



Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From

Period start date		
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To

Period end date		
Day 30	Month 06	Year 3024

Section A Reference and administration details

Charity name

Beccles and District Lions Club (CIO)

Other names charity is known by

Registered charity number (if any)

1194156

Charity's principal address

60 Merrifield Road

Lowestoft

Suffolk

Postcode

NR33 7HB

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	Christopher Crick	President		
2	Alaster Barr	Secretary		
3	Christopher Eglington	Treasurer		
4	Philip Wright	Vice President		
5	Keith Moore			
6	Graham Gooda			
7	Colin Goodings			
8	Christopher Lambert			
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Names of the trustees for the charity, if any, (for example, any custodian trustees)

Name	Dates acted if not for whole year

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address

Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)

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Section B Structure, governance and management

Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document
(eg. trust deed, constitution)

CIO Association Constitution

How the charity is constituted
(eg. trust, association, company)

Charitable Trust

Trustee selection methods
(eg. appointed by, elected by)

Volunteer – vetting and voting (election)

Additional governance issues (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant, about:

- policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees;
- the charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works;
- relationship with any related parties;
- trustees' consideration of major risks and the system and procedures to manage them.

Club Policies –

The Club has written policies covering topics and these are contained in the Club manual, which is available to each Club Member. In addition the Grant making policy can be found on the Club's Website (www.beccleslion.club)

The Policy Topics are –

- Finance
- Child Protection and Vulnerable Persons
- Risk Management
- Grant Making
- Complaints
- Volunteers
- Conflict of Interest
- Data Protection
- Fund Raising Standards

Section C Objectives and activities

Summary of the objects of the charity set out in its governing document

To raise funds to enable financial and other assistance to needy persons and organisations in our local community and also to Lions Club International projects.

Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit in relation to these objects (include within this section the statutory declaration that trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit)

The Charity / Club's Main Activities –

- General Charitable Purposes

Who the Charity / Club Helps –

- Children and Young People
- Elderly and Old People
- People with Disabilities
- Other Charities or Voluntary Bodies
- The General Public and Mankind

How the Charity / Club Helps –

- Makes Grants to Individuals
- Makes Grants to Organisations
- Provides Human resources
- Other Charitable Activities

Where Charity / Club Predominately Helps –

- Suffolk

Additional details of objectives and activities (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include further statements, where relevant, about:

- policy on grantmaking;
- policy programme related investment;
- contribution made by volunteers.

To achieve the overall main activities for the Clubs Charity commitment the Club organises local events within the community and offers a full BBQ Catering Facility to assist events the Club may have organised for itself. In turn the Club offers this BBQ Catering Facility by manning it with volunteers for other organisations, such as other Local Lions Clubs, Local Council events and Local Business Association Events, such as the Annual Christmas Lights Switch On Evening in Beccles.

Other annual fund raising events are an Easter Egg Hunt. Offering to man and assist organisations with Car Parking for their event, such as Annual Food Fair in Beccles. Hevingham Country Fair. Plus Carnival Stewards too.

Other ongoing events for local individual's health and wellbeing is offering the Message in a Bottle. Diabetes screening. Assist local food Bank with items, Donations and Vouchers

The Trustees' have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit, however it should be noted that the community is still aware of the first lockdown, with it's mandatory measures being brought in by Local Authorities restricting social activities. In addition, it has also caused changes to our ways of working with the introduction of new initiatives, new technology and new partnerships. The Trustees' are planning to build on these new initiatives, and experiences to evolve the programmes of activities to meet the new challenges continuing to face the community.

As volunteers Beccles and District Lions Club members will be making a positive contribution to the community development locally, nationally and internationally. Volunteers are vital to the work of the Club.

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

1) Promoting Good Citizenship

The Club has donated towards community projects and in addition added another Defibrillator to the ones the Club already manages, bringing the total within Beccles Town a total of three.

The Club has also been very active within the local community by supporting the local Care Homes, especially at Christmas when we visit three local Care Homes with a Choir to sing Christmas Carols for the residents to join in and the highlight being Santa with presents for each of the residents.

In addition at Christmas we donate to the local Food Bank as well as provide gift vouchers if individuals have specific needs at this special time.

2) Promoting the Voluntary Sector

The Club encourages volunteers because without them we could not do or achieve as much as we do within a year. One of the key areas we need volunteers is at Beccles Christmas Lights Switch On as we will use our BBQ Catering Facility and our Santa House, where Santa will stand up the chimney and wave to Parents and Children as they pass by. Also another reason we rely so much on volunteers especially for this evening is because we had to provide Stewards this year.

3) Relief of Poverty

The Club has been very active this year with the local Food Bank with providing food as well as Gift Vouchers for those individuals with special dietary requirements. Plus we have assisted the staff at the Food Bank by handing out leaflets advising people that there is a need within the community and the public have been fantastic with their response.

