

SWINDON LIONS CLUB (CIO)

Charity number 1198482

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

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 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

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 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. Robathan

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

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
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Net of receipts/(payments)	1,257	- 423	-	834	- 3,518
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A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
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A6 Cash funds last year end	31,474	6,737	-	38,211	-
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Cash funds this year end	32,731	6,314	-	39,045	- 3,518
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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

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

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

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

	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. Roback	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:

D Walker

Date:

18/03/2026

Name:

David Walker

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

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