

Knowle & Dorridge Lions Club

**Annual report and accounts
for year ended 30 June 2025**

Registered charity No: 509993

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Introduction

This report and accounts prepared by the Knowle & Dorridge Lions Club continues our policy to give the reader a better understanding of the activities of the Charity and the manner in which the funds, collected from various events held during the year, are distributed. It combines information for the year ended 30 June 2025 with comparison figures for the previous year.

Trustees and officers

The Trustees for the year were the President – Richard Buckley, Vice President - Tony Gee, the Secretary – Adrian Harris and Treasurer – Ian Gedge. Each year the Club selects three of its members to fill the roles of President, Secretary and Treasurer and in turn they become the Trustees for the year along with the Vice President & Immediate Past President. An existing officer can serve for more than one year or may serve again in the future in the same or an alternative role. There is no limit on the period an officer may serve although all members are encouraged to serve as an officer of the Club.

The officers for 2025/26 will be, President – Paul Wheatley, Vice President – Tony Gee, Secretary – Adrian Harris, Treasurer – Ian Gedge and Immediate Past President – Richard Buckley.

Bankers

During the year, the Club maintained bank accounts with the following provider:

CAF Bank Limited
25 Kings Hill Avenue
Kings Hill
West Malling
ME19 4JQ

There were two accounts with CAF Bank Limited, one current account and one deposit account. The Club maintains a record within the Charity accounts of the transactions related to the administration of the Club such as paying Lions International dues for each club member.

The report and accounts include this introduction, a report from the President – Richard Buckley, and the accounting figures themselves. Following the financial statements are the accounting policies and notes to the accounts. The final page includes a useful link to the Knowle and Dorridge Lions Club website, where details of the Lions meetings and the planned programme for the following year can be found.



Ian Gedge
Treasurer

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As a Lions Club we have continued to do our best to Serve Our Community since we were first established in 1976.

Because we are local our members serve the unique needs of our immediate community and try to make a positive difference. We are involved in raising funds for good causes, organising local events, providing direct support for individuals or groups in the community. Like all Lions Clubs every penny and pound collected goes direct to good causes as any running and administration costs are funded by our members.

As usual, this year, through our Community Services Committee and thereafter confirmed by all members, we select charities to benefit from 50% of the money we raise with the remaining 50% going to local causes, supporting local youth and elderly as well as local groups and individuals.

We are fortunate in that we are located in a reasonably affluent area where despite the challenging economic climate our public, sponsors and businesses have continued to support us most generously because without them our fund-raising events could not take place. We have two major events a year. Immediately after Christmas we held our Festive Walk from Dorridge Village Hall which was supported by nearly 700 walkers. Our 40th Fun Run in May enjoyed very good "running" weather and was supported by nearly 1,300 runners plus the return of one of our local celebrities Jasper Carrot. In-between these major events we sold raffle tickets for Easter Eggs and held a street tin collection. We also arrange walks centred around our local parks mainly aimed at younger children during school holidays following routes downloaded from our website and identifying posters with images of chocolate bars or Lions.

If fund raising consumes a great deal of time and effort so too does distributing the funds to deserving causes. At this stage I would like to pay tribute to the Lions who serve on our Community Services Committee who have the difficult task of weighing one request against another because as much as we would like to, we can't say "yes" to every application.

Our main benefiting charities in 2024/25 were Age UK Solihull, Meningitis NOW and Social Life Opportunities (Solo) who all received circa £3.5k each. Important as these large donations are it is also the help we can give to our local youth through our Youth Travel Bursary and, for example, small donations to our local Community groups for equipment. At the other end of the age scale, we care for our elderly through a coach trip this year to Bath, a tea party at the British Legion and visits at Christmas with mince pies and a card. In-between we are able to help local people who need specialist equipment or medical help. This year we provided another defibrillator at Bentley Heath Cottages to complement the two previously provided at Baddesley Clinton and Packwood NT properties

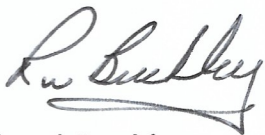
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"Our New Members Wanted" posters probably say a great deal about Knowle and Dorridge Lions as it reads "it is as much fun as it is hard work". We do try and have fun and have enjoyed many socials with our fellow Lions and partners. Visits to Solihull Moors FC, and Birmingham College of Food, playing Pétanque and a visit and pie at "Mad O Rourke's "in Tipton are just a sample of what we did when not doing Lions work.

