



The Lions Club of Tavistock

Reports & Accounts

Financial Year Ending 30/06/2025

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Legal & Administrative Details

Charity Name: The Lions Club of Tavistock
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Trustees Report

Objects of the charity

The objects of the club are such purposes as are exclusively charitable in England & Wales, including in particular:

1. promoting the principles of good citizenship;
2. encouraging members to take an active interest in the civic, cultural, social and moral welfare of the community;
3. providing a forum for the open discussion of all matters of public interest; provided that partisan politics and sectarian religion shall not be debated by members;
4. encouraging service-minded people to serve their community without personal reward and encouraging the promotion of high ethical standards in commerce, industry, professions, public works and private endeavours;
5. supporting youth to develop their skills, capacities and capabilities to enable them to participate in society as mature and responsible individuals;

promoting the voluntary sector for the public benefit by associating with local authorities in a common effort to advance education and provide facilities in the interests of social welfare for recreation or other leisure time occupation to improve the conditions of life of people in local, national and international communities;

- promoting volunteering;
- the relief of poverty and the relief of those in need in particular by providing humanitarian aid and disaster relief;
- the advancement of health or the saving of lives by preventing avoidable blindness, assisting disabled people to lead independent lives or helping to prevent or manage health issues;
- promoting for the benefit of the public the conservation protection and improvement of the physical and natural environment; and/or promoting community participation in healthy recreation.

The charity makes grants predominantly to local Charities and Good Causes. We contribute to Lions Clubs International Foundation which provides relief for those affected by disaster and supported efforts to take humanitarian aid to Ukraine.

The Club does not make investments.

Volunteers make an important contribution to our larger events through the Friends of Tavistock Lions

Summary of the charity's main activities and achievements

To further the above objects and vision, the charity's main activities and achievements were as follows:

The main activities of the Club are concerned with:

- Enhancing our local Community by service through our own activities and supporting those run by other organisations
- raising money for good causes and charities through Carnival Week, a Fireworks Display for the benefit of the Community, events leading up to Christmas, BBQs and other activities throughout the year.

- Unfortunately, due to bad weather the usual Dickensian evening was cancelled. Despite this, it has been a very successful year of fundraising. Over £22,000 was donated to charities and good causes, including support for Ukraine.

The year's fundraising included:

- The Trees of Light that enabled us to donate £2,250 to each of four deserving charities.
- An excellent fireworks display (~£4,000)
- An enjoyable carnival. (~£4,000)
- The run-up to Christmas was exceptionally busy with Santa making visits to primary schools, bucket collections, Christmas Post, Christmas cards and calendar, hampers for deserving families and many other activities
- The Club raised money for humanitarian aid for the Ukraine and club members took aid to Poland for onward transportation to Ukraine.

The Club supports other organisations with their events, for example by closing roads such as on Remembrance Sunday, car parking, a park and ride scheme for Goose Fair, providing barbecues, tents or manpower for concerts or marshalling. The Club values its relationships with all its partners and especially the Tavistock Town council and BID.

The Club has an environmental project maintaining a traffic island at the entrance to the Town which also promotes Tavistock Lions.

The Club is in good health; and this year we supported the creation of a new Lions branch club (Saltash-Tamar). This has temporarily given us 20 new members, while the Lions International agree to create a new independent club in 2025. This has also artificially boosted our overall financial position this year. When the Saltash-Tamar branch is registered with the Charity Commission as a separate CIO, their funds will be transferred to them.

Safeguarding is important to the club and a programme of DBS checks has been completed

In planning the activities, the trustees have applied the guidance on public benefit issued by the Charity Commission.

Financial Review

We transitioned to a commercial package for tracking our finances (ExpensePlus) mid financial year (March/April 2024). All this years receipts and transactions are now maintained electronically, and ExpensePlus uses Open Banking to directly connect to our bank accounts. This has eliminated time consuming manual data entry, and improved our processes. Transitioning from paper and spreadsheets to an integrated online system was not without its challenges, but it has made management of donors and Gift Aid simpler and more accurate.

Our funds have been boosted this year as we sponsored the creation of a new Lions branch (Saltash-Tamar) in May. This has temporarily brought in 20 new members and additional income designated for the use of the Saltash-Tamar branch. When this branch is formally recognised as a charity in its own right and has its own bank account (expected by December 2025), the balance of the Saltash-Tamar funds will be transferred over, restoring our financial balances to a more usual level. Support of the branch club finances would have been much more complicated without ExpensePlus.

A "Suspense Account" fund was temporarily created to track membership subs that were paid early (in the wrong financial year) from the new incoming Saltash-Tamar branch members. This fund will be closed out next financial year when the Saltash-Tamar branch becomes autonomous.

The Charity is dependent on fundraising. Our current financial position is sound, however, the Trustees recognise that as expenses rise substantially, the challenge is to maintain and increase

income so that donations are as generous as possible

Funds in Deficit

None

Reserves Policy

The Charity does not seek to maintain substantial reserves and aims to give out grants and donations in line with its fundraising. However, a reserve is retained specifically to cover the vagaries of income from the Fireworks Display which is our most expensive event of the year. Additionally, we have bolstered our equipment replacement fund to cover the maintenance or replacement of damaged and worn out equipment (e.g. BBQ grills, due for replacement next financial year)

Signature

This report was approved by the trustees, and is signed on their behalf by:

Name *RICHARD JONES*

Signature 

Date *27/10/25*

Independent Examiners Report

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of The Lions Club of Tavistock ('the charity') for the year ended 30/06/2025.

Responsibilities and Basis of Report

As the trustees of the charity you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the 2011 Act').

I report in respect of my examination of the charity's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act.

