NEWPORT PAGNELL AND OLNEY LIONS CLUB (CIO)

Registered Charity Number: 1184025

Trustees' Annual Report and Financial Statements

for the year ended 30 June 2026

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1. Charity information

1.1 Reference and Administration Details

Name: **NEWPORT PAGNELL AND OLNEY LIONS CLUB (CIO)**

Charity Reg. No: **1184025**

Trustees:

Mr. T. J. Aldred

Mr. R. J. Benbow

Mr. R. Hillier

Mrs. A. Johnson

Principal Address:

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Olney
Bucks
MK46 5EN

2. Report of the Trustees for the year ended 30th June 2026

Introduction
The Trustees present their Annual Report, together with the financial statements of the Charity for the year ended 30th June 2026.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS102) (effective 1 January 2015) (amended 2 February 2016).

2.1 Structure, Governance and Management

The Charity's main governing document is its Constitution – a comprehensive document, which is available on request to the Club. It is complemented by the Club's By Laws. The two documents, taken together, fully define the Club's Structure, Government and Management.

In summary: Newport Pagnell and Olney Lions Club (CIO) - the "Charity" - was registered as a Charitable Incorporated Organisation on 21 June 2019, number 1184025. The Club itself - (i.e. prior to becoming a CIO) - was founded nearly 50 years ago, in 1977. During this time the Club has striven to always work on the basis of fairness, common sense and 'best business practice'.

The Constitution and By Laws are supplemented by a number of Policies – e.g. Grant Making, Conflict of Interest, Volunteers etc.

Trustees are appointed by the Club and meet at least four times a year to consider grant applications and to deal with and oversee the governance of the Charity.

In addition, business meetings of all Club Members, including the Trustees, are held monthly, to consider applications and other Club business. Applications for assistance or support are considered at each meeting. In cases where decisions are needed quickly, the Trustees operate a fast track grant processing system for sums of up to £500.

The Secretary is appointed by the Trustees and the Club Membership, to assist in the day to day administration of the Charity.

The induction process for newly appointed Trustees comprises an initial meeting with the Trustees to brief them on their legal obligations under charity law; the decision making processes of the Charity, and its Policies and Procedures.

In accordance with Clause 15 of the Constitution, each Trustee of the Club shall be given the following on/before his/her first appointment:

- a copy of the Club's Constitution and By-laws (and any amendments made to them);
- a copy of the Constitution and By-laws of Lions Clubs International;
- a copy of the Club's latest Trustees' Annual Report and statement of accounts;
- a copy of the latest Lions Club's guidance for Charity Trustees;
- a copy of CC3 The Essential Trustee: what you need to know, what you need to do.

Note: These procedures seek to allow the Charity to comply with the statutory declaration that Trustees have in regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit.

Risk management
The Trustees have examined the major strategic, business and operational risks which the Charity faces and confirm that systems have been established to ensure regular reports are produced for Trustees to ensure all necessary actions are taken to lessen the risks.

Where appropriate the Club prepares comprehensive Risk Assessments for major events.

Public benefit
The Trustees have complied with the duty in Section 17(5) of the 2011 Charities Act to have due regard to guidance published by the Charity Commission in respect of public benefit and in planning the activities for the year, have kept this in mind.

The full Public Benefits Statement is detailed below:

PUBLIC BENEFITS STATEMENT

Background

All current Lions Clubs located within our Multiple District, including Newport Pagnell and Olney Lions Club, are part of Lions Clubs International Multiple District 105 which mainly covers the UK.

MD105 has agreed standard objects for Lions Clubs with the Charity Commission.

The NP&O Lions Club will operate within these agreed objects, but the Trustees may change the particular focus from time to time. The information provided as part of the application for registration illustrates the current focus of the Club. The Trustees are independent and make their own decisions, but as a Lions' Charity they will take into account national appeals and guidance as part of their decision making.

What is our purpose?

As a Lions Club, our main purpose is:

- to serve our local, national and international communities – and to uphold the Lions' principles, (to which all the clubs must adhere), and which include acting to benefit the public interest
- to meet humanitarian needs
- to encourage peace
- to promote international understanding

Further, the Club seeks to promote Lions' causes in five major areas:

- **Diabetes** - to reduce the prevalence of diabetes and improve quality of life for those diagnosed.
- **Vision** - to prevent avoidable blindness and improve quality of life for people who are blind and visually impaired.
- **Hunger** - to ensure all community members have access to nutritious foods.
- **Environment** - to sustainably protect and restore our environment to improve the well-being of all communities.
- **Childhood Cancers** - to help those affected by childhood cancer survive and thrive.

