

SWINDON LIONS CLUB (CIO)

England & Wales · Charity number 1198482

Details

Status Registered

Legal form CIO

Registered 2022-03-31

Register [View on the Charity Commission register](#)

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Activities

Objects: 1.1 THE OBJECTS OF THE CLUB ARE SUCH PURPOSES AS ARE EXCLUSIVELY CHARITABLE IN ENGLAND & WALES, INCLUDING IN PARTICULAR: 1.1.1 THE ADVANCEMENT OF CITIZENSHIP BY: 1.1.1.1 PROMOTING THE PRINCIPLES OF GOOD CITIZENSHIP; 1.1.1.2 ENCOURAGING MEMBERS TO TAKE AN ACTIVE INTEREST IN THE CIVIC, CULTURAL, SOCIAL AND MORAL WELFARE OF THE COMMUNITY; 1.1.1.3 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; 1.1.1.4 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; 1.1.1.5 SUPPORTING YOUTH TO DEVELOP THEIR SKILLS, CAPACITIES AND CAPABILITIES TO ENABLE THEM TO PARTICIPATE IN SOCIETY AS MATURE AND RESPONSIBLE INDIVIDUALS; 1.1.2 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; 1.1.3 PROMOTING VOLUNTEERING; 1.1.4 THE RELIEF OF POVERTY AND THE RELIEF OF THOSE IN NEED IN PARTICULAR BY PROVIDING HUMANITARIAN AID AND DISASTER RELIEF; 1.1.5 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; 1.1.6 PROMOTING FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE PUBLIC THE CONSERVATION PROTECTION AND IMPROVEMENT OF THE PHYSICAL AND NATURAL ENVIRONMENT; AND/OR 1.1.7 PROMOTING COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION IN HEALTHY RECREATION.

Activities: the advancement of citizenship, promoting the voluntary sector, relief of poverty and the relief of those in need, the advancement of health and promoting for the benefit of the public the conservation, protection and improvement of the physical and natural environment, promoting community participation in healthy recreation

Classification

- **How:** Makes Grants To Individuals, Makes Grants To Organisations, Other Charitable Activities
- **What:** General Charitable Purposes, The Prevention Or Relief Of Poverty, Economic/community Development/employment
- **Who:** Children/young People, Elderly/old People, People With Disabilities, Other Charities Or Voluntary Bodies, The General Public/mankind

Geography

- Throughout England

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-06-30	£51,481	£50,647	-	-
2024-06-30	£45,061	£48,579	-	-
2023-06-30	£54,553	£46,935	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Anne Robathan	Chair	2022-03-31
Diane Benson		2024-07-01
Helen Elizabeth MARSON		2022-03-31
JOHN TERENCE FARMERY		2022-03-31
PETER DAVID KENNEWELL		2022-03-31
STEPHEN KIM AUSTIN		2022-03-31

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Accounts

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REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30TH JUNE 2025

This report includes information required by the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 and the Statement of Recommended Practice for Accounting by Charities 2005 as applicable to charities entitled to prepare accounts on the receipts and payments basis.

ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

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Swindon Lions meets twice a month at The Village Hotel, Shaw Ridge Leisure Park, Swindon SN5 7DW

The email address is: contact@swindonlions.org

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

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The trustees from 1 July 2024 through to 30 June 2025 were:

- Stephen Austin
- Diane Benson
- John Farmery
- Peter Kennewell
- Helen Marson
- Anne Robathan

All of the Trustees provide their services free of charge. None of the Trustees had a material interest in any contract of significance to which the charity was a party during the period.

The governing document of the registered charity is the charity's constitution which was adopted on 11 April 2022. The trustees are responsible for the financial administration of the Club.

The trustees meet twice a month after the club meetings voting on all club expenditure: their decisions are guided by the wishes of members. The trustees also meet to discuss other matters affecting the club as required: all discussions at such meetings are reported back to club members at club meetings.

Trustees serve for a maximum of four years, retire by rotation and are eligible for re-election. The Trustees are assisted in the administration of the Club by committees established for Welfare and Service; Activities (fundraising); Fireworks (fundraising); Membership; and Social.

