



Ironbridge and Severn Gorge Lions Club (CIO)

Charity Registration Number 1190585

REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30th JUNE 2025

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: 28th July 2020

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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 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.
- 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.



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

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

D. J. Long
18-7-2025

Graham Powell
Treasurer

G. Powell

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.