

Golden Lion Children's Trust

Trustees' Report 1st April 2023 – 31st March 2024

Registered Charity No 272993

PO Box 400, Lewes, East Sussex, BN8 4RZ.

The Golden Lion Children's Trust remains an unincorporated charity, as set up under the Trust Deeds, in accordance with the Golden Lion Children's Trust Constitution and policies, which are reviewed and updated annually.

The founders of the GLCT in 1973 believed businesses and organisations could help children with special needs in so many ways. This belief is continued by the Trust today, in the belief that the most important asset the charity has is its reputation.

In spite of the disruption caused by the coronavirus pandemic during April 2021 – March 2022, the GLCT has survived but in common with so many other charities and organisations has not found the past 12 months easy. In spite of continued efforts by the Trustees and willingness to help on the part of many individuals and Friends of the Golden Lion Children's Trust together with support in various ways from business partners, there has been a noticeable challenge in fund-raising events and favourable outcomes when applying for grants and awards, and even face-to-face fund-raising. This disappointment has been shared with other charities and regardless of their size all seem to be experiencing the same difficulties.

The past twelve months have been both challenging and in some ways disappointing for GLCT but the charity continues to support children with special needs and disadvantaged young people throughout Sussex, and during the past 12 months has managed to arrange 30 projects and for them, with 10 fund-raising events. Schools report that co-vid cases continue to be problematic both impacting pupils and staff. Throughout the year arrangements have had to be cancelled at relatively short notice and this has really impacted on charities, GLCT included.

Business Partners and Supporting Organisations; Projects & Events

GLCT continued to enjoy membership of **Gatwick Diamond Business** (GDB) networking organisation. Face to face meetings once again became the norm and the support and encouragement of fellow members very helpful. Sharing information is invaluable – for example re grant offers; knowledge of suppliers for equipment required by schools; encouragement between all charities coping with similar post co-vid difficulties, etc.

CAE generously agreed to GLCT using a meeting room in their Gatwick offices each month.

Other businesses offering support or helpful advice include **Easistore, Crawley; ExTech; Gatwick Manor Hotel; Ice Media**. Disappointingly GLCT received news that years of using storage units at Deers Leap, Saint Hill had to end but our links with the two companies (**Southern Sheeting Supplies** and **SEFab, Saint Hill**) remain, and **StriveAV** generously offered storage facilities at their new warehouse in E.Grinstead.

Invitations to **BBBC (Big Business Breakfast Club)** in Brighton gave GLCT opportunities to network with several companies who have subsequently offered support.

Hybrid working continued in many companies but thankfully most links with the Golden Lion Children's Trust remained although experienced contacts may no longer be available.

Maintained contacts enabling GLCT groups to enjoy visits include:

PricewaterhouseCoopers with their annual pantomime at Peacock Theatre, Holborn;
Hawth Theatre welcomed a group of GLCT families to 'Sleeping Beauty' (thanks to money raised by Copthorne Village Golf Club);

Royal Hippodrome Theatre, Eastbourne's unforgettable performance of 'Snow White'
Cineworld Crawley - an exclusive 'relaxed' screening of 'Trolls Band Again' ;

Glyndebourne Opera House included GLCT once again in their 'Performance for Schools' project – with pupils from 3 SEN schools enjoyed 'L'elisir d'amore'- a full scale production, which so often is the first opportunity SEN children have to enjoy live theatre - drama, music, etc.

Bluebell Railway 'Santa Special' - children from 8 SEN schools plus children from Peanut Ward, Queen Victoria Hospital, E. Grinstead

Drusilla's Zoo, Alfriston;

Hickstead International Showground

Herstmonceux Observatory Science Centre

Hollywood Bowl, Crawley – visit for SEN children with severe mobility issues

South of England Society – over 100 young teenagers from 4 SEN schools enjoyed South of England Summer Show.

Merlin's Magic Wand (the charity arm of Merlin Entertainment) included GLCT as a Preferred Partner once again – and school groups enjoyed visits to **MMW SeaLife, Brighton;**

Fund raising was helped by former **British Caledonian** staff continuing links with GLCT, arranging fund-raising opportunities including flights in G-CHIP (the Piper Cherokee housed at Shoreham Airport and bearing GLCT logo!)

