

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 2024

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 2024. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the document "Charity reporting and accounting: the essentials November 2016" provided by The Charity Commission for England and Wales

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
Mike Kennedy (President)
John Giacomet
Alan Jutson
Paul Norman
Michael Tarling
Stella Taylor
John Bennison

Bankers: National Westminster Bank
Cambridge & Counties Bank

Independent Examiner: Kenneth Oakley

Statements of Trustees' Responsibilities

Laws applicable to charities in England and Wales require the Trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year. The financial report is produced using receipts and payments accounts to provide a record 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.

In 2024 we donated in the region of £21,000 mainly to local causes but with some also being sent to Lions International Disaster Funds. Our donations exceeded our income by some £5,000 allowing us to put some of our reserves to good use. In addition, we incurred expenses of approximately £5,500 in relation to charity activities resulting in a reduction of £10,500 in our charity funds.

Our largest fundraising event in 2024 was Santa's Sleigh, receiving donations of £7,689. A great event where we take Santa and his Sleigh around the local streets of Woodley & Earley as well as to local supermarkets and garden centres. Unfortunately, the collections were lower than the previous year due to the weather in the lead up to Christmas which resulted in us having to cancel some of the events that we would normally run.

The weather also led to the cancellation of the Carol Concert and turning on of the Christmas Lights in Woodley Town Centre. This traditionally is another good fund-raising opportunity that we missed this year.

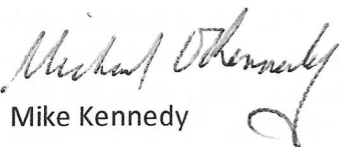
In total we had 8 fund raising events in 2024; Skittles, 2 Quiz Nights, Woodley Carnival, Winnersh Fete, Sponsored Walk, Santa's Sleigh and the Tree of Light.

In addition to our fund-raising events, we also hold an Annual Charter Night which celebrates the anniversary of the formation of Woodley & Earley Lions and allows the members of the club to celebrate the achievements during the year. This year we had 64 attendees.

Our Charter includes the provision of a Monthly Business Meeting, a monthly meeting of the Fund-raising Committee and a monthly meeting of the Community Services Committee.

During the year we have increased our membership from 15 members to 18 members plus 2 honorary members.

The financial year for the Woodley & Earley Lions Club has traditionally run from 1st January through to 31st December. This is out of sync with the "Lionistic" year that is set by Lions Clubs International and observed by the other Clubs in our zone. We will, in 2025, be adjusting our financial year to run from 1st July through until 30th June. In order to facilitate this we will submit a set of accounts later in 2025 that run for the 6-month period from 1st January to 30th June after which we will revert to 12 monthly reporting.



Mike Kennedy

President

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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 2024, 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 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 Acthave 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.


Kenneth Oakley CTA
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Statement of financial activities
Year ended 31 December 2023

	General Funds	Charity Funds	Total 2024	Total 2023
Income				
Subscriptions from membership	£ 1,190	-	£ 1,190	£ 945
Income from charitable activities (note 2)	£ 4,377	£ 16,379	£ 20,756	£ 23,745
Bank and building society interest	-	-	-	-
Total	£ 5,567	£ 16,379	£ 21,946	£ 24,690
Expenditure				
Expenditure on charitable activities (note 3)	£ 4,076	£ 5,651	£ 9,727	£ 10,463
Donations granted	£ -	£ 21,285	£ 21,285	£ 12,915
Subscription to Lions Club International	£ 1,759	-	£ 1,759	£ 1,138
Administrative costs		£ -	£ -	£ 411
Total	£ 5,835	£ 26,936	£ 32,771	£ 24,927
Excess expenditure over income	£ (268)	£ (10,557)	£ (10,825)	£ (237)
Reconciliation of funds				
Balances brought forward	£ 1,069	£ 60,966	£ 62,033	£ 62,285
Balances carried forward	£ 801	£ 50,409	£ 51,209	£ 62,048

The attached notes form part of these accounts

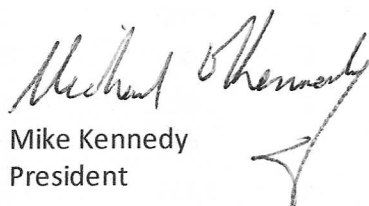
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Balance Sheet
At 31 December 2024

	2024	2023
Current Assets		
<i>Bank accounts</i>		
General current account	£ 801	£ 1,069
Charity account	£ 32,408	£ 60,966
Charity Interest Account	£ 18,000	-
Reserve account	£ 13	£ 13
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Total assets	£ 51,222	£ 62,048
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Funds		
General fund	£ 801	£ 1,024
Charity fund	£ 50,421	£ 61,024
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	£ 51,222	£ 62,048
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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 27.3.25 and signed on their behalf by:-


Mike Kennedy
President

The attached notes form part of these accounts

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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.

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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 payment made to the recipient.

2 Income from charitable activities

	2024			2023
	General	Charity	Total	Total
Charter Dinner	£ 3,705	£ -	£ 3,705	£ 3,645
Firework display	£ -	£ 1,000	£ 1,000	£ 15
Christmas sleigh collection	£ -	£ 7,689	£ 7,689	£ 9,509
Tree of Light	£ -	£ 939	£ 939	£ 912
Quiz	£ -	£ 1,532	£ 1,532	£ 1,405
Skittles	£ -	£ 1,728	£ 1,728	£ -
Donations	£ -	£ 410	£ 410	£ 1,976
Other events	£ 415	£ 1,081	£ 1,495	£ 2,422
Gift aid	£ -	£ 2,000	£ 2,000	£ 3,632
Raffles, fines and sundry	£ 258	£ -	£ 258	£ 229
	£ 4,377	£ 16,379	£ 20,756	£ 23,745

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3 Expenditure on charitable activities

	2024			2023
	General	Charity	Total	Total
Donations granted	£ -	£ 21,285	£ 21,285	£ 12,915
Charter Dinner	£ 3,517	£ -	£ 3,517	£ 3,168
Christmas Sleigh expenses	£ -	£ 1,693	£ 1,693	£ 1,109
Skittles	£ -	£ 842	£ 842	£ -
Quiz Nights	£ -	£ 998	£ 998	£ -
Tree of Light	£ -	£ 107	£ 107	£ -
Other event expenses	£ 261	£ 543	£ 803	£ 3,455
Shed and Garage expenses	£ -	£ 1,028	£ 1,028	£ 924
Sundries	£ 298	£ 440	£ 738	£ 1,807
	£ 4,076	£ 26,936	£ 31,012	£ 23,378