The club has policies for the following:

1. Child protection and vulnerable persons;
2. Complaints;
3. Conflict of interest;
4. Data protection;
5. Finance;
6. Grant making;
7. Risk management;
8. Volunteer.

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

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- the advancement of citizenship by promoting the principles of good citizenship; encouraging members to take an active interest in the civic, cultural, social and moral welfare of the community; 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; 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; 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.

REVIEW OF ACTIVITIES AND ACHIEVEMENTS

Summary of the main activities in relation to those purposes for the public benefit, in particular, the activities, projects or services identified in the accounts.

Swindon Lions Club raises significant funds throughout the year from its fundraising activities. Some of the activities raise money for specific organisations that we consider will benefit from a substantial contribution to their funds. The general funds that the Club raises through other fundraising activities are used to provide grants to deserving causes and individuals within Swindon and the surrounding areas, supporting appeals from Lions' Districts, Multi District, Lions Clubs International and Lions Clubs International Foundation.

Examples of fundraising activities include:

- November 2024 the club organised a successful Fireworks event to raise general funds for the club.
- December 2024 the club had collections outside local supermarkets with a Santa and an inflatable house and the income was split between the general fund and the Prospect Hospice.
- April 2025 the club held Easter collections outside a local supermarket and also held Easter egg raffles in local pubs and the funds raised were split between the National Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children and Swindon Young Carers.

Advancement of citizenship: club members and their families took part in the following community events: The Wroughton Carnival parade and fete and the Christmas fair at Christ Church, Swindon. Attending these events demonstrates both the club's support for the community organisation and raises funds for the club. Swindon Lions sponsored a community art project in Royal Wootton Bassett. A member of the club attends the annual Remembrance ceremony at Swindon's Cenotaph and lays a wreath. The club continued with the distribution of bottles for the "Message in a Bottle" scheme which provides crucial information on any individual to the Emergency Services when they are called to attend the individual at their home.

The Club sponsors a secondary school to take part in the Lions peace poster competition. The competition is open to students age 11, 12, 13 and 14 and creating peace posters gives children the chance to express their visions of peace and inspire the world through art and creativity. We also sponsored two local primary schools to take part in the Lions 'ROAR' schools programme. The 'ROAR' competition is an inspirational and fun learning experience for children aged 7 to 11, encouraging their imagination to create and present 'world changing ideas'. It helps them to 'think big and dream big. The scheme is run in collaboration with the award-winning education company '8billionideas'.

Promoting the voluntary sector for the public benefit: grants were given to Army Cadets and at a more individual level we continue to sponsor young leader in service awards.

The relief of poverty and the relief of those in need - Swindon Lions has supported local charitable organisations such as Alternative Angels, the Food Collective and Christmas Care by awarding them grants. It held a collection for the BBC's Children in Need. It has provided funds for disaster relief through Lions Clubs International Foundation and to Southport Lions to enable them to support the community following the stabbings in their town. Members of the Club have also helped to load lorries with humanitarian aid for the Ukraine as well as wrapping Christmas presents for orphans in the Ukraine.

The Club assists with the advancement of health by helping with collections in aid of Marie Curie Cancer Care. The club made a substantial donation to West Swindon Parish Council for a defibrillator and bleed kits, as well as Kids Cancer Charity and Open Door. Swindon Lions promoted World Sight Day via social media and issuing press releases.

Promoting for the benefit of the public the conservation protection and improvement of the physical and natural environment. The club continues to promote recycling by collecting spectacles, hearing aids, mobile phones and stamps for recycling as well as donating used tools to the charity Tools for Self Reliance . The club gave sets of books to two primary schools of Wild Tribe Heroes – which teach children about environmental issues.

Promoting community participation in healthy recreation by: making a donation to Beechwood School for equipment for their outdoor play area; sponsoring Swindon Dance Academy so they were able to participate in the Dance World Cup; helping at the Bob Cook Games - a sports event for disabled people; and playing tenpin matches with Swindon's local club for the visually impaired.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

General summary: Fundraising activities during the year again comprised the annual Fireworks Display, Christmas and Easter supermarket bucket collections and attendance at various local carnivals and summer festivals. In addition, at Easter a lottery with Easter Eggs as prizes was run in conjunction with several local public houses. Profits from the Firework Display and Easter activities were above the previous year's efforts, showing increases of £2240 and £378 respectively. Christmas collections were similar to the previous year.

