



Lions Clubs International

Ringwood & Fordingbridge Lions Club (CIO)

Registered Charity No. 1202116

Report of the Trustees for year ended 30th June 2024.

With effect from 1st July 2023 the Ringwood & Fordingbridge Lions Club (CIO), Registered Charity No. 1202116, assumed responsibility for the assets and liabilities of the previously unincorporated Ringwood & Fordingbridge Lions Club and its associated Charitable Trust Fund, Registered Charity No. 1110931. This is therefore the first report of the Trustees relative to the newly formed Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO).

The Trustees present their Report together with the Financial Statements for the year ended 30th June 2023.

Charity's Principal Address

78 Netherhampton Road, Salisbury, Wiltshire SP2 8HE

Trustees.

The Trustees who served during the year are:

Trustee name	Office	Appointed
Stephen Sherring	President	July 2023
Rosemary Stella Gregory	Secretary	July 2023
Barrie Richardson	Treasurer	July 2023
Philip Allen Gregory	Immediate Past President	July 2023

The President is also the Chairman of the Trustees and a quorum is a majority of the total number of charity trustees for the time being, or such larger number as the charity trustees may decide from time to time.

No Trustee received any remuneration or benefit from the CIO.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping proper financial records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the CIO and to enable them to ensure that the Financial Statements comply with the Charities Act 1992. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the CIO.

Objectives

These are defined in the Constitution.

The Objects of the Club are such purposes as are exclusively charitable in England & Wales, including in particular:

1. The advancement of citizenship
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.
3. Promoting volunteering.
4. The relief of poverty and the relief of those in need in particular by providing humanitarian aid and disaster relief.
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.

6. Promoting for the benefit of the public the conservation protection and improvement of the physical and natural environment.
7. Promoting community participation in healthy recreation.

Statement of Public Benefit

The Trustees have complied with the duty in section 4 of The Charities Act 2006 to have due regard to public benefit guidance published by the Charities Commission.

Main benefits and beneficiaries of our activities during the year include:

- Donation to our District Youth Trust Fund to facilitate Lions Clubs International projects for young people.
- We captured the imagination and creativity of more than 100 students locally who entered the Lions International Peace Poster Competition.
- Support of the annual RBL Poppy Appeal by way of a donation.
- Donations to our Lions International Foundation Disaster Fund in support of the Ukraine Refugees, Morocco Earthquake and Taiwan Earthquake relief appeals.
- Various grants to other Local young people and causes.
- Continued to distribute free of cost the Lions Message in a Bottle that is a simple but effective way for people to keep their basic personal and medical details where they can be found in an emergency on a standard form and in a common location - the fridge.
- Continued support of the Lions Brain Tumour Research Appeal by way of a donation.
- Support of the Ringwood Foodbank by collecting food.
- We endorsed the applications of 8 local students to travel abroad as part of the Lions International Youth Camp & Exchange Program.
- Support of our Lions District Hospice Appeal by way of a donation.
- We sponsored 10 young people with special needs supported by Stable Family Home Trust, to attend the annual District Lions Day at Marwell Zoo.
- We sponsored a young person to enter our national Young Ambassador competition.
- We sponsored Fordingbridge Primary School to enter the Lions ROAR innovative ideas competition providing an inspirational and fun learning experience. The ROAR education programme allows children to 'think big and dream big' while creating a 'world changing idea'.

Benefits relate to our main aims and objectives and beneficiaries are members of the public both within the United Kingdom and overseas.

Organisation

A Constitution for a Charitable Incorporated Organisation registered with the Charity Commissioners for England and Wales on 28th February 2023 and adopted on 1st July 2023, governs the rules of the charity.

The Constitution

A copy of the Constitution is held by the Club Treasurer and is available for inspection at any reasonable time.

Review of Activities

The activities of the Charity continue to be in pursuance of its objectives. Activities are regularly reported at each Club meeting and also monitored at Board of Trustee meetings.



Financial Review

The detailed financial position of the Charity is shown in the Financial Statements. The Charity continues to receive the majority of its income from the various fundraising activities of the Club. Some of the activities are designated for specific purposes. On consolidation, payments are then made on a regular basis to the designated Charity or charitable cause.

The Trustees consider the finances of the Charity to be satisfactory.

Reserves Policy.

Sufficient reserves are held in the Activities Account to seed our fundraising activities throughout the year, subject to an annual review by the Trustees.

Assets

The assets of the Charity consist solely of cash held with Lloyds Bank Plc, Ringwood Branch in Current Accounts and an interest-bearing Instant Access Investment Account.

