



# **Ironbridge and Severn Gorge Lions Club (CIO)**

Charity Registration Number 1190585

## **REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 2024**

Charitable Incorporated Organisation

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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: 28<sup>th</sup> 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 No President (from 12<sup>th</sup> October 2023 – 30<sup>th</sup> June 2024)  
Dundas John Foley (from 1<sup>st</sup> July – 11<sup>th</sup> October 2023)

Treasurer Graham Powell (Elected 1<sup>st</sup> July 2023)

Secretary Andrew Pilsbury (Elected 1<sup>st</sup> July 2023)

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

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



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## Report of the Trustees for the year ended 30<sup>th</sup> June 2024

The trustees present their report and financial statements for the year ended 30<sup>th</sup> June 2024.

### 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.





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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.

## 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 event raises funds which are donated to local charities.

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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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 recycled locally.

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.





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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 8<sup>th</sup> January 2025 and signed on their behalf:

President

Kevan Gabbittas

Date 8<sup>th</sup> January 2025

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## Statement of Financial Activities for the year ending 30<sup>th</sup> June 2024

Income (£)	Notes	Charity	Admin	Totals	
				2023/24	2022/23
<b>Charitable Activities</b>	2				
From Events		3,765.45			1,793.76
Grants & Twinkl 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
<b>Admin</b>	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
<b>Total Income</b>		<b>26,255.95</b>	<b>9,581.04</b>	<b>35,836.99</b>	<b>37,763.06</b>
<b>Expenditure (£)</b>					
<b>Charitable Activities</b>	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
<b>Admin</b>	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		
<b>Total Expenditure</b>		<b>23,553.50</b>	<b>8,484.83</b>	<b>32,038.33</b>	<b>30,269.26</b>
<b>Net (expenditure) / Income</b>		<b>2,702.45</b>	<b>1,096.21</b>	<b>3,798.66</b>	<b>7,493.80</b>
<b>Bank Account Movement. (£)</b>	6				
<b>NatWest Charity Open</b>		33,639.08		33,639.08	26,952.73
<b>NatWest Charity Close</b>		36,341.53		36,341.53	33,639.08
<b>Movement (Charity)</b>		<b>2,702.45</b>		<b>2,702.45</b>	<b>7,046.35</b>
<b>NatWest Admin Open</b>			2,630.67	2,630.67	2,183.22
<b>NatWest Admin Close</b>			3,726.88	3,726.88	2,630.67
<b>Movement (Admin)</b>			<b>1,096.21</b>	<b>1,096.21</b>	<b>447.45</b>
<b>Movement (Combined)</b>				<b>3,798.66</b>	<b>7,493.80</b>





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## Statement of Assets and Liabilities at 30<sup>th</sup> 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
<b>Total Funds</b>						<b>40,068.41</b>	<b>36,269.75</b>

Treasurer

Graham Powell

Date 8<sup>th</sup> January 2025



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## Notes relating to the financial statements for the year ending 30<sup>th</sup> June 2024

### 1. Financial Statements

Ironbridge & Severn Gorge Lions financial statements for the year ending 30<sup>th</sup> 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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## 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 1<sup>st</sup> 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.	



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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 30<sup>th</sup> June 2024 the club had no financial liabilities.
9. **Fixed assets** – The Club has no assets for the purpose of depreciation.