CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From 01.07.2025 Period start date To 30.06.2026 Period end date

Charity name: Billingshurst & District Lions Club (CIO)

Charity registration number: 1186207

Objectives and Activities

	SORP reference	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	To foster a spirit of understanding among the peoples of the world, whilst promoting the principles of good citizenship. To take an active interest in the social and moral welfare of the peoples in our community. To encourage service-minded people to serve their community whilst promoting high ethical standards in public work and personal endeavours.
Summary of the main activities in relation to those purposes for the public benefit, in particular, the activities, projects or services identified in the accounts.	Para 1.17 and 1.19	The Club provides a wide range of support activities to its community, assisting people of all ages. At the same time the Club provides financial support to a range of Lion's projects in the UK and abroad, as well as responding to a number of humanitarian crises worldwide.
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	Para 1.18	All the Club decisions to assist local people and organisations are considered within the guidance laid down by the Charities Commission through the Club Community Services Committee. The Trustees are required to ratify all spending decisions taken by the membership during Club meetings. Our public benefits statement is summarised below.

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

	SORP reference	
Policy on grant making	Para 1.38	The number of applications that can be supported is, of necessity, limited to the amount of funds available for distribution in any one year. The Trustees have determined that the **priorities for funding** will be: -subject to other elements of the Trustees grant-making policy, no restrictions are imposed on the purpose for which a grant may be made; thus applications for support towards capital projects, other projects or core costs are considered; - as there are approx. 800 Lions Clubs in the UK, applications from Billingshurst area and surrounding districts are generally given a priority, with those in Lions District 105SE (the counties of Surrey, Kent and Sussex) also being considered. Trustees also consider international funding requests referred to them and by the Lions International organisation; -candidates for support and/or grants are all considered on their own merits, following investigation by the 'Community Services Committee'. However, given that most of the available funds are raised within the local community, those candidates that are local are given special consideration. Using the former as a guiding principle the following are examples of areas adopted for support: Local charities - youth groups, groups working with the elderly, residential and nursing homes, individual appeals; Youth and children's organisations - sport related groups or individuals, scouting and guiding, youth club activities, young people undertaking overseas assignments;

		Community facilities - relief of hardship for individuals and families, village hall projects, community group initiatives. The above priorities in this policy will be reviewed every year (or more often if deemed appropriate by the Trustees), and may be changed in accordance with the Trustees' view of the most effective application of available funds at any point in time. Exclusions The Trustees will not normally approve the use of funds for medical research of international, national or locally based charities; or for purposes for which government has a statutory responsibility to provide.
Policy on social investment including program related investment **(Public Benefits Statement)**	Para 1.38	**Activities Programmes** As well as providing grants to deserving causes within Billingshurst and the surrounding villages the Billingshurst and District Lions club undertakes a number of community services projects every year. Examples of such projects include, **For the elderly:** We help support many luncheon clubs in the local villages and distribute Christmas hampers to the needy. **For the young:** We work closely with local pre-schools, primary schools and their associated PTAs, providing reading books for the children, other items required to improve the children's' learning and manual labour for such work as decorating and gardening when required. **Within the community:** As a member of Billingshurst Community Partnership, we work with many other local community organisations, such as the sports club, British Legion and the Scouts and Guides, to help manage and run annual events such as the Billingshurst Show, firework night, car boot sales and the Remembrance Day parade. Our second-hand bookshop remains our principal source of fund raising and also provides a service to the community enjoyed by thousands of locals. We also collect used spectacles, which are graded and sent to developing countries.
Contribution made by volunteers	Para 1.38	Volunteers contribute to our objectives by assisting in our second hand bookshop, during our annual carol collections and at other fund raising and community events.
Other		Volunteers assist on our substantial programme for our local primary schools including regular book give-aways, the Lions ROAR programme, assistance with outdoor and indoor workshops