Independent Examiner's Statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with the accounting records.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Independent Examiner's Details

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Name BEVERLEY HUGHES

Signature 

Date 20 OCTOBER 2025

Receipts & Payments Statement

	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	Prior Year
Receipts				
Donations & Legacies				
Donations	22,047	0	22,047	4,634
Gift Aid	10,898	0	10,898	3,063
Grants	0	0	0	750
Charitable Activities				
Event Income	28,232	0	28,232	61,308
Investments				
Bank Interest	164	0	164	106
Trading Activities				
Rental Income	0	0	0	0
Other				
Loans Received	0	0	0	0
Other Income	15,532	0	15,532	3,109
Sale of Fixed Assets	0	0	0	0
Sale of Investments	0	0	0	0
Total receipts	76,874	0	76,874	72,970
Payments				
Charitable Activities				
Activities	0	0	0	0
Admin	3,571	0	3,571	1,420
Advertising	4,381	0	4,381	66
Bank Charges	451	0	451	294
Event Costs	19,429	0	19,429	28,093
Gifts Given	22,275	0	22,275	21,401
Other Expenditure	0	0	0	0
Premises	1,888	0	1,888	2,079
Staff Costs	8,533	0	8,533	7,433
Governance Costs				
Governance Costs	0	0	0	0
Other				
Fixed Asset Purchases	240	0	240	4,647
Loans Repaid	0	0	0	0
Money Invested	0	0	0	0
Total payments	60,768	0	60,768	65,433
Net Receipts / Payments (before transfers)	16,106	0	16,106	7,537
Fund Transfers In	4,090	0	4,090	0
Fund Transfers Out	4,090	0	4,090	0
Net Movement of Cash Funds	16,106	0	16,106	7,537
Total Cash Funds Brought Forward	18,983	0	18,983	11,446
Total Cash Funds Carried Forward	35,089	0	35,089	18,983
Represented By				
Activities (Unrestricted)	14,453	0	14,453	8,923
Ukraine (Designated)	5,726	0	5,726	716
Admin (Designated)	2,278	0	2,278	1,492
Equipment (Designated)	4,621	0	4,621	2,351

Asset & Liability Statement

Cash Assets

	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	Prior Year
Activities (Unrestricted)	14,453	0	14,453	8,923
Ukraine (Designated)	5,726	0	5,726	716
Admin (Designated)	2,278	0	2,278	1,492
Equipment (Designated)	4,621	0	4,621	2,351
Reserve (Designated)	5,500	0	5,500	5,500
Spare (Designated)	6	0	6	1
Saltash Tamar (Designated)	2,204	0	2,204	0
Suspense account (Designated)	301	0	301	0
Charter Celebration (Designated)	0	0	0	0

Other Monetary Assets

	Notes	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	Prior Year
Gift Aid		0	0	0	0
Stock		0	0	0	0
Other		0	0	0	0

Investment Assets

	Notes	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	Prior Year
Property		0	0	0	0
Investment Accounts		0	0	0	0
Other		0	0	0	0

Fixed Assets

	Notes	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	Prior Year
Land & Buildings		0	0	0	0
Music & PA Equipment		0	0	0	0
Computers & IT		0	0	0	0
Furniture		0	0	0	0
Motor Vehicles		0	0	0	0

Liabilities

	Notes	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	Prior Year
Loans Outstanding		0	0	0	0
Pension Payment Owed		0	0	0	0
HMRC Payments Owed		0	0	0	0
Independent Examination Fee Due		0	0	0	0
Other		0	0	0	0

Reserve (Designated)	5,500	0	5,500	5,500
Spare (Designated)	6	0	6	1
Saltash Tamar (Designated)	2,204	0	2,204	0
Suspense account (Designated)	301	0	301	0
Charter Celebration (Designated)	0	0	0	0

Signature

These accounts have been approved by the trustees, and are signed on their behalf by:

Name *RICHARD JONES*

Signature *RMJ*

Date *27/10/25*

Notes to the Accounts

Accounting Policies

The accounts have been prepared on a receipts and payments basis and comprise a statement that shows the charity's receipts and payments, a statement that summarises the charity's assets and liabilities and related notes. The accountancy profession have determined that only accounts prepared in accordance with applicable accounting standards present a 'true and fair' view and, as these receipts and payments accounts have not (and cannot) be prepared in accordance with accounting standards, these accounts do not present (and are not intended to present) a 'true and fair' view of the charity's financial activities and state of affairs.

General funds are unrestricted funds which are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the charity. Designated funds comprise unrestricted funds that have been set aside by the trustees for particular purposes. Restricted funds are donations which are to be used in accordance with specific restrictions imposed by donors; they include donations received from appeals for specific activities or projects.

Transactions to Related Parties

None

Movement of Funds

Fund Name	Opening Balance	Income	Expenditure	Fund Transfers	Closing Balance
Unrestricted					
Activities (Unrestricted)	8,923	59,185	50,544	-3,110	14,453
Total	8,923	59,185	50,544	-3,110	14,453
Designated					
Ukraine (Designated)	716	6,102	1,192	100	5,726
Admin (Designated)	1,492	8,663	7,877	0	2,278
Equipment (Designated)	2,351	0	240	2,510	4,621
Reserve (Designated)	5,500	0	0	0	5,500
Spare (Designated)	1	5	0	0	6
Saltash Tamar (Designated)	0	2,617	914	500	2,204
Suspense account (Designated)	0	301	0	0	301
Charter Celebration (Designated)	0	0	0	0	0
Total	10,060	17,689	10,223	3,110	20,636
Unrestricted Total	18,983	76,874	60,768	0	35,089
Restricted Total	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	18,983	76,874	60,768	0	35,089