In broad terms, examples of activities undertaken by this Club in the past, to support and progress the above purposes and causes, include, (but are not limited to):

- Promoting the advancement of citizenship: encouraging service minded people to volunteer - as part of our Friends of Lions scheme. This provides the capability for people to participate in community service activity - by joining our select group of volunteers, who are invited to help us in our Fund Raising or Community Service (or Social) activities.

- Promoting volunteering and community service: running an active Club and also, recruiting new Lion Members, to support our Volunteering, Fund Raising and Community Service efforts; (as well as encouraging members of the wider community to volunteer and support Lions events (as noted above)).

- Promoting the advancement of good health: supporting the Message in a Bottle scheme; participating in the Lions Recycle Spectacles for Sight Scheme; supporting local disabled groups who assist people with disabilities to live independent lives, providing support for local people who need help. Collecting old spectacles and recycling them. Providing grants to purchase special equipment to improve people's quality of life.

- Helping protect and sustain the environment: creating grant funding and service activity that support and protect the environment - e.g. to support the planting of trees in parts of the towns and surrounding villages.

- Donating to charitable causes: making grants to local, national and international causes

How our purpose is beneficial and how does is benefit the public?

As indicated above, our purpose is beneficial, and benefits the public by:

- Promoting the advancement of citizenship
- Promoting volunteering and community service
- Promoting the advancement of good health
- Helping protect and sustain the environment
- Donating to charitable causes

How will the Trustees, when appointed, carry out the purpose for the public benefit?

As noted above, in Section 2.1, the Charity provides thorough briefings to incoming Trustees. These briefings seek to allow the Charity to comply with the statutory declaration that Trustees have in regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit.

The Trustees, working with and in cooperation with the Membership, will continue to progress its purpose, by carrying on its existing programme of Fund Raising, Community Service and by Making Donations, as indicated below:

- Encouraging people to volunteer in community service projects – via a special network of Friends – e.g. distribution of Christmas Parcels to local residents, selling our town calendars, and helping to steward our annual Motorama classic car show event

- Engaging in community service projects with other voluntary organisations, by providing human resources – e.g. by helping with parking at Newport Pagnell Carnival; helping with marshalling at the River Festival and manning the admission gates at the annual community fireworks display in Olney

- Providing community service – for example improving the environment for local people – e.g. by planting and maintaining an 'avenue of oaks' on local land - or by collecting and re-cycling old spectacles, printer cartridges, mobile 'phones and hearing aids

- Sharing pride in our towns and working with other bodies to raise awareness and community spirit; running joint projects with other local Lions Clubs; working with other local organisations, and canvassing local businesses for support

- Organising Fund Raising Events – that both enhance the social lives of our community, and ultimately raise funds for making donations to charitable and good causes (see below). These include the Dickens of a Christmas Lions Craft Fair, the sale of Town Calendars, Annual Motorama Car Show, Whisky Tasting Events, etc.

    - Making donations to charities and other good causes. We have supported International Causes (particularly through our International Charity, LCIF); National Causes and (mainly) Local causes in Olney, Newport Pagnell and the surrounding villages and towns. In particular, this year we have supported:

Local:

Donation to Newport Pagnell Town U-15 Football Team - (Sponsorship)
Donation to Maya's Mission
Donation to Ailsa's Aim
Replenishment of Message In A Bottle Stocks - (to distribute in Olney and NP)
Donation to Cowper and Newton Museum - (via Calendar Sales)
Donation to Attention Autism via Olney Middle School
Purchase of Christmas Biscuits and Cards - for Residents in Olney, Newport Pagnell, etc.
Donation to CNWL, NHS Charity – (via Luke Radwell sponsorship)
Donation to the Henry Allen Trust
Donation to Local Man with Family Health Issues
Donation to Olney Men's Sheds

National:

Donation to Childhood Eye Cancer Trust
Donation to Willen Hospice / Lion Mike Bartlett Sponsorship of 5K run
Donation to Willen Hospice – (via Martin Ward 1,500 mile cycle ride sponsorship)
Donation to Willen Hospice - (Direct)
Donation to The Woodland Trust - (via Calendar Sales)
Contribution to District Youth Celebration - Table Sponsorship
Lions Youth Funds etc. Contribution

International:

Donation to Chernobyl Relief Fund
Donation to Driving Ukraine - based in Yardley Hastings
LCIF Hurricane Melissa Disaster Relief Appeal

- Organising a lively social calendar for our Members and Friends – e.g. dinners, fun quizzes, supporting local eateries, etc.

