

THE LIONS CLUB OF WOODLEY & EARLEY (CIO)

A Member of the International Association of Lions Clubs

**TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT AND UNAUDITED FINANCIAL
STATEMENTS**

YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

Charity Number 1191552

(Previously 1111271)

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REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES

The Trustees present their report along with the financial statements of the Club for the year ended 31 December 2023. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRSSE) entitled "Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard for Smaller Entities, effective January 2015.

Legal and administrative details

The Club was established under a Charter in 1980. It is a Community Interest Organisation and registered charity, number 1191552 (previously registered as 1111271).

Trustees

The Trustees who served during the year were:

Glenda Kennedy (Chair) (Appointed 30 March 2023)

Mike Kennedy

John Giacomet

Alan Jutson

Paul Norman

Michael Tarling

Stella Taylor

Bankers: National Westminster Bank

Independent Examiner: John Jenkins FCA, Seal Lodge, Simms Lane, Mortimer RG7 2JP

Statements of Trustees' Responsibilities

Laws applicable to charities in England and Wales require the Trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the Charity's financial activities during the year and of its position at the end of the year. In preparing those financial statements, the Trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operation

The Trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity which enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

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Review of the past year

Since being granted its Charter in 1980 the Lions Club of Woodley & Earley has continued to support the needy, both within our community and globally under the umbrella of Lions Clubs International.

Our annual Firework event was our biggest fundraiser. However, the Club took a decision just over a year ago not to continue running this but to hand responsibility to Laurel Park Foundation. They have always helped us and now we will help them. This was because our membership had fallen to 11 and those members who had run it in the past no longer felt able to do so. Therefore, instead of raising sums of £15 to £20,000 we were only allocated £1,000 from Laurel Park in 2023.

We had a contingency fund for fireworks of £20,000 and a decision was taken during 2023 to use this for charitable purposes but spread over 5 years. So £4,000 per year towards good causes. We made many donations to local charities and individuals in need in 2023 and also took a group of disadvantaged families to Marwell Zoo as part of the Lions District 105SC summer outing. We were able to collect door to door again last year during our December visits to homes in Woodley and Earley with the Santa sleigh, including our numerous static appearances. We generated a record sum of over £8,000 after expenses in 2023 which was shared between the Woodley and Earley Foodbanks, lunch bunch and some kept in our charity account for donations in 2024. Our thanks to Select Car Leasing who supplied the towing vehicle again. We also owe a debt of gratitude to Wokingham and Maidenhead Lions and our own Friends of Lions for their assistance with collecting in 2023.

Our Annual Charter Night was a great success and was enjoyed by over 70 guests, a very good turnout given the size of our club. In terms of social events we have our popular "pub of the month", had a bowls night and a handover BBQ.

The Club's terms of reference state that a Business Meeting is held monthly to consider business and minutes from the sub committees, principally the community service team which researches requests for support from individuals and other organisations locally. Also from the fundraising committee which is trying hard to replace the fireworks to ensure charity funds continue being available.

We continue to support the Woodley Town Centre Partnership both at the Christmas Lights switch on with the Remembrance Tree of Light, while distributing mulled wine (sponsored by the club for the first time in 2022), mince pies and song sheets and at the Christmas Extravaganza. Our annual fundraising quiz was held in 2023 and we took our human fruit machine to the Winnersh Fete and Woodley Carnival.

We badged up 4 new members in 2023 and so ended the year with 15 members, having started with just 11.

Glenda Kennedy

Chair

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**Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of the Lions Club of
Woodley & Earley**

I report on the accounts of the club for the year ended 31 December 2023, which are set out on pages 6 to 9.

Respective Responsibilities of the Trustees and Independent Examiner.

As described on page 3, the Trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts, and you consider that the audit requirement of s144 of the Charities Act 2011 (the Act) does not apply. It is my responsibility to state, on the basis of procedures specified in the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners under s145(5)(b) of the Act, whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of Independent Examiner's Report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and the seeking of explanations from you of any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and, consequently, I do not express an audit opinion on the view given by the accounts.