Bikers Toy Run took place in December;

Tilgate Forest Golf Club Captain's Day invited GLCT as their Chosen Charity for the 12th year;

RSA MoreThan (Horsham) staff continued to liaise and help in their own time as well as donating many toys for a Christmas project;

West Sussex Fire & Rescue Service invited GLCT to run a stall at 4 station Open Days (chance to raise funds, meet with families of children previously supported and to make new contacts).

The annual GLCT project to deliver sacks of presents to children of families in crisis took place this year supporting fewer children. Collaborating with **Greenaway Foundation** helped with information about children needing support and toys; **MORE Radio** generously included GLCT in their Annual Toy Collection; which in turn resulted in **County Mall, Crawley** inviting GLCT to run a stall over the Black Friday weekend at the end of November.

However instead of donating toys, etc for so many children as in previous years, GLCT opted to address the 'Clothing Poverty' issue. This problem had been commented on for some months by so many schools and agencies together with reported increase in other charities doing similar projects delivering toys, etc in the same areas.

By working with local branches of 2 national retailers GLCT arranged vouchers for each child named by school SENCOs (Special Needs Co-Ordinators), domestic abuse team workers and other agencies. Families chose either a clothing or footwear voucher; had at least a month to shop, and if transport was an issue a national bus company generously donated bus tickets to GLCT – although these were not widely distributed as the Government introduced a reduced bus fare system during that December! The project was felt to be a great success as 407 local children were eventually supported with a voucher each for items they felt were needed.

This project was made possible through generous grants and donations from Gatwick Airport Community Trust and Sussex Community Foundation. Feedback from the families and the delivery teams was passed on to grant-makers, as this is always of interest to them.

A generous grant from the Light Fund enabled GLCT to arrange a day at **Bowles Activity Centre**, near Groombridge for young teenagers from two local SEN schools. Each activity was instructor-led and mostly involved experiences the pupils had not tried before.

Returning to near-normal following the co-vid pandemic thanks to a strong team of Trustees, Friends of GLCT and business connections, the Golden Lion Children's Trust has remained positive during April '23– March '24. By continuing this way during the next 12 months it will enable more annual favourites and new projects to be arranged for the benefit of children with special needs and disadvantaged young people we are privileged to support.

Lynda Guy

Chairman Golden Lion Children's Trust

November 2024



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

Charity Name
Golden Lion Children's Trust

On accounts for the year
ended

2023/24

Charity no
(if any)

272993

Set out on pages

(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 DD / MM / YYYY.

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
- 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:

Date:

31/12/2024

Name:

AMES BRISLEY

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GOLDEN LION CHILDREN'S TRUST

INCOME and EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

Charity Number: 272993

GOLDEN LION CHILDREN'S TRUST

INCOME and EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

Comparative Year to 31-Mar-23		Appendix	Year to 31-Mar-24
	INCOME		
£123.50	Subscriptions	2	£123.50
£5,761.95	Donations	3	£11,444.28
£15,700.00	Grants	3	£13,000.00
£21,585.45			£24,567.78
	FUND RAISING EVENTS		
£695.00	Newick Bonfire		£0.00
£1,995.49	Motor cycle toy run		£1,417.73
£2,439.76	Tilgate Forest Golf Captains Day		£3,209.76
£437.89	Crawley Fire Station		£515.25
£7,831.52	Cuckfield Tree Festival		£0.00
£2,773.00	BCAL Fund raising		£2,481.89
£161.00	BCAL Aviation Fair		£2,307.30
£381.77	Worthing Fire Station Open Day		£276.26
£277.34	Haywards Heath Fire Station Open Day		£0.00
£0.00	Shoreham Fire Station		£187.89
£0.00	K2		£39.32
£0.00	County Mall		£864.64
£0.00	Cuckfield Market		£101.44
£0.00	Burgess Hill Fire Station		£198.25
£16,992.77			£11,599.73
£38,578.22	TOTAL INCOME		£36,167.51
	EXPENDITURE		
£15,615.47	Projects (Note)	4	£21,652.10
£18,723.76	Administration	5	£19,807.55
£34,339.23			£41,459.65
£4,238.99	Surplus / Deficit		£5,292.14
Note & App. 4:	Project costs are actual and are net of Donated costs and Discounts of:		£4,462.54