2.2 Objectives and Activities

The Charity's Objectives are set out it its Constitution - and summarised immediately below:

- to serve our local, national and international communities – (and to uphold the Lions' principles, (to which the clubs must adhere), and which include acting to benefit the public interest)
- to meet humanitarian needs
- to encourage peace
- to promote international understanding

Further, the Club seeks to promote Lions' **causes** in five major areas:

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- **Hunger** - to ensure all community members have access to nutritious foods.
- **Environment** - to sustainably protect and restore our environment to improve the well-being of all communities.
- **Childhood Cancers** - to help those affected by childhood cancer survive and thrive.

These objectives are realised primarily by the provision of service activity and charitable grants. (This includes both grants to organisations and to individuals - via third parties and directly).

The money needed to fund such grants is raised by means of identifying, organising and running various **Fund Raising Events** throughout the year – sometimes by participation in larger events, organised by others. The Club also conducts a number of **Service Activities** in pursuance of these objectives.

These Fund Raising Events and Service Activities have included:

- Marshalling Duties at Olney Riverfest (Service Activity)
- Marshalling Duties at Newport Pagnell Carnival (Service Activity)
- Organising an Annual Motorama Event
- Attending a Clay Shoot Event with Rushden Lions
- Arranging a Lions Toast - Wine Tasting Event
- Marshalling Duties at Olney Fireworks Display (Service Activity)
- Progressing Our Town Calendars Sales and Sponsorship Campaigns
- Participating in the Newport Pagnell Christmas Lights Switch On Event
- Organising and running the Dickens of a Christmas Lions Craft Fair
- Distributing Christmas Parcels (Service Activity)
- Organising Spectacle / Hearing Aid Collection and Re-cycling (Service Activity) – ongoing
- Organising and Running Various other Re-cycling Projects (Service Activity) – printer cartridges, hearing aids, mobile phones, etc. – ongoing

Grants to organisations could be for: medical equipment; mental health or other therapies; activity or self-help groups; capacity building – i.e. expansion of services; capital costs for improvements to service delivery (other than building work); training; education or raising awareness of health related conditions; respite care or trips/activities for those with long term or life limiting conditions. This list is not exhaustive and is just meant to provide a flavour of our activities.

Grants for individuals can be made by a third party referee, such as GP, social worker, housing association or local authority – or applications can be made directly from groups or individuals. Such grants could be for: medical or disability related equipment; domestic or personal items for health or disability related issues (including mental health); health or disability related training; activities to alleviate health or disability related conditions (including mental health). This list is not exhaustive and is just meant to provide a flavour of our activities.

The Club also makes *ad hoc* donations to charitable and good causes.

All such requests are filtered by a Service Committee, who present worthy cases to the Trustees and to the Membership, for approval or rejection – in accordance with our internal policies.

REVIEW OF THE YEAR

This has been a fairly difficult time for the NP&O Lions Club. We are still suffering from dwindling of our active membership; the economy is still depressed, and the Club faces stiff competition for the public's 'dollar', from many other worthy local charities and charitable causes.

Furthermore, we have read recently that there has been a steep fall in donations to UK charities by around £1.4bn last year! – And we also hear anecdotal evidence of many voluntary organisations suffering from lack of volunteers, so it's not only Lions that are facing a challenging future!

Nevertheless, the Club has managed to maintain its excellent programme of Fund Raising activities, and its Service Tasks agenda – mainly through the efforts of a core team of really hard-working Club Members, other Fellow Lions from neighbouring Clubs and our Friends Group.

Our Club has now been in continuous operation, supporting our local, national and international community, for around 49 years. In the past 20-odd years, the Club has raised over £300,000 (gross) mainly through Fund Raising events - and performed an estimated 15,000 hours of Community Service.

In this Lions year, (which ended on June 30th 2026), we have organised the production and sales of our town calendars; managed the Dickens of a Christmas Lions Craft Fair, held our prestigious Motorama Car Show and hosted Curry & Fun Quiz Nights and Lions Whisky Tasting events. In addition, our Charity Fund has also been boosted as a result of donations received from our Friends, other local organisations and from the local business community - including a very handsome donation from The Olney Group.

Our Service Activities have included the distribution of Christmas parcels to over 300 local residents; running various recycling projects (spectacles, printer cartridges, hearing aids, etc.); managing the admission gates and car-park marshalling at a number of major local events and the distribution of our 'Message in A Bottle' tubs.

We also try to maintain a programme of social event to help with the spirit of 'fun and fellowship'.