The Club has even donated the money to help pay for a Christmas Lunch to those individuals that would be on their own at Christmas. The Club has even ensured that individuals that are house bound received a Christmas meal as the organised home deliveries for them.

4) Conservation and the Environment

The Club has donated to a local Primary School within the area for them to build an environmentally friendly play area, where the children can look are the conservation side of it as well as its environmental impact of the wildlife and its surrounding area.

5) Healthy Recreation

The Club looks help with the individuals' health wherever it can from supporting the M.I.N.D. Charity with donations to organising or helping with local fun runs or Children Fun Days they can all participate in. Each year Lions District 105CE organises a Fun Day for local children that need help and support and as a Club we contribute to the cost for the children and their parents to go along as well. We also provide volunteers to help with the running of the day too.

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

Were possible we always aim to have a reserve fund where we may gain a little bit of interest, however as there has been a long period where the Banks have not been paying any interest we have decided not to have the reserve fund until such time when the banks start to pay interest again.

Details of any funds materially in deficit

The Club has no accounts materially in deficit at present.

Further financial review details (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant about:

- the charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising);
- how expenditure has supported the key objectives of the charity;
- investment policy and objectives including any ethical investment policy adopted.

The Club's principal source of raising funds is from the General Public through their generous giving such at Christmas and specific fundraising events. We do use our BBQ Catering Facility wherever we can, which is another source of fundraising income, once all the expenses have been taken out.

Another source of fundraising is by providing individuals to man Car Parks for other organisations events.

Overall wherever we feel we can ask for a donation we will providing we have the organisers' permission to do so.

The reason is quite simple because all the members then know that every penny we receive as a donation will go back into the local community to help those individuals or organisations that really do need it

Section F Other optional information

Section G Declaration

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)



Full name(s)

Christopher David Eglington

Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)

Chair of Trustees

Date

30th June 2025

Beccles Lions Club - Admin Account 2023-24

Balance B/f	£532.18	
Members Subscriptions	£1,110.50	
iZettle Card Reader	£1,732.33	
Hevingham Car Parking	£200.00	
Lowestoft Lions Club Charter	£360.00	
Southwold Lions Club Charter	£370.00	
Great Yarmouth Lions Club Charter	£420.00	
Bungay Lions Club Charter	£360.00	
Beccles Lions Club Christmas Meal	£389.55	
Beccles Lions Club Charter	£612.00	
	<u>£5,554.38</u>	
Members Dues		£1,337.83
iZettle Card Reader		£856.67
Club Storage Rental from Hamiltons		£1,012.52
Expenses		£250.84
Beccles Bell Tower - Printing		£577.80
SquareSpace - Website Software Provider		£244.80
Lowestoft Lions Club Charter		£360.00
Southwold Lions Club Charter		£370.00
Great Yarmouth Lions Club Charter		£420.00
Bungay Lions Club Charter		£360.00
Local Gaming Licence		£20.00
ICO Fee		£40.00
		<u>£5,850.46</u>
Transfer to Activities Account		£0.00
Bank Balance C/f		£236.10
	<u>£6,086.56</u>	<u>£6,086.56</u>

Beccles Lions Club - Activities Account 2023-24

Balance B/f	£11,191.71	
Donations Received	£4,133.00	
Santa House Bucket Collections	£2,061.39	
Assisting at Beccles Bell Tower	£1,994.98	
BBQ at Events	£1,937.33	
Easter Egg Raffle	£583.00	
	<u>£10,709.70</u>	
Charitable Donations		£9,445.00
BBQ Expenses		£710.00
Easter Egg Expenses		£177.20
Defibrillators upkeep		£267.00
		<u>£10,599.20</u>
Bank Balance C/f		£11,302.21
	<u>£21,901.41</u>	<u>£21,901.41</u>

Charitable Donations 2023-24

105CE District Fun Day	£534.50
Beccles May Centre	£200.00
Beccles Public Hall New Flooring	£200.00
Oliver Eriksson - Freezer	£150.00
Young Carers	£250.00
Carlton Colville School	£200.00
Beccles St Lukes Church Christmas Meals	£940.00
Parish of Beccles Food Bank - Vouchers	£200.00
LCIF	£250.00
Miss Daniella Price - American Flag Football	£450.00
Brian Leslie Sawyer - Mobility Scooter	£100.00
Ravensmere School - Store Boxes	£200.00
Love Boxes - Barsham Church	£429.00
Mrs Moxley - Wheel Chair Extension	£1,000.00
Mobility Chair Balance	£1,341.50
Special Needs Dog for an Autistic Child	£3,000.00
	£9,445.00