Grants to local community groups and charities were like the previous year with twenty-five organisations benefitting. Welfare spending was however lower by about half that of the previous year. It should be noted that most welfare grants are generated by requests from local authority officers e.g. resettlement and social services. Grants in support of various youth projects were treble the previous year i.e. £3028 as against £914.

Overall, the total funds available to the Club showed an increase of £834 in the period to 30th June 2025, i.e. from £38,211 to £39,045.

Detailed receipts and payments for the current reporting year are available in our CC16a submission.

Unrestricted funds: The General Fund is used for the normal running costs of the Club.

The General Fund balance at 30 June 2025 represents nine months of the budgeted 2025-26 expenditure.

Restricted funds: At the commencement of the period two funds were deemed to be restricted, i.e. the Supporter's Club, the French twinning fund, and the Members fund. Additionally funds collected in year for specific charities are shown as income and expenditure in the restricted funds.

2025-26: No significant changes are anticipated for 2025-26.

It should, however, be noted that a contingency fund is maintained to cover possible losses on the Firework Display due to bad weather affecting the event. Trustees have in hand an amount equal to at least the fixed costs of the Fireworks display as "free" reserves, to meet future shortfalls in income.

DECLARATIONS

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

A. Robalt.

S Austin

Signature(s)

ANNE ROBATHAN

STEPHEN AUSTIN

Full name(s)

PRESIDENT

SECRETARY

Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)

20/04/2026

20/4/26

Date



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Swindon Lions Club (CIO)

1198482

Receipts and payments accounts

CC16a

For the period from	Period start date 01/07/2024	To	Period end date 30/06/2025
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Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Activities & Fundraising					
Fireworks Display	37,816	-	-	37,816	32,182
Christmas collections	1,328	1,328	-	2,656	2,477
Easter collection		730	-	730	352
Summer carnivals etc	199	-	-	199	342
Swindon BC lottery	632	-	-	632	750
Donations	80	-	-	80	50
District Fun Day				-	120
Members Fund Raffle		270		270	272
Sponsorship			-	-	1,000
Community donation	87			87	
Charter	332			332	
				-	
Administration					
Social	2,673			2,673	3,291
Subscriptions	1,130			1,130	1,360
Tail Twister Fines	103			103	88
Individual donations	934			934	518
				-	
				-	
Supporter's Club					
Subscriptions		1,435		1,435	1,598
				-	
Contingency					
Interest	604			604	661
				-	
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	45,918	3,763	-	49,681	45,061
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
Sale of trailer	1,800	-	-	1,800	
				-	-
Sub total	1,800	-	-	1,800	-
Total receipts	47,718	3,763	-	51,481	45,061

A3 Payments

Activities & Fundraising					
Fireworks display	24,576	-	-	24,576	21,214
Youth project grants	3,028	-	-	3,028	914
Welfare grants	1,533	-	-	1,533	3,924
Community group grants	9,313	2,308	-	11,621	11,950
LCI International grants	1,400	-	-	1,400	850
Bank charges	64	-	-	64	66
Garage rent & IT support	844	-	-	844	769
Regulatory fees	135	-	-	135	85
District insurance fee	-	-	-	-	295
Message in a Bottle supplies	93	-	-	93	398
Carnival fees	-	-	-	-	115
Misc activity expenses	548	-	-	548	846
Subschargeable to fundraising	154	-	-	154	73
Ukraine District Fun Day	-	-	-	-	1,301
Ukraine welfare	-	-	-	-	568
Mileage expense	34	-	-	34	-
Administration					
Social	2,777	398	-	3,175	3,069
Subscriptions	1,762	-	-	1,762	1,736
Almoner expenses	200	-	-	200	51
Misc admin expenses	-	-	-	-	163
Supporters Club					
Prizes	-	1,480	-	1,480	192
Sub total	46,461	4,186	-	50,647	48,579
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	46,461	4,186	-	50,647	48,579
Net of receipts/(payments)	1,257	- 423	-	834	- 3,518
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	31,474	6,737	-	38,211	-
Cash funds this year end	32,731	6,314	-	39,045	- 3,518