During the year, we held a number of social events including:

- Annual Clay Pigeon Shoot with Rushden Lions
- Summer BBQ with Newport Pagnell Rotary Club
- The Olney Group Thank You Night
- Quiz Nights
- Dinner Meetings
- Lions District Convention in Birmingham

Our (gross) income this year, on our Charity Fund, is over £13,000 - which is a fantastic achievement – especially given our limited (human) resources.

Grants were split between grants to charitable causes or organisations and grants for individuals.

Grants were also split by geography as follows:

- Local 71%
- National 15%
- International 14%

The Club continues to prioritise one-off grants for specific purposes rather than supporting ongoing routine or core costs, such as rent, rates and salaries - and continues to prioritise making awards that will have the greatest impact.

The Club welcomes applications from all sources.

The Trustees and Secretary are always willing to informally discuss possible applications to advise if they fall within the remit of the Club.

The Club would like to sincerely thank the local community, shops, businesses, Olney Town Council and Newport Pagnell Councillors and other organisations for their continued and extremely generous support for our activities – and with which we could not do without! In addition, the Club would like to make a special 'thank you' to the small army of Lion's Friends, that also help us out when we are a little short of hands – throughout the year.

2.3 Achievements and Performance

The Charity received around 40 applications for grants and service requests in 2025/26. These were considered at the quarterly Trustee meetings during the year, and by the monthly business meetings of the Club (attended by the Membership and Trustees).

The Club also makes a number of *ad hoc* grants available – i.e. awards to charitable causes which are not initiated by a specific service request. The Club also has a fast track process for handling request made in between meetings, for urgent cases.

In total the Trustees and the Club approved around 35 grants and other service requests - with the remainder either being rejected, further information being requested or the applications being subsequently withdrawn.

2.4 Financial Review

The total income for the year was £13,217.04 from Fund Raising event / Service Activities, etc. and a further £1,688.75 from Administration charges – (contributed mainly by the Membership in the form of our mandatory Membership Dues).

Fund Raising event expenses were £7325.72 - and the expenses of administering the charity were £1726.39 paid for entirely out of the Administration charges - (i.e. from the contributions of Members in the form of Membership Dues).

The Profits from Fund Raising Events were £5891.32 and Charitable Donations were £6890.00 made from Profits and Reserves. A list of these can be found in the financial statements below.

2.5 Other Optional Information

Reserves policy
The Club has no formal reserves policy. The Club seeks to hold sufficient cash reserves to be able to award £4,000 in grants and to cover the expected annual administrative and governance costs of the Charity.

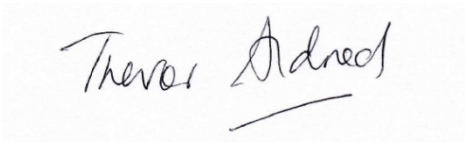
Funds Materially in Deficit
The Club has no funds which are materially in deficit.

Plans for Future Periods
Trustees have been keen to steadily expand the charitable giving of the charity for some time, but have been cautious not to create a demand that cannot be met. In summary, the Clubs main plans are to build our Charity Fund (and thus be able to support more good causes), increase membership, promote service in Newport Pagnell and maintain our profile via the Club Website and Facebook pages.

2.6 Declaration

The Trustees declare that they have approved the Trustees' Annual Report above.

Signed on behalf of the Charity's Trustees:



Trevor Aldred BSc, MSc, MIET, AMIMechE
Chair of Trustees
Newport Pagnell and Olney Lions Club (CIO)

30th September 2026

3. Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees for the year ended 30th June 2026

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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) NEWPORT PAGNELL & OLNEY LIONS CLUB

On accounts for the year ended 30 JUNE 2026 **Charity no (if any)** 1184025

Set out on pages 16 → 21 (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 .

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: [signature] **Date:** 26 OCT 2026

Name: THOMAS JONES

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

Address: 8 TALBOTS HYDE, OLNEY, BUCKS, MK46 5NP.

4. Statement of Financial Activities for the year ended 30th June 2026

NEWPORT PAGNELL & OLNEY LIONS CLUB (CIO)

Registered Charity No: 1184025

DISTRICT 105A

ACCOUNTS FOR YEAR ENDED 30th JUNE 2026

REPORT OF THE AUDITORS TO THE MEMBERS OF THE NEWPORT PAGNELL & OLNEY LIONS CLUB (CIO)

We have examined the books and records of the Newport Pagnell & Olney Lions Club for the year ended 30th June 2026 and confirm that they are a true and fair record of the club's accounts.