We, as a club, are having the same issues as many charity fundraising organisations in that our members are getting older and fewer. This means if we don't get new people to join, we will have to reduce our fundraising expectations. At the time of writing this report we have 14 active members and some of our activities, like the Fun Run, need circa 200 volunteer helpers, which gives some idea of our problem. This year we have tried a number of different approaches to recruitment which has proved to be positive which we hope to keep up next year.

Finally, I wish to thank all fellow Lions for the support I have received over the year and hope we have a very good 2025/6 Lions year, which will be our 50th year, under the Presidency of Lion Paul Wheatley



Richard Buckley
President 2024/2025

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Statement of Financial Activities

	Note	2025	2024
Income			
Festive Walk	2	3,332.50	1,186.00
Easter Egg Raffle	3	2,045.50	1,337.60
Fun Run	4	34,790.36	32,553.49
Donations & other income		4,406.70	1,199.26
Club membership	6	1,413.00	1,091.00
Bank interest		461.11	585.27
Total Income		£46,449.17	£37,952.62
Expenditure			
Festive Walk	2	3.99	73.98
Easter Egg Raffle	3	1,060.80	777.75
Fun Run	4	24,189.34	22,429.18
Charitable Payments	5	21,609.82	12,178.12
Club membership	6	1,479.93	0.00
Activity costs		528.15	561.29
Operating costs		502.33	360.99
Bank charges		127.00	144.19
Depreciation		64.23	111.38
Total expenditure		£49,565.59	£36,636.88
Net income/(expenditure) for the year		-£3,116.42	£1,315.74
Balance at start of year		£27,567.90	£26,252.16
Balance at end of year		£24,451.48	£27,567.90

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Net Assets Statement

		2025	2024
Fixed assets			
Equipment	7	£51.70	£115.93
Stock	7	£85.00	£103.99
Total		£136.70	£219.92
Current assets			
Cash at bank		£34,192.16	£31,900.83
Cash at bank (admin)		£877.62	£876.55
Debtors	8	£30.00	£123.60
Total		£35,099.78	£32,900.98
Current liabilities			
Creditors	8	(£10,785.00)	(£5,553.00)
Net current assets		£24,314.78	£27,347.98
Net assets		£24,451.48	£27,567.90

Signed:

Ian Gedge, Treasurer

Date:

15 Nov 2025

Accounting policies:

The following principal accounting policies, which have been applied consistently, have been adopted in preparation of the financial statements.

Assets

The Club has a policy to expense the cost of small assets (under £200) in the year of purchase, and also to record stock purchased, held and used during the year. The financial statements include the cash held in one or more of the accounts with the Club's bankers. Amounts receivable in relation to events held in this year have been included as debtors, where the amount is reasonably certain and assured. Amounts paid in respect of an event to be held after the end of the financial period covered by these accounts may also be included as prepayments.

Depreciation

Depreciation is provided on equipment at a rate of 20% per annum using the straight-line method in order to write off each asset over its estimated useful life.

Liabilities

The expenses expected in respect of events held during the year that remain unpaid have been included together with the sums payable to the Charities and other organisations agreed in the year and amounts received where these relate to an event to be held after the end of the financial period covered by these accounts.

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Notes to the accounts:

1. Tax claims

This note includes details of the Gift Aid tax claims made in the year although the amounts shown are included in the separate event notes as part of the income attributable to the particular event.

	Amount	Received
Membership	£209.00	Dec. 2024
Festive Walk	£666.50	Jan. 2025
Donations	£262.50	Apr. 2025
Easter Egg Raffle	£3.50	Apr. 2025
Fun Run sponsorship	£115.00	Apr. 2025
Fun Run	£1,524.47	Jun. 2025
Total attributed to particular events	£2,780.97	

2. Festive Walk (December 2024)

This year the event was again centred on Dorridge Village Hall with additional car parking at Ye Olde Knowle Bowls Club & Dorridge Cricket Club. Participants could register online and make a donation using JustGiving and donations including some Gift Aid were paid direct to our account. Other participants made donations on the day with many using Gift Aid.