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	Activities & Fundraising	40	1,707	-
	Administration	1,041	-	-
	Supporters Club		4,607	
	Contingency	31,650	-	-
	Total cash funds		32,731	6,314
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B3 Investment assets			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
B5 Liabilities			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
A. Robath	A. ROBATHAN	20/04/2026
S Austin	STEPHEN AUSTIN	20/4/26



Section A Independent Examiner's Report

**Report to the trustees/
members of**

Charity Name
Swindon Lions Club (CIO)

**On accounts for the year
ended**

30th June 2025 **Charity no
(if any)** 1198482

Set out on pages

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(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 30/06/2025.

**Responsibilities and
basis of report**

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

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

**Independent
examiner's statement**

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention (~~other than that disclosed below~~ *) in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act or
- 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.

** Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.*

Signed: David Walker

Date: 18/03/2026

Name: David Walker

**Relevant professional
qualification(s) or body
(if any):**

Address:

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At a more individual level we continue to sponsor young leader in service awards. Promoting the voluntary sector for the public benefit promoting volunteering, grants were given to Sea Cadets, Air Cadets and Army Cadets and awards given to Scout groups.

The relief of poverty and the relief of those in need - Swindon Lions has supported local charitable organisations such as [JF to confirm we Alternative Angels and Big Breakfast (both cater for the homeless) and the Food Collective by awarding them grants. It has provided funds for disaster relief through Lions Clubs International Foundation.

The advancement of health by helping with collections in aid of Marie Curie Cancer Care as well as making donations to Severn Freewheelers who assist the NHS transporting biological specimens. The Club awarded a grant to Wiltshire air ambulance.

Promoting for the benefit of the public the conservation protection and improvement of the physical and natural environment. The club continues to promote recycling by collecting spectacles, hearing aids and stamps for recycling.

Promoting community participation in healthy recreation, by giving a grant to a local girls football team and assisting at a sponsored cycle ride.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

General summary: Activities and fundraising activities during the year comprised the annual Fireworks Display, Christmas and Easter supermarket bucket collections and attendance at various local carnivals and summer festivals. The fireworks display was again successful and generated by far the largest net income. The Christmas collection was somewhat affected by poor weather conditions but nevertheless yielded a satisfactory return. Other events are, by their nature low key activities were primarily a mechanism for raising the profile of the club.

Detailed receipts and payments for the current reporting year of 2023-2024 are shown in the CC16a financial statement.

The net of receipt and payments for the year ended 30 June 2024 was a net cost of £3,518 and of this £3,328 was in the general fund.

Unrestricted funds: The General Fund is used for the normal running costs of the Club. The club made twenty donations of £500 to local community groups and small charities during the period as well as six further grants of less than £500. An additional donation of £1,000 was made to Swindon Humanitarian Aid Partnership who supply medical and other goods to the Ukraine, this was in addition to the restricted Ukrainian fund distributions. A further £3,923 was distributed in the form of welfare grants to local needy families reported via local authority officers.

Donations totalling £850 were made to Lions Clubs International in support of various disaster appeals and £914 was donated to various youth related projects.

Further details are available in the CC16a submission.

The General Fund balance at 30 June 2024 represents nine months of the budgeted 2024-25 expenditure.

Restricted funds: At the commencement of the period four funds were deemed to be restricted, i.e. the Ukraine fund, the Supporter's Club, the French twinning fund, and the Members fund. During the period the Ukrainian fund was completely emptied

providing welfare grants for Ukrainian refugees and for sponsoring a "Fun Day" for Ukrainian families. Any further grants for Ukrainian causes will be made from general funds. Due to the ending of the French Twinning arrangement, it was proposed that the member's fund and the French fund be amalgamated, this was agreed unanimously by the club members and endorsed by the trustees. As a result, there are now only two restricted funds, the Members, and the supporters Club which totalled £6,737 at the year end.

2024-25: No significant changes are anticipated for 2024-25. The financial prospects for the year 2024-25 are reasonably good.

