

KNUTSFORD AND DISTRICT LIONS CLUB CIO

Registered Charity 1198210

Annual Report of the Trustees for year ended 30th June 2025

This is the third report for Knutsford and District Lions Club CIO which was registered on 2nd March 2022. 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 2025 were: Paul Buttrick (Chairman & Club President), Clive Heath (Treasurer), Frances Morton (Secretary), George Williams, 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 in particular to provide grant 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 grants 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 are distributed in most cases via The Welcome Centre or Citizens Advice Cheshire North (CACN) - we have six monthly review meetings about the finances, but all payments made by them are anonymous to us. We also periodically support the local Hope Central food bank.

For many years the Club has organised a Community Fair on the late May Bank Holiday Monday – another popular Fair was held on Bank Holiday Monday 26th May. Many local organisations and charities brought stalls at no charge to raise funds or awareness for their own causes and we provided entertainment and arranged for various refreshment stalls. As usual our main fundraising from the Fair was from sale of programmes, with valuable assistance from local Guides and Brownies and Knutsford Hosts.

Other major fundraising activities included our annual December House to House and street collections which receive very generous donations from the local public, a Charity Concert in November which raised funds for ‘East Cheshire Hospice @home’.

The Club organised another free Senior Citizens Variety Show on 8th February, when entertainment was provided for about 200 local elderly including some from local Care Homes or sheltered housing.

Once again we provided lunch and entertainment on Christmas Day for about 40 local people who would otherwise have been on their own. In 2024 it was held at the Knutsford Sports Club in Mereheath Lane and we are most grateful to them for their support after the Council closed the Knutsford Stanley Centre.

The Club made grants from our unrestricted charitable funds to about 40 separate causes, which included regular annual grants, 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.

Clive Heath - Treasurer, Knutsford & District Lions Club CIO August 2025

Accounts for the Year ending 30 June 2025

CHARITY Receipts and Payments

RECEIPTS	2024/25		2023/2024	
	Unrestricted	Restricted	Unrestricted	Restricted
Concert & Events	£3,506.24		£5,339.59	
Donations	£1,758.92		£1,078.33	
KCTA (Stanley Centre transport)			£86.00	
Gift Aid	£1,910.01	£205.00	£1,439.93	£345.00
Miscellaneous			£34.00	
Fair on the Heath	£5,384.51		£4,557.79	
Street/House Collection	£6,923.93		£6,171.30	
Wenceslas (Just Giving)		£517.94		£840.29
Wenceslas (Donations)		£1,300.00		£1,305.00
Total Receipts	£19,483.61	£2,022.94	£18,706.94	£2,490.29
PAYMENTS				
Concert & Events	£1,327.38		£1,299.65	
General Grants	£11,056.72		£10,534.00	
KCTA (Stanley Centre Transport)			£892.10	
Miscellaneous	£410.68		£793.85	
Senior Citizens	£1,365.85		£1,102.63	
Fair on the Heath	£1,737.21		£2,474.98	
Street/House Collection	£364.54		£415.07	
Youth	£150.00		£590.00	
Wenceslas (Just Giving)		£216.00		£216.00
Wenceslas (Grants)		£4,130.00		£250.00
Total Payments	£16,412.38	£4,346.00	£18,102.28	£466.00
NET CHARITY RECEIPTS	£3,071.23	-£2,323.06		
Total Net Charity Receipts		£748.17		

ADMIN Receipts and Payments

RECEIPTS	2024/2025		2023/2024	
Subscriptions	£1,275.00		£999.00	
Raffles	£142.00		£0.00	
Donations	£289.00		£50.00	
Social Events	£1,048.00		£1,822.50	
Charter	£1,158.00		£1,053.60	
Sundries	£97.38		£50.00	
Gift aid from subs	£270.00		£228.00	
Total Receipts	£4,279.38		£4,203.10	
PAYMENTS				
Lions International dues	£841.81		£797.83	
District + Multiple District Dues	£940.00		£826.00	
Insurance	£0.00		£18.40	
Supplies	£0.00		£3.90	
Gifts	£38.00		£93.49	
President's Expenses	£0.00		£0.00	
Officer's Expenses	£30.79		£0.00	
Social Events	£1,147.00		£1,513.50	
Charter	£1,122.00		£1,038.00	
Sundries	£31.88		£0.00	
Total Payments	£4,151.48		£4,291.12	
NET ADMIN RECEIPTS	£127.90			

ACCOUNTS SUMMARY

Receipts

CHARITY Unrestricted	£19,483.61
CHARITY Restricted	£2,022.94
ADMIN	£4,279.38
TOTAL	£25,785.93

Payments

CHARITY Unrestricted	£16,412.38
CHARITY Restricted	£4,346.00
ADMIN	£4,151.48
TOTAL	£24,909.86

ASSETS BALANCE SHEET

RBS Charity Account 10943209

at 1 July 2024	£15,663.89
at 30 June 2025	£16,412.06
Surplus	£748.17

RBS Admin Account 10943217

at 1 July 2024	£1,252.42
at 30 June 2025	£1,380.32
Surplus	£127.90

Independent examiner's statement

I have examined the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 (Section 145) 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 130 of the 2011 Act, and
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 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.

Signed:



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