

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

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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

CC16a

For the period
from

01/07/2022

To

30/06/2023

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).

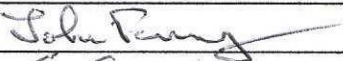
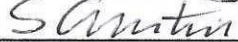
Sub total

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 Steve Austin | 4/3/24 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

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 / 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):**

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