GOLDEN LION CHILDREN'S TRUST

Appendix 1

BANK ACCOUNTS -

	Subs Account	Current Account	Savings Account	TOTAL
31-Mar-23 Bal. b/fwd	£1,921.50	£30,648.92	£10,457.14	£42,954.67
Paid in**	£123.50	£35,605.69	£15,000.00	£50,605.69
Paid out	£0.00	£41,584.05	£0.00	£41,584.05
31-Mar-24 Bal. c/fwd	£2,045.00	£9,670.56	£25,457.14	£35,127.70

Decrease in Funds between **1 April 2023 & 31 March 2024** **£7,826.97**

Notes

Total amounts paid in and paid out do not reconcile with total income and expenditure due to the following:

Amounts paid in and paid out include transfers between current and deposit (United Trust & CAF) accounts which are excluded from income and expenditure calculations + repayment of cash withdrawn for projects & repayment of rates
Plus interest payable on savings account

SUBSCRIPTIONS -

YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

Name	Amount
Carr DE & JV	£5.00
D C Ayling	£10.00
DC Wise	£5.00
LJ Orford	£10.00
Thomas RS	£25.00
Stooks	£8.50
Parsons	£5.00
James S Phillip	£15.00
Hutt KG & AD	£5.00
Moseley W E	£10.00
Clark S & L	£10.00
lavender AE	£5.00
SR & JHE Pickstock	£10.00
TOTAL	£123.50

GOLDEN LION CHILDREN'S TRUST**Appendix 3****Income****YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024**

Name	Amount
Donations	
Copthorne Golf Club	£ 4,053.22
Strive AV	£ 1,000.00
Just Giving.com	£ 1,742.75
Merlin Magic Wand	£ 200.00
Proper Junk	£ 900.00
GDB	£ 220.00
KBM Building	£ 500.00
Southern Sheeting	£ 308.90
Everyone Active	£ 125.00
GAM Ltd	£ 500.00
Business Essentials	£ 492.00
The Noble Charity	£ 100.00
Amazon	£ 19.87
RSA	£ 100.00
Derek Bonfield	£ 600.00
CAF Donation	£ 500.00
Misc donations	£ 82.54
Total	£ 11,444.28

Grants

Gatwick Airport Community Grant	£2,000.00 **
Sussex Community Foundation	£11,000.00 **
TOTAL	£13,000.00