Finally it should be noted that a contingency fund is maintained to cover possible losses on the Firework Display due to bad weather affecting the event. Trustees have in hand an amount equal to at least the fixed costs of the Fireworks display as "free" reserves, to meet future shortfalls in income.

DECLARATIONS

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

.....John T Fanning.....

Signature(s)

.....S. Austin.....

.....John Terence Fanning.....

Full name(s)

.....STEPHEN KIM AUSTIN.....

.....Treasurer.....

Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)

.....SECRETARY.....

.....8th April 2025.....

Date

.....8th April 2025.....



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Swindon Lions Club (CIO)	1198482
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CC16a

Receipts and payments accounts

For the period from	01/07/2023	To	30/06/2024
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Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Activities / Fundraising	-	-	-	-	-
Fireworks Display	£32,182	£0	£0	£32,182	£36,386
Christmas collection	£2,477	£0	£0	£2,477	£3,604
Easter collection	£352	£0	£0	£352	£261
HMRC Small Donation Scheme	£0	£0	£0	£0	£2,226
Summer carnivals	£341	£0	£0	£341	£428
Swindon Lottery	£750	£0	£0	£750	£765
Donations in memoriam	£0	£0	£0	£0	£899
Cream tea donation	£0	£0	£0	£0	£120
Misc donations <£30	£50	£0	£0	£50	£224
District Fun Day	£120	£0	£0	£120	£80
Ukraine collections	£0	£0	£0	£0	£4,054
French twinning raffle	£0	£0	£0	£0	£60
Members raffle	£0	£272.00	£0	£272	£55
Sponsorship	£1,000	£0.00	£0	£1,000	
Administration			-		-
Social (handover, christmas, charter)	£3,291	£0	£0	£3,291	£2,277
Subscriptions	£1,360	£0	£0	£1,360	£1,175
Members raffle	£0	£0	£0	£0	£51
Tail Twister fines	£88	£0	£0	£88	£89
Individual donation to club	£518	£0	£0	£518	£120
Mileage donations	£0	£0	£0	£0	
			-		-
Supporters					
Supporter subscriptions	£0	£1,598	£0	£1,598	1,457
Contingency					
Interest	£661	£0	£0	£661	£224
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	£43,190	£1,870	£0	£45,061	54,553
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	£43,190	£1,870	£0	£45,061	54,553

A3 Payments

Activities / Fundraising	-	-	-	-	-
Fireworks display	£21,214			£21,214	£24,480
Christmas Collection	£0			£0	£141
Youth projects	£914			£914	£638
Grants, welfare	£3,923			£3,923	£2,172
Grants community groups <£300	£0			£0	£1,400
Grants community groups	£11,950			£11,950	£4,000
International Appeals (LCIF)	£850			£850	£3,022
Bank charges	£66			£66	£166
Garage annual rent & IT support	£769			£769	£588
IT support & domain renewal	£0			£0	£230
Regulator fees (ICO & Fund Raising)	£85			£85	£85
DBS checks fees	£0			£0	£54
District Insurance fee	£294			£294	£44
Message in a Bottle supplies	£398			£398	£227
Carnival fees	£115			£115	£15
Purchase of tombola set	£0			£0	£160
Miscellaneous activity expenses	£846			£846	£51
Ukraine welcome vouchers	£0			£0	£2,475
Subscriptions chargeable to fundraising	£73			£73	
Ukraine payment for district Fun Day		£1,301		£1,301	£1,585
Ukraine childrens christmas party				£0	£200
Ukraine bed & bedding for family welfare		£568		£568	£250
				£0	
Administration				£0	
Social	£3,069		-	£3,069	£2,294
Subscriptions	£1,735		-	£1,735	£1,664
New members joining fees	£0		-	£0	£72
Almoner expenses	£51			£51	£59
Bank charges (tfr to activities this year)	£0			£0	£22
Miscellaneous expenses, secretary, mileage,	£163			£163	
				£0	-
Supporters				£0	-
Supporter prizes		£192		£192	£840
Sub total	£46,518	£2,061	-	£48,579	46,935

A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)