Achievements and Performance

	SORP reference	
Summary of the main achievements of the charity, identifying the difference the charity's work has made to the circumstances of its beneficiaries and any wider benefits to society as a whole.	Para 1.20	Current membership – 38, we have recruited 2 new members this year and welcomed 5 transferees following the closure of Horsham Lions Club. Our face to face activities in our bookshop, community services, schools and projects committees continue to prosper. Our bookshop raised a net £24,000 after expenses, the annual Christmas Carols collection and Charity Golf day again raised nearly £8,000 between them. Total funds raised during the year, approx. £59,000, enabled us to make donations during the year, after expenses, of approx. £32,500. We continue to support : • local pre- and primary schools, youth clubs, youth projects £4,700 • Lions Clubs International projects including Ukraine £5,500 • Billingshurst local community £22,000 including Christmas hampers £2,000 and Sussex Prostate Cancer Support £6,000.
		Our wider community activity included support for Billingshurst Emergency Action Team (BEAT), Billingshurst Community Partnership projects, community activities organised by the Parish Council and Neighbourhood Wardens.

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Achievements against objectives set	Para 1.41	
Performance of fundraising activities against objectives set	Para 1.41	
Investment performance against objectives	Para 1.41	
Other		

Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	The accounts show a surplus of £5,000 for the year, donations have increased substantially by £18,000 over year 2024.25. We hold a healthy level of funds to meet charitable requests and future expenses as they arise, the position is monitored monthly via regular financial reports. Expenses of £21,000 included approx. £14,000 rent and utilities for our second hand bookshop together with other expenses incurred in putting on our major fund raising events.
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	The Club's investment policy is to retain all funds in cash with reputable banks. We hold a Liquidity Manager reserve at 95 day's notice with our bank, NatWest.
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	Of current cash balances, we endeavour to hold sufficient cash in hand to cover 6 month's rent, lease maintenance and other expenses of our second hand bookshop, our main fundraising activity. We currently hold £10,000 for this purpose.
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	N/A
Details of fund materially in deficit	Para 1.24	No funds are in deficit
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	None. We will continue to manage our funds and donations in line with our fund-raising capability and anticipated regular expenditure.

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

The charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising)	Para 1.47	
Investment policy and objectives including any social investment policy adopted	Para 1.46	
A description of the principal risks facing the charity	Para 1.46	
Other		

Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts:		
Type of governing document (trust deed, royal charter)	Para 1.25	Trust Deed and constitution drawn up in accordance with the Lions Club International (LCI) model supplemented by our local Club By Laws
How is the charity constituted? (e.g unincorporated association, CIO)	Para 1.25	The Club converted to Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) with effect from 1st July 2020.
Trustee selection methods including details of any constitutional provisions e.g. election to post or name of any person or body entitled to appoint one or more trustees	Para 1.25	Trustees are elected annually to key positions and additional Committee Chairs form a group of Officers whose role is to manage the affairs of the Club within the Terms of the Constitution. All final decisions on expenditure being approved by the five Trustees at Club meetings, generally held monthly.

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees	Para 1.51	Elected trustees are required to sign the agreed LCI Trustee declaration, encouraged to read the relevant CC material and attend annual briefings held in Spring each year.
The charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works	Para 1.51	The charity is an independent club within the wider network of Lions Clubs in the British Isles (MD105) and the international network of Lions Clubs International (LCI).
Relationship with any related parties	Para 1.51	
Other		The Club operates within the framework of a range of Lions Club policy documents including: Investment, Complaints procedure, Risk Assessment, Volunteering, Vulnerable persons and safeguarding (DBS), General Data Protection Regulations (GDPR)

Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	Billingshurst & District Lions Club (CIO)
Other name the charity uses	
Registered charity number	1186207
Charity's principal address	c/o : Treasurer, 39, Dell Lane, Billingshurst, West Sussex RH14 9QE

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	Dominic Roberts	President		
2	Paul Roberts	Immediate Past President		
3	Gary Newton	Vice President		
4	John Shaw	Secretary		
5	Andrew Viall	Treasurer		

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Corporate trustees – names of the directors at the date the report was approved

Director name		
Not applicable		

Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity

Trustee name	**Dates acted if not for whole year**	
Not applicable		

Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

Description of the assets held in this capacity	N/A
Name and objects of the charity on whose behalf the assets are held and how this falls within the custodian charity's objects	
Details of arrangements for safe custody and segregation of such assets from the charity's own assets	

