

STOWMARKET AND DISTRICT LIONS CLUB CHARITABLE TRUST FUND

Registered Charity Number 1060631

Trustees Annual Report – Year Ended 30 June 2023

Legal and Administrative details

Lions Club name: Stowmarket and District

Formation date: 29 June 1980

Charity name: Lions Club of Stowmarket and District Charitable Trust

Registered Charity No: 1060631

Principal address: The Charity has no registered permanent address.
The Club Treasurer acts as the focal point for correspondence:
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Trustees: Mr. C. Philpot
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Aims and Organisation

Stowmarket and District Lions Club is a local club within Lions Clubs International, the world's biggest service organisation. It is one of some 50,000 clubs in over 200 countries with a total membership of 1.4 million. Lions Clubs International helps, supports and guides our club in the performance of our service to the local community and beyond. Clubs are chartered as separate entities with their own constitutions but have structural links to the District in 105CE and to the Multiple District of the United Kingdom then, ultimately to Lions Clubs International headquartered in Oakbrook, Illinois, USA.

Lions Club of Stowmarket and District

Lions Club of Stowmarket and District is a voluntary organisation which exists to help the local community and to support, as it sees fit, Lions national and international projects.

The administration of the club is wholly financed by its members. All time to organise fund raising activities and to provide community service is given freely by the members, their families and friends for no payment or reward.

Lions Club of Stowmarket and District was formed and chartered in 1980 and is among the largest in the United Kingdom.

Main Activities Undertaken

In a normal year Stowmarket Lions hold a range of fund raising events. A typical year's activities are listed below:-

Suffolk Villages Charity Bike Ride, activities at Bacton Fayre, Pig Races, Santa Sleigh, Golf Day and Boxing Dinner.

In addition, the club ordinarily provides the following service activities:-

Assistance with the Target Club Fun Day for those less able, taking our Pig Race to various fund raisers for other charities, collecting and delivering publicly donated supplies for the local Food Bank, financing and organising outings for Suffolk Young Carers, helping prepare Christmas Day lunch for the elderly and making many smaller donations to deserving local organisations and individuals. In addition, the club supplies manpower for national charities such as Marie Curie and the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal.

The Covid pandemic hit us badly during the affected years but it is pleasing to report that our activities are now back to pre-Covid levels. Membership has remained stable.

The Trustees consider that they have complied with their duty to have due regard to the Charity Commission's Public Benefit Guidance when exercising any powers and duties to which the guidance is relevant.

Main highlights of the year

The Lions Club of Stowmarket and District has undertaken an excellent year's fund raising with a combined total of £49,294.46 (£31,304.70 in 2021-2022). The Club's own fund raising events and donations received grew to £31,950.51 (£17,513.24 in 2021-22).

The first amount noted above includes providing manpower for national charities which amounted to £17,343.95 (£13,791.46 in 2021-22). The beneficiaries this year were the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal and Marie Curie Cancer Care. These monies were passed directly to the Royal British Legion and Marie Curie without passing through our books.

Charitable grants and donations made by the Trust in support of charitable objectives this year totalled £25,579.25 (£12,881 in 2021-2022).

Donations to local charitable causes totalled £20,590.73 of the above figure, £2,895.09 to national causes and £2,093.43 for international charities.

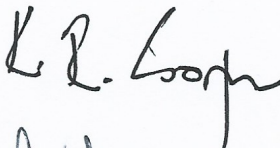
Charity's policy on reserves

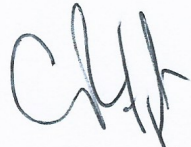
The Charity does not have a specific reserve policy but always ensures that sufficient funds are maintained to meet the charitable commitments undertaken by the club.

Review of Financial Activities and Affairs

The receipts and payments accounts of the Lions Club of Stowmarket and District Charity Trust for the year are attached to this report. These have been independently examined and approved.

Signed on behalf of the Trustees

Treasurer  Keith Cooper 15/2/24

President  sec. 98 Andrew Bingham 15.2.24

FUND RAISING 2022-23**STOWMARKET LIONS CLUB EVENTS**

DATE	EVENT	INCOME	COSTS	PROFIT
06/08/22	Bacton Fair	2558.67	882.48	1676.19
18/09/22	Walk in the Park	527.23	0.00	527.23
20/10/22	Quiz	350.00	0.00	350.00
25/11/23	Boxing Dinner	23724.73	14122.45	9602.28
27/11/22	Santa Sleigh	9447.41	1517.52	7929.89
09/06/23	Golf Day	6655.01	2416.40	4238.61
11/06/23	Bike Ride	2601.24	286.40	2314.84
25/06/23	Red Gables sale	14.75	0	14.75
		45879.04	19225.25	26653.79

STOWMARKET LIONS COLLECTIONS

22-3/10/22	Marie Curie Cancer Care	1166.72	0.00	1166.72
27/10-11/11/22	Poppies	13572.32	0.00	13572.32
24-25/02/23	Marie Curie Cancer Care	1277.85	0.00	1277.85
24-25/03/23	Marie Curie Cancer Care	1327.06	0.00	1327.06
				17343.95

DONATIONS RECEIVED

06/07/22	Pam Smith	30.00	0.00	30.00
06/07/22	Morag Whyte	20.00	0.00	20.00
11/07/22	Anonymous	1000.00	0.00	1,000.00
17/10/22	Charities Trust	433.20	0.00	433.20
20/10/22	David Thomas	10.00	0.00	10.00
20/10/22	Morag Whyte	20.00	0.00	20.00
20/10/22	Baldry family	10.00	0.00	10.00
20/10/22	Jim Henson	10.00	0.00	10.00
09/11/22	Stowmarket Cricket Club	360.00	0.00	360.00
04/01/23	L Elsey	30.00	0.00	30.00
04/01/23	S Howe	50.00	0.00	50.00
20/03/23	Ian Clark – Ukraine	100.00	0.00	100.00
				2,073.20

OTHER INCOME

16/08/22	Amazon Smile	53.65	0.00	53.65
29/03/23	Gift Aid	2736.67	0.00	2,736.67
19/07/22	Charities Trust	433.20	0.00	433.20
				3,223.52

49,294.46

**Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of the Lions Club of Stowmarket and District
Charitable Trust Fund**

I report on the accounts of the Trust for the year ended 30th June 2023 which are set out on the pages attached.

The Charity Trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts The Charity's Trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 (the Charities Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- Examine the accounts under Section 145 of the Charities Act;
- To follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commission and
- To state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

My examination was carried out in accordance General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the Charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes a consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts and seeking explanations from the Trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a true and fair view and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

In connection with my examination no matter has come to my attention which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements

- To keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act and
- To prepare accounts which accord with accounting records and comply with accounting requirements of the Charities Act have not been met or
- To which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed.....
Brian Colin Davies

Date.....31st January 2024

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