	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-

Total payments **£46,518** **£2,061** **£0** **£48,579** **46,935**

Net of receipts/(payments) **-£3,328** **-£191** **£0** **-£3,518** **7,618**

A5 Transfers between funds **£0** **£0** **£0** **£0** **-**

A6 Cash funds last year end **£34,801** **£6,928.00** **£0** **£41,729** **-**

Cash funds this year end **£31,474** **£6,737** **£0** **£38,211** **7,618**

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	Activities / Fundraising	£268	£2,085	-
	Administration	£939	-	-
	Supporters	£0	£4,652	-
	Contingency	£30,266	-	-
	Total cash funds (agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	£31,474	£6,737	-
		OK Unrestricted funds to nearest £	OK Restricted funds to nearest £	OK Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets	Details			
	N/A	-	-	-
B3 Investment assets	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
	N/A		-	-
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
	N/A		-	-
B5 Liabilities	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
	un presented cheques	Supporters	700	
Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees	Signature	Print Name	Date of approval	
	A. Robath S Austin	A. ROBATHAW. S. AUSTIN.	07/04/25 07/04/25	



**CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES**

**Independent examiner's
report on the accounts**

Section A Independent Examiner's Report

**Report to the trustees/
members of**

Swindon lions Club (CIO)

**On accounts for the year
ended**

30th June 2024

**Charity no
(if any)**

1198482

Set out on pages

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I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended

**Responsibilities and
basis of report**

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

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

**Independent
examiner's statement**

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention (other than that disclosed below *) in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act or
- 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.

** Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.*

Signed: David Walker

Date: 02/03/2025

Name: David Walker

**Relevant professional
qualification(s) or body
(if any):**

Address:

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Broad Town
Swindon SN4 7RP

SWINDON LIONS CLUB (CIO)

England & Wales - Charity number 1198482

Accounts

SWINDON LIONS CLUB (CIO)

Charity number 1198482

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30TH JUNE 2023

This report includes information required by the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 and the Statement of Recommended Practice for Accounting by Charities 2005 as applicable to charities entitled to prepare accounts on the receipts and payments basis.

ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Swindon Lions CIO was registered with charity number 1198482 on 31 March 2022 and on 8 September 2022 it received funds from charity number 1160202 (SWINDON LIONS CLUB CHARITABLE TRUST FUND).

Swindon Lions CIO is part of the worldwide organisation of The International Association of Lions Clubs. Within the multi-district of Great Britain Swindon Lions operates in the Lions District 105 SC.

Swindon Lions meets twice a month at The Village Hotel, Shaw Ridge Leisure Park, Swindon SN5 7DW

The email address is: contact@swindonlions.org

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

The activities of Swindon Lions Club is overseen by the Trustees of the charity.

The trustees at formation and through to 30 June 2023 are:

- Stephen Austin
- John Farmery
- Peter Kennewell
- Helen Marson
- Alan Mitchell
- Anne Robathan

All of the Trustees provide their services free of charge. None of the Trustees had a material interest in any contract of significance to which the charity was a party during

the period.

The governing document of the registered charity is the charity's constitution which was adopted on 11 April 2022. The trustees are responsible for the financial administration of the Club.

The trustees meet twice a month after the club meetings and their decisions are guided by the wishes of members.

Trustees serve for a maximum of four years, retire by rotation and are eligible for re-election. The Trustees are assisted in the administration of the Club by committees established for Welfare and Service; Activities (fundraising); Fireworks (fundraising); Membership and Social.

The club has policies for the following:

1. Child protection and vulnerable persons;
2. Complaints;
3. Conflict of interest;
4. Data protection;
5. Finance;
6. Grant making;
7. Risk management;
8. Volunteer.

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

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

- the advancement of citizenship by promoting the principles of good citizenship; encouraging members to take an active interest in the civic, cultural, social and moral welfare of the community; 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; 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; 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.

REVIEW OF ACTIVITIES AND ACHIEVEMENTS

Summary of the main activities in relation to those purposes for the public benefit, in particular, the activities, projects or services identified in the accounts.

