

KNUTSFORD AND DISTRICT LIONS CLUB CIO

Registered Charity 1198210

Annual Report of the Trustees for year ended 30th June 2023

This is the first report for Knutsford and District Lions Club CIO which was registered on 2nd March 2022 and was used for all financial transactions after the new Bank accounts were set up on 17th May 2022. These accounts therefore cover the period 17th May 2022 to 30th June 2023. Formerly the Knutsford and District Lions Club was operating as registered charity No. 508499 which had been set up by Declaration of Trust on 30th January 1979. All the remaining funds in this previous charity have been transferred to these CIO accounts, and Charity 508499 has been closed down.

In compliance with Lions International principles all Administration costs (principally Lions national and international dues) are kept separate from charitable funds raised from the general public and are funded by members subscriptions and money raised from Club social events.

The Charity Trustees for the year to 30th June 2023 were: Paul Buttrick (Chairman & Club President), Clive Heath (Treasurer), Frances Morton (Secretary), Michael Goldman and Peter Willgoose.

Objectives and Activities

Knutsford and District Lions Club CIO operates under the jurisdiction of Lions Clubs International and follows the charitable guidelines set by Multiple District 105 which covers England, Scotland and Wales.

Knutsford and District Lions Club CIO serves the local community by fundraising via donations or charitable events and using these funds to provide support, directly or indirectly, for local people in hardship or with disabilities. The Club also encourages local youth in their community activities, supports local community projects and organisations and provides funds nationally and internationally to support Lions International projects or disaster appeals.

Achievements and Performance

Since 2015 the Club has operated a "Project Wenceslas" scheme where we encourage local people in receipt of Winter Fuel Allowance to consider donating part of their allowance to a ring-fenced (restricted) fund that we hold for use to help local people in fuel poverty or other financial hardship. Monies were distributed in most cases via the Welcome Centre or Citizens Advice Cheshire North (CACN).

For many years the Club has organised a Community Fair on the late May Bank Holiday Monday – On 3rd June 2022 the Club organised a Jubilee Fair on Knutsford Heath, where local organisations and charities brought stalls at no charge to raise funds or awareness for their own causes. The Club provided entertainment and the event formed the main part of Knutsford's Jubilee celebrations. A similar successful Community Fair was held on 29th May 2023. Our main fundraising from these Fairs was from the sale of programmes.

Other major fundraising activities included our annual December House to House and street collections and a Charity Concert in November.

The Club normally organises a free Senior Citizens Variety Show in early February, but in 2022 this was rearranged to 28th May due to Covid. In 2023 we returned to the usual timing of Saturday 4th February. Entertainment was provided for about 150/200 local elderly including some from local Care Homes or sheltered housing.

For many years the Club has provided lunch and entertainment on Christmas Day for about 40 people and in 2022 (post Covid!) we were able to return to the Stanley Centre in Knutsford.

The Club made donations from our unrestricted charitable funds to about 40 separate causes, which included regular annual donations, disaster appeals, youth awards and some local voluntary groups or community support projects.

We also continued to support spectacle recycling for use in third world countries and Message in a Bottle to assist the emergency services.

Accounts for the Year 17 May 2022 to 30 June 2023

(First Accounts for this Charity)

Receipts and Payments

CHARITY INCOME	2022/23	
	Unrestricted	Restricted
Concert & Events	3,461.95	
Donations	486.10	
Gift Aid	1,194.00	
KCTA (Stanley Centre)	76.10	
Miscellaneous	552.00	
Fair on the Heath (2022+2023)	8,427.03	
Street/House Collection	6,285.00	
Wenceslas (Just Giving)		4,273.32
Wenceslas (Other)		2,283.50
Total Receipts	20,482.18	6,556.82
CHARITY EXPENDITURE		
Concert & Events	3,144.05	
General Grants	10,897.66	
KCTA (Stanley Centre)	344.30	
Miscellaneous	1,089.92	
Senior Citizens	1,590.23	
Fair on the Heath (2022+2023)	3,782.12	
Street/House Collection	474.81	
Youth	1,305.49	
Wenceslas (Just Giving)		432.00
Wenceslas (Other)		5,350.00
Total Payments	22,628.58	5,782.00
Net Charity Receipts	-2,146.40	774.82
Transfers from Charity 508499	8,962.29	5,444.23
Sub totals	6,815.89	6,219.05
Total Charity Receipts	13,034.94	
Charity A/C 10943209	13,034.94	
Admin A/C 10943217	1,340.44	
Total Assets at 30 June 2023	14,375.38	

ADMIN INCOME	2022/23	TOTALS
Subscriptions	1,175.00	
Raffles	144.00	
Donations	25.00	
Social Events	1,888.50	
Charter	1,015.00	
Sundries	20.00	
Gift Aid	531.00	
Total Receipts	4,798.50	31,837.50
ADMIN EXPENDITURE		
International Dues	850.92	
District + MD Dues	807.75	
Insurance	18.40	
Supplies	14.89	
Gifts	84.99	
Officers Expenses	25.00	
Social Events	1,484.20	
Charter	1,012.50	
Sundries	52.50	
Total Payments	4,351.15	32,761.73
Net Admin Receipts	447.35	
Transfer from 508499	893.09	
Total	1,340.44	

I have examined the accounts in accordance with the requirements of CC64(b), and make the following 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 section 41 of the 1993 Act and: to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and 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 to be reached.

Signed: 

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