1,296.12	2,465.23
Total	27,929.06	11,779.71	9172.14	30,536.63

Principle sources of funds

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

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 & Twinkl 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				
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.