Swindon Lions Club raises significant funds throughout the year from its fundraising activities. Some of the activities raise money for specific organisations that we consider will benefit from a substantial contribution to their funds. The general funds that the Club raises through other fundraising activities are used to provide grants to deserving causes and individuals within Swindon and the surrounding areas, supporting appeals from Lions' Districts, Multi District, Lions Clubs International and Lions Clubs International Foundation.

Examples of such activities include:

- November 2022 the club organised a successful Fireworks event to raise general funds for the club.
- December 2022 the club had collections for the general fund outside local supermarkets with a Santa and sleigh.
- April 2023 the club held Easter collections outside a local supermarket.
- Throughout the year collections were made for humanitarian aid relating to Ukraine.

Advancement of citizenship: club members and their families took part in the following

community events: The Wroughton Carnival parade and fete; the Wanborough Village and Country Show and the Christmas fair at Christ Church, Swindon.

Promoting the voluntary sector for the public benefit promoting volunteering, grants have been given to Sea Cadets and Army Cadets in previous years and awards given to Scout and Cub groups.

The relief of poverty and the relief of those in need - Swindon Lions has supported local charitable organisations such as Alternative Angels and Big Breakfast (both cater for the homeless) and the Food Collective by awarding them grants. It has provided funds for disaster relief through Lions Clubs International Foundation.

The advancement of health by helping with collections in aid of Marie Curie Cancer Care.

Promoting for the benefit of the public the conservation protection and improvement of the physical and natural environment, litter picks and tree plantings have been organised in previous years.

Promoting community participation in healthy recreation, by volunteering to assist sponsored cycle rides, runs and walks.

The Club awarded a grant to STEP Swindon who support children from age 7 to 18 experiencing isolation and exclusion; Air ambulance as well as others undertakes a number of community service projects.

The Club sponsors a secondary school to take part in the Lions peace poster competition. The competition is open to students age 11, 12, 13 and 14 and creating peace posters gives children the chance to express their visions of peace and inspire the world through art and creativity.

We also sponsored two local primary schools to take part in the Lions 'ROAR' schools programme. The 'ROAR' competition is an inspirational and fun learning experience for children aged 7 to 11, encouraging their imagination to create and present 'world changing ideas'. It helps them to 'think big and dream big'. The scheme is run in collaboration with the award-winning education company '8billionideas'.

At a more individual level we continue to sponsor young leader in service awards.

The Club continues to collect spectacles, hearing aids and stamps for recycling.

Swindon Lions continue to distribute the green message in a bottle which provide crucial information on any individual, to the Emergency Services when they are called to attend the individual at their home.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

General summary: This report is for the first full financial year since the club transitioned from the unincorporated club with charity trust to the CIO model.

The club receives income by making collections at Christmas and Easter; by organising a Fireworks display; local carnivals and shows and, in this reporting year, additional collections in support of Ukrainian refugee families in Swindon. Receipts for the composite financial year of 2021-2022 were £25630 against payments of £16972.

Detailed receipts and payments for the current reporting year of 2022-2023 are shown in the CC16a financial statement.

The net of receipt and payments for the year ended 30 June 2023 was a net receipt of £7618 and of this £7343 was in the general fund..

No significant changes are anticipated for 2023-24. Running the Fireworks display is a risky activity due to high fixed costs and the event being dependent on the weather. The Club takes steps to minimise the risks. The financial prospects for the year 2023-24 are reasonably good.

Unrestricted funds: Ideally, the Trustees would wish to have in hand an amount equal to at least the fixed costs of the Fireworks display as "free" reserves, to meet future shortfalls in income.

The General Fund is used for the normal running costs of the Club.

The General Fund balance at 30 June 2023 represents twelve months of the budgeted 2024 expenditure.

Designated Funds: There are a total of four restricted funds totalling £6928 at the yearend available for various defined purposes.

DECLARATIONS

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

.....*S Austin*.....

Signature(s)

.....*John Farmer*.....

.....*STEVE AUSTIN*.....

Full name(s)

.....*John Farmer*.....

.....*SECRETARY*.....

Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)

.....*Treasurer*.....

.....*4/3/24*.....

Date

.....*4/3/24*.....