Independent Examiner's Statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

1. which gives me reasonable cause to believe that, in any material respect, the requirements:
 - to keep accounting records in accordance with s130 of the Act; and
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and to comply with the accounting requirements of the Act

have not been met; or

2. to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Seal Lodge
Simms Lane
Mortimer



John Jenkins FCA

27/3/2024.

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Statement of financial activities Year ended 31 December 2023

	General Funds	Charity funds	Total 2023	Total 2022
	£	£	£	£
Income				
Subscriptions from membership	945	-	945	973
Income from charitable activities (note 2)	5,165	18,580	23,745	52,810
Bank and building society interest	-	-	-	120
Total	6,110	18,580	24,690	53,903
Expenditure				
Expenditure on charitable activities (note 3)	4,876	5,587	10,463	23,623
Donations granted		12,915	12,915	29,844
Subscription to Lions Club International	1,138	-	1,138	1,004
Administrative costs	411	-	411	128
Total	6,425	18,502	24,927	54,599
Excess expenditure over income	(315)	78	(237)	(696)
Reconciliation of funds				
Balances brought forward	1,339	60,946	62,285	62,981
Balances carried forward	1,024	61,024	62,048	62,285

The attached notes form part of these accounts

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Balance sheet At 31 December 2023

	2023 £	2022 £
Current Assets		
<i>Bank accounts</i>		
General current account	1,069	1,384
Charity account	60,966	60,889
Reserve account	13	13
Total assets	<u>62,048</u>	<u>62,286</u>
Funds		
General fund	1,024	1,341
Charity fund	61,024	60,945
	<u>62,048</u>	<u>62,286</u>

The Trustees have taken advantage of the provisions of The Charities Act 2011, which allow exemption from audit on charities under a certain level of income.

Approved by the Trustees on and signed on their behalf by:-



Glenda Kennedy
Chair

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Notes to the financial statements

1 Accounting policies

Basis of accounting

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention as modified by the inclusion of investments at market value and in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRSSE) entitled "Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard for Smaller Entities, effective January 2015.

Recognition of incoming resources

All incoming resources are included in the Statement of Financial Activities when the charity is entitled to the income and the amount can be quantified with reasonable accuracy.

Resources expended

Expenditure is included on an accruals basis as a liability is incurred.

Charitable activities

Charitable activities comprise grants payable and related administration and management costs. Grants are recognised once they have been approved by the trustees and the offer conveyed to the recipient.

2 Income from charitable activities

	2023			2022
	General	Charity	Total	Total
	£	£	£	£
Charter Dinner	3,645	-	3,645	3,765
Firework display	-	15	15	36,922
Christmas sleigh collection	-	9,509	9,509	8,437
Tree of Light	-	912	912	1,346
Quiz	-	1,405	1,405	-
Donations	-	1,976	1,976	1,042
Other events	1,291	1,131	2,422	1,143
Gift aid	-	3,632	3,632	-
Raffles, fines and sundry	229	-	229	155
	<u>5,165</u>	<u>18,580</u>	<u>23,745</u>	<u>52,810</u>

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3 Expenditure on charitable activities

	2023			2022
	General	Charity	Total	Total
	£	£	£	£
Donations granted	-	12,915	12,915	29,844
Charter Dinner	3,168	-	3,168	3,851
Fireworks expenses	-	-	-	15,492
Christmas Sleigh expenses	-	1,109	1,109	1,089
Other event expenses	1,708	1,747	3,455	2,025
Shed and Garage expenses	-	924	924	1,166
Sundries	-	1,807	1,807	-
	<u>4,876</u>	<u>18,502</u>	<u>23,378</u>	<u>53,467</u>

4 Analysis of net assets between funds

	General fund	Charity Fund	Total
	£	£	£
At 31 December 2023			
General current account	1,069		1,069
Charity current account		60,966	60,966
Reserve account		13	13
Inter fund balance	(45)	45	-
	<u>1,024</u>	<u>61,024</u>	<u>62,048</u>