Declarations

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)		Andrew Viall
Full name(s)	Dominic Roberts	Andrew Viall
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	President – 2025/26	Treasurer – 2025/26
Date	21/9/26	

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Charity Name	No (if any)
Billingshurst & District Lions Club - CIO	1186207

Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period from	01/07/2025	To	30/06/2026

Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Bookshop takings	39,129	-	-	39,129	33,049
Fund raising - events	7,070	-	-	7,070	7,098
Chariy Golf day	9,956	-	-	9,956	8,472
Branded clothing	606	-	-	606	-
Gift Aid	530	-	-	530	1,384
Donations	765	-	-	765	230
Bank interest	1,098	-	-	1,098	888
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total *(Gross income for AR)*	59,154	-	-	59,154	51,121
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	59,154	-	-	59,154	51,121
A3 Payments					
Bookshop expenses	14,663	-	-	14,663	17,070
Fund raising expenses	724	-	-	724	917
Lions Projects (e.g.MIAB, Vision)	1,050	-	-	1,050	1,120
Branded clothing	643	-	-	643	-
Insurance to Members fund	335	-	-	335	305
Sundry expenses - (Print etc.)	133	-	-	133	279
Charity golf	4,004	-	-	4,004	3,554
Donations - community	27,888	-	-	27,888	13,848
Donations - schools	4,762	-	-	4,762	4,317
Sub total	54,202	-	-	54,202	41,410
A4 Asset and investment purchases. (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	
	-	-	-	-	
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	54,202	-	-	54,202	41,410
Net of receipts/(payments)	4,952	-	-	4,952	9,711
A5 Transfers between funds	2,799	-	-	2,799	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	69,569	-	-	69,569	59,858
Cash funds this year end	77,320	-	-	77,320	69,569

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

B1 Cash funds

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
	NatWest - Curent accounts	100	-	-
	- Business reserve	51,762	-	-
	95 day notice	25,458	-	-
	Total cash funds	77,320	-	-

(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))

B2 Other monetary assets

Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-

B3 Investment assets

Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-

B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use

Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-

B5 Liabilities

Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
		-	
		-	
		-	
		-	
		-	

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
	DOMINIC ROBERTS	21/9/26
Andrew Vidal	ANDREW VIDAL	21/9/

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Billingshurst & District Lions Club - CIO	No (if any)

Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period from	01/07/2025	To	30/06/2026

Section A Receipts and payments

Administration Fund	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Mwmbers contributions	2,561	-	-	2,561	1,995
Social income	3,590	-	-	3,590	2,967
Members donations	732	-	-	732	953
Sundry - Insurance from Acts fund	335	-	-	335	305
interest	6	-	-	6	20
Branded clothing	-	-	-	-	57
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total *(Gross income for AR)*	7,224	-	-	7,224	6,297
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	7,224	-	-	7,224	6,297
A3 Payments					
Lions Club International dues	3,154	-	-	3,154	3,228
Social expenditure	3,591	-	-	3,591	3,129
Welfare	90	-	-	90	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	6,835	-	-	6,835	6,357
A4 Asset and investment purchases. (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	
	-	-	-	-	
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	6,835	-	-	6,835	6,357
Net of receipts/(payments)	389	-	-	389	60
A5 Transfers between funds		-	-		-
A6 Cash funds last year end	1,580	-	-	1,580	1,640
Cash funds this year end	1,969	-	-	1,969	1,580

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	NatWEst current acc	1,969	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds (agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	1,969	-	-

	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-

	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B3 Investment assets			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
B5 Liabilities			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees	Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
	D Roberts	DOMINIC ROBERTS	21/9/26
	Andrew Viall	ANDREW VIALL	21/9/26

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Independent examiner's report on the accounts

Section A Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/ members of	Billingshurst & District Lions Club (CIO)		
On accounts for the year ended	30th June 2026	**Charity no (if any)**	1186207
Set out on pages	1-3		

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 30/06/2026.

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:**	7/9/26
Name:	Robin Neville		
Relevant professional qualification(s) or body (if any):	FCMA (RET'D)		
Address:	Felside, Chalk Road, Ifold, RH14 0UD		

Section B	Disclosure

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.