Voluntary Help

All administration of the Charity is provided free of charge by the Ringwood & Fordingbridge Lions Club with indirect costs covered by member's subscriptions and revenue from inter-member activities.

Future Plans

The Trustees plan to continue with the stated objects of the Charity.

Policies

The Charity has the following written policies in place that are reviewed appropriately.

- Conflict of interest.
- Vulnerable Beneficiaries.
- Risk Management.
- Complaints Procedure.
- Volunteer Policy.
- Grant Making Criteria.
- Data Privacy Notice.

Declaration

The Trustees declare that they have approved the preceding Trustees' Report.

Signed on behalf of the Charity's Trustees



STEPHEN SHERRING
2023/24 Club President/Trustee /Chair of Trustees



ROSEMARY S. GREGORY
2023/24 Secretary/Trustee

Date: 10th March 2025



NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

Accounting Policies

General

The accounts are prepared on a receipts and payment basis.

Opening Project Balances

Transferred from the unincorporated Ringwood & Fordingbridge Lions Club and its associated Charitable Trust Account following their merger into the new CIO.

Taxation

The Club has been granted charitable status and no provision has been made in the accounts.

Legal Status

Ringwood & Fordingbridge Lions Club (CIO) is governed by its Constitution adopted in July 2023 and is registered with the Charity Commissioners for England and Wales, Register Number 1202116, who regulates charity giving.

Bankers

Lloyds Bank Plc., 25 High Street, Ringwood, Hampshire BH24 1BD.

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Independent examiner's report.
Statement of financial activities.



Independent examiner's report on the accounts

Independent Examiner’s Report to the trustees of Ringwood & Fordingbridge Lions Club
Charitable Incorporated Organisation (“the CIO”), Charity No. 120211.

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the CIO for the year ended 30th June 2024.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of the CIO, 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 CIO’s accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act. 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 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.

Signed:		Date:	25 April 2025
Name:	Arthur Poulton		
Relevant professional qualification(s) or body (if any):	Retired Member of Institute of Bankers		
Address:	7 Pine Close, Ferndown BH22 9QX		

RINGWOOD & FORDINGBRIDGE LIONS CLUB (CIO)

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30th JUNE 2024

All figures rounded to the nearest pound.

Receipts and Payments

		2024		
	Notes	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total funds £
Incoming Resources				
1 Donations and grants		358	500	858
2 Street collections		549	310	859
3 Bucket and collecting tin donations		731		731
4 Fundraising events		3,783		3,783
5 Bank interest		73		73
6 Fees for charitable services		328		328
Administration:				
7 Member's subscriptions	1	1,125		1,125
8 Club draw		94		94
9 Tail Twister		72		72
10 Member's pontoon		200		200
11 Social events		2,512		2,512
Total incoming resources		9,825	810	10,635

Resources Expended

12 Cost of fundraising events		663		663
13 Repairs and maintenance		104		104
14 Printing, postage, stationery and computer supplies		21		21
15 Grants and donations paid		3,137	310	3,447
16 Charitable activities		1,497	1,500	2,997
17 Financial services		4		4
18 Fees		60		60
19 Training		14		14
Administration:				
20 Club dues, L C I	1 & 2	471		471
21 Club dues, MD 105	1 & 2	490		490
22 Club dues, District 105SC		126		126
23 Social events		2,500		2,500
24 Insurance	2	44		44
25 Website and IT services	2	90		90
26 Regalia		30		30
27 Room hire		165		165
Total Resources Expended		9,416	1,810	11,226
28 Net movement in funds for the year		409	(1,000)	(591)
29 Funds transferred from R & F Lions Administration Account		1,094		1,094
30 Funds transferred from R & F Lions Activities Account		732		732
31 Funds transferred from R & F Lions Charitable Trust Account		5,544	750	6,294
Total funds carried forward		7,779	(250)	7,529

Notes:

- 1 Includes an element for insurances
- 2 All insurances, website and IT costs are paid through the Administration Account with an appropriate charge made against the Activities Account.

Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period.

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total funds £
Cash funds.			
32 Lloyds current account - Administration	1,378		1,378
33 Lloyds current account - Activities	775		775
34 Lloyds current account - Charities	0		0
35 Lloyds instant access investment account - Charities	5,376		5,376
Total assets carried forward	7,529		7,529

Liabilities.

- 36 No known ongoing liabilities

Approved by the Trustees and signed on their behalf:



STEPHEN SHERRING
2023/24 Club President/Trustee/Chair of
Trustees



BARRIE RICHARDSON
2023/24 Club Treasurer/Trustee

Date: 10th March 2025