Income		Expenditure	
Donations	£2,666.00	Expenses of event	£3.99
Gift Aid	£666.50	Excess proceeds	£3,328.51
Total	£3,332.50		£3,332.50

3. Easter Egg Raffle (April 2025)

This was held at the Black Boy and tickets were only sold to customers of the pub over a period of two weeks before Easter 2025 with the draw held on Maundy Thursday.

Income		Expenditure	
Ticket sales	£1,942.00	Expenses of event	£60.80
Standley & Co sponsorship	£100.00	Charity - Age UK Solihull	£1,000.00
Gift Aid	£3.50	Excess proceeds	£984.70
Total	£2,045.50		£2,045.50

4. Fun Run (May 2025)

Income		Expenditure	
Entry fees & T-shirts	£21,693.50	Timing chips	£3,260.82
Sponsors	£2,250.00	Traffic management	£2,994.00
Advertising	£8,112.50	Programme production	£3,022.00
On the Day Events	£1,094.89	Other expenses	£3,704.66
Gift Aid	£1,639.47	Charity payments	£11,207.86
		Excess proceeds	£10,601.02
	£34,790.36		£34,790.36

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5. Charitable Payments

During the year a number of donations were made either from the events direct or by proposals from the Community Services Committee to the Club meetings. The amount shown in the accounts is represented as follows:

Support for Senior Citizens

Senior Citizens coach trip	£3,200.00
Christmas cards & Mince pies	£180.00
Senior Citizens Tea Party	£1,060.00
Total	£4,440.00

Lions Clubs International (LCI) 105CW & other Lions causes

LCI – MD105CW	£127.00
LCI – Lions Clubs Int. Foundation	£500.00
Balsall Common Lions Clubs	£75.00
LCI 105 CW (MiaB)	£120.00
Total	£822.00

Community Services

Tudor Grange (Shed)	£840.00
Blanning Care	£4,150.00
Poppy Appeal	£150.00
Parkinson's Disease	£585.00
Dream Makers	£500.00
Arden Academy Trust (Awards)	£400.00
Knowle Allotments	£250.00
FastAid (DS Medical)	£1,828.02
Kids Cancer	£250.00
Davenport Homes (Bentley Heath Cottages)	£1,318.80
Trust Blanning Day Care (door covers)	£106.00
Solihull Talking Newspapers	£250.00
St John's Ambulance	£500.00
Knowle Village Hall	£4,720.00
Dream Makers	£500.00
Total	£16,347.82

Total from Lions **£21,609.82**

Charity payments from specific events:

Easter Egg Raffle -Age UK Solihull	£1,000.00
Meningitis NOW	£3,755.00
Age UK Solihull	£3,500.00
SoLo (Social Life Opportunities)	£3,530.00
University Hospital Birmingham Charity	£100.00
Maggie's Cancer Care	£322.86
Total from events	£12,207.86

Grand total of all charity payments for year **£33,817.68**

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6. Club Membership

Last year the separate administration bank account was closed and the balance transferred to our charity account. This note records the relevant transactions during the year.

Income		Expenditure	
Balance B/f	£876.55	LCI MD105CW dues	£1,057.93
Membership	£836.00	Other expenses	£354.00
Gift Aid	£209.00	Balance C/f	£877.62
Income	£368.00		
Total	<u>£2,289.55</u>		<u>£2,289.55</u>

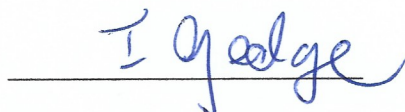
7. Fixed Assets

	Equipment
Cost at 30 June 2024	£3,863.24
Additions	-
Disposals	-
Cost at 30 June 2025	£3,863.24
Depreciation at 30 June 2024	£3,747.31
Charge in year	£64.23
Depreciation at 30 June 2025	£3,811.54
Net book value at 30 June 2025	£51.70
Net book value at 30 June 2024	£115.93
	Stock
Value of stock held at 30 June 2024	£103.99
Stock purchased during year	£254.99
Less stock used during year	-£273.98
Value of stock held at 30 June 2025	£85.00

8. Debtors and Creditors

Debtors	
Fun Run income	£30.00
	<u>£30.00</u>
Creditors	
Fun Run charity payments	£10,785.00
	<u>£10,785.00</u>

Signed:



Ian Gedge, Hon. Treasurer

Date:

15/11/25

Link to Knowle and Dorridge Lions Club website for general information:

www.knowleanddorridgelions.com