Signature:		
Name:	R J BENSON	calvin benbow
Position in Club:	SECRETARY	member
Date:	1/9/26	1/9/26

NEWPORT PAGNELL & OLNEY LIONS CLUB (CIO)

ACCOUNTS FOR YEAR ENDED 30th JUNE 2026

CHARITY FUND

	£	£	£
Balance Brought Forward at beginning of the year:			**7122.70**
	Income	**Expenses**	
Fund Raising			
Calendars 2026	3892.50		
Dickens Lions Craft Fair	1706.84		
Lions Toast Event	2539.00		
Quiz Nights	677.00		
Motorama 2026	1662.15		
Cherry Fair Event	85.00		
RiverFest Event	36.25		
Donation from TOG	600.00		
Donations for JT Memorial	390.00		
Fee for Services Rendered	200.00		
Gift Aid Receipts	323.80		
Donations via Calendar Sales	53.50		
Sundry Income	337.99		
Collecting Tins	213.01		
Christmas Biscuits Contribution	500.00		
Calendars 2026		2401.95	
Dickens Lions Craft Fair		590.00	
Lions Toast Event		1455.49	
Quiz Nights		31.92	
Motorama 2026		1282.51	
Miscellaneous Stall Fees		31.00	
Website Hosting Fees		113.83	
Storage Costs		864.00	
ICO Annual Fee		52.00	
Meet the Lions Expenses		186.00	
Sundry Expenses		317.02	
	13217.04	**7325.72**	
Total Income less Expenses			**5891.32**
***less* Donations (see attached)**			**6890.00**
Balance of Charity Fund Carried Forward			**6124.02**

NEWPORT PAGNELL & OLNEY LIONS CLUB (CIO)

ACCOUNTS FOR YEAR ENDED 30th JUNE 2026

DONATIONS

	£	£
Local:		
Donation to Newport Pagnell Town U-15 Football Team	750.00	
Donation to Maya's Mission	250.00	
Donation to Ailsa's Aim	1250.00	
Replenishment of Message In A Bottle Stocks	140.00	
Donation to Cowper and Newton	100.00	
Donation to Attention Autism	100.00	
Purchase of Christmas Biscuits and Cards	1800.00	
Donation to CNWL, NHS Charity - via Luke Radwell sponsorship	50.00	
Donation to the Henry Allen Trust	50.00	
Donation to Local Man with Family Health Issues	50.00	
Donation to Men's Sheds	50.00	
Provision for Donations to local Causes	330.00	
		4920.00
National:		
Donation to Childhood Eye Cancer Trust	50.00	
Donation to Willen Hospice / via Sponsorship of 5K run	50.00	
Donation to Willen Hospice / via Sponsorship of Cycle Ride	100.00	
Donation to The Woodland Trust	60.00	
Contribution to District Youth Celebration - Table Sponsorship	100.00	
Lions Youth Funds etc. Contribution	261.00	
Donation to Willen Hospice (Direct)	400.00	
		1021.00
International:		
Donation to Chernobyl Relief Fund	300.00	
Donation to Driving Ukraine - based in Yardley Hastings	300.00	
LCIF Hurricane Melissa Disaster Relief Appeal	250.00	
Reimbursement to Chernobyl Relief Fund	99.00	
		949.00
Total Donations Made:		**6890.00**

NEWPORT PAGNELL & OLNEY LIONS CLUB (CIO)

ACCOUNTS FOR YEAR ENDED 30th JUNE 2026

ADMINISTRATION FUND

		£
Balance Brought Forward at beginning of the year:		**67.39**
Income		
Membership Subscriptions	928.00	
Fines and Raffles	6.00	
Reimbursements ex Charity Fund	461.00	
Gift Aid Receipts	138.75	
Sundry Income	155.00	
		1688.75
Expenditure		
MD and D Dues	1060.00	
International Dues	666.39	
		1726.39
Balance Carried Forward		**29.75**

NEWPORT PAGNELL & OLNEY LIONS CLUB (CIO)

ACCOUNTS FOR YEAR ENDED 30th JUNE 2026

MOVEMENT ON FUNDS

	£
Administration Fund:	
Balance brought forward 1st July 2025	67.39
Less net cash expenditure in year	37.64
Balance on Admin Fund 30th June 2026	**29.75**
Charity Fund:	
Balance brought forward 1st July 2025	7122.70
Less net cash expenditure in year	998.68
Balance on Charity Fund 30th June 2026	**6124.02**
TOTAL BALANCE of FUNDS	**6153.77**

REPRESENTED BY:

Balance of Business Account at Bank	6384.50
Balance of PayPal / PayPal Just Giving Accounts	69.27
plus: Cash in hand	30.00
less: Unpresented Cheques / Other Payments	330.00
	6153.77 ✓