Receipts and payments accounts

For the period from	01/07/2022	To	30/06/2023
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Section A Receipts and payments

Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Last year
to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £

A1 Receipts

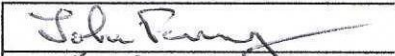
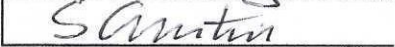
Activities / Fundraising	-	-	-	-	-
Fireworks Display	£36,386			£36,386	
Christmas collection	£3,604			£3,604	
Easter collection	£261			£261	
HMRC Small Donation Scheme	£2,226			£2,226	
Summer carnivals	£428			£428	
Swindon Lottery	£765			£765	
Donations in memoriam	£899			£899	
Cream tea donation	£120			£120	
Misc donations <£30	£224			£224	
Payment for District Fun Day	£80			£80	
Ukraine collections		£4,054		£4,054	
French twinning raffle		£60		£60	
Members raffle		£55	-	£55	-
Administration			-		-
Social (handover, christmas, charter)	£2,277		-	£2,277	-
Subscriptions	£1,175			£1,175	
Members raffle	£51			£51	
Tail Twister fines	£89			£89	
Individual donation to club	£120		-	£120	-
			-		-
Supporters			-		-
Supporter subscriptions		£1,457		£1,457	
Contingency					
Interest	£224			£224	
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	£48,928	£5,625	£0	£54,553	-

A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).

Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	£48,928	£5,625	£0	£54,553	-

A3 Payments					
Activities / Fundraising	-	-	-	-	-
Fireworks display	£24,480			£24,480	
Christmas Collection	£141			£141	
Youth projects	£638			£638	
Grants, welfare	£2,172			£2,172	
Grants community groups <£300	£1,400			£1,400	
Grants community groups >£300	£4,000			£4,000	
International Appeals (LCIF)	£3,022			£3,022	
Bank charges	£166			£166	
Garage annual rent	£588			£588	
IT support & domain renewal	£230			£230	
Regulator fees (ICO & Fund Raising)	£85			£85	
DBS checks fees	£54			£54	
District Insurance fee	£44			£44	
Message in a Bottle supplies	£227			£227	
Carnival fee	£15			£15	
Purchase of tombola set	£160			£160	
Miscellaneous purchases	£51			£51	
Ukraine welcome vouchers		£2,475		£2,475	
Ukraine payment for district Fun Day		£1,585		£1,585	
Ukraine childrens christmas party		£200		£200	
Ukraine bed & bedding for family		£250		£250	
				£0	
Administration				£0	
Social	£2,294		-	£2,294	-
Members dues	£1,664		-	£1,664	-
New members joining fees	£72		-	£72	-
Almoner expenses	£59			£59	
Bank charges	£22			£22	
			-	£0	-
Supporters			-	£0	-
Supporter prizes		£840		£840	
Sub total	£41,586	£5,350	-	£46,935	-
A4 Asset and investment purchases. (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	£41,586	£5,350	£0	£46,935	-
Net of receipts/(payments)	£7,343	£275	£0	£7,618	-
A5 Transfers between funds	£0	£0	£0	£0	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	£27,459	£6,653	£0	£34,112	-
Cash funds this year end	£34,801	£6,928	£0	£41,729	-

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	Activities / Fundraising	£1,051	£3,682	-
	Administration	£3,581		
	Supporters	£0	£3,245	-
	Contingency	£30,169	-	-
	Total cash funds	£34,801	£6,928	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK
	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets	N/A	-	-	-
	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B3 Investment assets	N/A		-	-
	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use	N/A		-	-
			-	-
	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
B5 Liabilities	Nil		-	
Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees		Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
			JOHN FARQUHAR	4/3/24
			STEVE AUSTIN	4/3/24



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

**Report to the trustees/
members of**

Charity Name
Swindon Lions Club (CIO)

**On accounts for the year
ended**

30th June 2023

**Charity no
(if any)**

1198482

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(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 30 / 06 / 2023.

**Responsibilities and
basis of report**

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

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

**Independent
examiner's statement**

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention (other than that disclosed below *) in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act or
- 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.

** Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.*

Signed:

D. Walker

Date:

12/02/2024

Name:

David Walker

**Relevant professional
qualification(s) or body
(if any):**

Address:

14 Broadacres

Broad Town

Swindon SN4 7RP