

## **SWINDON LIONS CLUB (CIO)**

**Charity number 1198482**

### **REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES**

#### **FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30TH JUNE 2024**

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](mailto:contact@swindonlions.org)

### **STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT**

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

The trustees from 1 July 2023 through to 30 June 2024 were:

- 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 2023 the club organised a successful Fireworks event to raise general funds for the club.
- December 2023 the club had collections for the general fund outside local



supermarkets with a Santa and an inflatable house.

- April 2024 the club held Easter collections outside a local supermarket.

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.

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; and has supported the Bob Cook Games - a sports event for disabled people. 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.

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.....

.....8<sup>th</sup> April 2025.....

Date

.....8<sup>th</sup> April 2025.....





**CHARITY COMMISSION**  
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Swindon Lions Club (CIO)

1198482

Receipts and payments accounts

CC16a

For the period  
from

01/07/2023

To

30/06/2024

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 £
<b>A1 Receipts</b>					
<b>Activities / Fundraising</b>	-	-	-	-	-
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	
<b>Administration</b>			-		-
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	
			-		-
<b>Supporters</b>			-		-
Supporter subscriptions	£0	£1,598	£0	£1,598	1,457
<b>Contingency</b>					
Interest	£661	£0	£0	£661	£224
<b>Sub total (Gross income for AR)</b>	<b>£43,190</b>	<b>£1,870</b>	<b>£0</b>	<b>£45,061</b>	<b>54,553</b>
<b>A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).</b>					
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total receipts</b>	<b>£43,190</b>	<b>£1,870</b>	<b>£0</b>	<b>£45,061</b>	<b>54,553</b>



### A3 Payments

<b>Activities / Fundraising</b>	-	-	-	-	-
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	
<b>Administration</b>				£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	-
<b>Supporters</b>			-	£0	-
Supporter prizes		£192	-	£192	£840
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>£46,518</b>	<b>£2,061</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>£48,579</b>	<b>46,935</b>

### A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)

	-	-	-	-	
	-	-	-	-	
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>

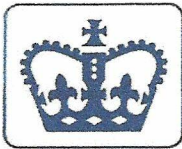
<b>Total payments</b>	<b>£46,518</b>	<b>£2,061</b>	<b>£0</b>	<b>£48,579</b>	<b>46,935</b>
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<b>Net of receipts/(payments)</b>	<b>-£3,328</b>	<b>-£191</b>	<b>£0</b>	<b>-£3,518</b>	<b>7,618</b>
<b>A5 Transfers between funds</b>	<b>£0</b>	<b>£0</b>	<b>£0</b>	<b>£0</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>A6 Cash funds last year end</b>	<b>£34,801</b>	<b>£6,928.00</b>	<b>£0</b>	<b>£41,729</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Cash funds this year end</b>	<b>£31,474</b>	<b>£6,737</b>	<b>£0</b>	<b>£38,211</b>	<b>7,618</b>

# 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	-	-
	<b>Total cash funds</b> (agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	<b>£31,474</b>	<b>£6,737</b>	<b>-</b>
		OK	OK	OK
		Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets	N / A	-	-	-
		Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B3 Investment assets	N / A		-	-
		Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use	N / A		-	-
			-	-
		Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
B5 Liabilities	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	A. ROBATHAW.	07/04/25	
	S Austin	S. AUSTIN.	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**

30<sup>th</sup> 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

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

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