GRAND TOTAL **£24,444.28**

** These are restricted funds and must be used inline with the way the donor specified

**GOLDEN LION CHILDREN'S TRUST
PROJECTS**

Appendix 4

YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

Date	School Party/Group	Event	Cost	Project Number		Donated & Discounted Costs
				Number	Attending	
24.05.23	Manor Green College & Woodlands Meed College	Observatory Science Centre, Herstmonceux		001/23	99	£39.00
09.06.23	Various schools and families	S of England Show		002/23	133	£646.00
13.06.23	Manor Green Primary School	MMW SeaLife Brighton		003/23	55	£210.00
23.06.23	New Barn School	Al Shira'aa Hickstead Derby Mtg		004/23	12	£300.00
24.06.23	Various schools and families	Al Shira'aa Hickstead Derby Mtg		005/23	18	£300.00
25.06.23	GLCT vounteers	BCal Reunion BBQ, Slinfold		006/23	4	£0.00
27.06.23	Ingfield Manor School & Desmond Andersen SSC Unit	Drusillas		007/23	75	£486.00
29.06.23	Manor Green Primary School	MMW SeaLife Brighton		008/23	34	£174.00
03.07.23	Brantridge School & New Barn School	Bowles Rocks Acitivity Centre		009/23	31	£924.00
06.07.23	Various schools	Drusillas		010/23	31	£202.50
14.07.23	Manor Green Primary School	Hollywood Bowl		011/23	14	£37.44
22.07.23	GLCT vounteers	Worthing Fire Station Open Day		012/23	9	£0.00
27.07.23	Various schools	Longines Meeting, Hickstead		013/23	19	£500.00
29.07.23	Various schools	Longines Meeting, Hickstead		014/23	12	£500.00
29.07.23	GLCT vounteers	Crawley Fire Station		015/23	7	£0.00
12.08.23	GLCT vounteers	Tilgate Forest Golf Club Capt's Day		016/23	4	£0.00
13.08.23	New Barn School	Drusillas		017/23	4	£113.60
26.08.23	GLCT vounteers	Shoreham Fire Station Open Day		018/23	7	£0.00
30.08.23	GLCT vounteers	Burgess Hill Fire Station Open Day		019/23	5	£0.00
21.09.23	GLCT vounteers	K2 Business Expo		020/23	5	£0.00
11.10.23	Grove Park Secondary & New Barn School	Observatory Science Centre, Herstmonceux		021/23	36	£30.00
11.11.23	GLCT vounteers	Cuckfield Christmas Market		022/23	5	£0.00
14.11.23	Grove Park College & Woodlands Meed College	'L'elisir d'amore' Glyndebourne		023/23	27	£0.00
24.11.23	GLCT vounteers	GLCT stall County Mall, Crawley		024/23	9	£0.00
25.11.23	GLCT vounteers	GLCT stall County Mall, Crawley		025/23	8	£0.00
26.11.23	GLCT vounteers	GLCT stall County Mall, Crawley		026/23	8	£0.00
01.12.23	Various schools and families	Bluebell Railway, Santa Special		027/23	142	£0.00
03.12.23	GLCT volunteers & attendees	Motor Cycle Toy Run		028/23	166	£750.00
08 - 10.12.23	GLCT vounteers	Cuckfield Christmas Tree Festival		029/23	12	£0.00
01 - 31.12.23	GLCT volunteers & various children	GLCT Winter Warmer Project		030/23	410	£0.00
13.12.23	Grove Park 6th Form	'Snow White & 7 Dwarfs', Eastbourne		031/23	27	£77.00
14.12.23	Manor Green Primary School	'Trolls Band Again' Cineworld, Crawley		032/23	106	£328.50
16.12.23	GLCT vounteers	GLCT Christmas 2023 Special Deliveries		033/23	184	£0.00
30.12.23	Various families	Sleeping Beauty' Hawth		034/23	37	£225.00
26.01.24	Various families	'Beauty & Beast' PwC Panto, Peacock Theatre		035/23	47	£1,680.00
13.03.24		Jim Green Challenge		036/23	23	£0.00
25.03.24	GLCT vounteers	GLCT Easter stall @ K2		037/23	2	£0.00
26.03.24	GLCT vounteers	GLCT Easter stall @ K2		038/23	2	£0.00
27.03.23	GLCT vounteers	GLCT Easter stall @ K2		039/23	2	£0.00
28.03.24	Oaks Primary School	Donating Easter Eggs		040/23	3	£100.00
		TOTAL	£0.00		573	£4,462.54

GOLDEN LION CHILDREN'S TRUST**Appendix 5****ADMINISTRATION EXPENSES****YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024****Comparison****Year to****31-Mar-23**

£	462.00	GDB	£	480.00
£	13,850.00	Planning & Support	£	15,000.00
£	287.29	Chairman's General Expenses	£	844.53
£	-	Misc Committee & Project Expenses (not elsewhere specified)	£	3,242.67
£	1,042.36	Insurance	£	699.89
£	216.00	Just Giving	£	216.00
£	-	Lottery Registration	£	20.00
£	1,255.60	Storage	£	726.99
£	-	Postage	£	-
£	280.00	Secretarial	£	360.00
£	432.62	Stationery and equipment	£	520.77
£	854.69	Telephone	£	939.37
£	-	Web Site Expenses & Hosting etc	£	-
£	43.20	IT	£	-
£	18,723.76	TOTAL	£	23,050.22