Trustees' Annual Report and Accounts

Southwell and District Lions Club (CIO)
For the year ended 30 June 2026

Charity Number: 1186703

Registered Office

1 Arnold Avenue
Southwell
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Trustees

- Ian Wallace – President
- Nicholas Parr – Treasurer
- Peter Brooker
- Simon Dawkins
- Ian Gillings
- Ian Robinson
- Nick Cocks

Structure, Governance and Management

Southwell and District Lions Club became a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) on 2 December 2019, having previously operated as a Charitable Trust.

The Club is governed by a Board of Trustees, all of whom serve on a voluntary basis. Trustees are elected annually by the Club membership in accordance with the Club's Constitution.

The Trustees are responsible for ensuring that the Club's activities are conducted in accordance with its charitable objectives and that its financial resources are managed appropriately and prudently.

Objectives and Activities

The principal objective of Southwell and District Lions Club is to support the local community, together with communities at regional, national and international level.

The Club achieves these objectives principally through the organisation of fundraising activities and events throughout the year. Funds raised are used to provide financial assistance to charities, community organisations, individuals and other deserving causes where a need for support has been identified.

In addition to financial support, Club members provide practical assistance to local organisations and community initiatives whenever their involvement is requested and where the Club is able to assist.

The Trustees continue to ensure that funds raised are applied efficiently and responsibly, with the primary aim of maximising the benefit delivered to those in need.

Public Benefit

The Trustees confirm that they have had due regard to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit when exercising their powers and carrying out their duties.

The Club's fundraising and charitable activities are undertaken for the benefit of the wider community, with particular emphasis on supporting individuals, charities and organisations where financial or practical assistance can make a meaningful difference.

Achievements and Performance

The Club has continued to make a positive contribution to the local and wider community during the year.

Membership

Despite the loss of two members during the year, the Club has continued to grow its membership and now has **32 members**. This provides a strong foundation for the Club's continued fundraising and community activities.

Fundraising

The Club has maintained its fundraising programme with considerable commitment from members. Fundraising income for the year amounted to **£31,665**, compared with **£37,462** in the previous financial year.

The reduction in fundraising income is principally attributable to the Club not holding a Comedy Night during the year, together with lower levels of income from some of the other fundraising events.

Notwithstanding this reduction, the Trustees are pleased that the Club has continued to generate significant funds for charitable purposes and has maintained its commitment to supporting those in need.

Charitable Donations and Community Support

Total charitable donations and support during the year amounted to **£23,813**, compared with **£23,998** in the previous year.

The relatively small reduction in charitable giving, despite the lower level of fundraising income, demonstrates the Club's continued focus on ensuring that funds raised are applied as effectively and efficiently as possible.

The Trustees and members have continued to work closely with local communities and organisations to identify suitable recipients of charitable support. The Club has also taken a proactive approach to identifying organisations where its financial assistance can have a significant impact.

Examples of organisations supported or considered for support include **Framework**, which provides assistance to people who are homeless or at risk of homelessness, and **Beaumond House**, the local hospice serving the Newark area.

The Trustees remain committed to ensuring that charitable donations are directed towards causes where there is a genuine and demonstrable need.

Financial Review

As Treasurer, I am pleased to report that the Club remains in a sound financial position. The Trustees continue to adopt a prudent approach to the management of the Club's funds, balancing the need to maintain appropriate reserves with the objective of maximising charitable expenditure.

Banking Arrangements

During the year, the Club reviewed its banking arrangements following the introduction of charges for banking services by Lloyds Bank.

As a result, the Trustees took the decision in August 2025 to move the Club's banking arrangements to **The Co-operative Bank**.

The Charity Account was transferred on **1 October 2025**, followed by the Administration Account on **11 November 2025**.

The move has enabled the Club to benefit from free banking facilities. This represents a positive financial saving for the Club and ensures that a greater proportion of the funds raised through our activities can be directed towards charitable purposes rather than being absorbed by banking charges.

Unrestricted Funds – Administration Account

The Trustees' reserves policy is to retain sufficient unrestricted funds within the Administration Account to meet the Club's liabilities and maintain continuity of operations.

In particular, the Club aims to maintain a minimum balance sufficient to cover the next anticipated payment of membership fees to Lions at both District and International level, together with a reasonable level of working capital as determined by the Trustees.

The Club has also agreed that any Gift Aid received in respect of members' monthly subscriptions should be transferred to the designated charitable fund for use in supporting charitable purposes.

At the year end, the balance of the **Unrestricted Administration Account was £2,953.43**.

Included within the Club's forthcoming commitments were approximately **£1,600 of District and International membership fees**, payable at the beginning of the next financial year in July 2026.

The balance of the **Designated Charity Fund was £28** at the year end.

Restricted Funds – Charity Account

The Trustees' reserves policy in respect of restricted funds held within the Charity Account is to maintain sufficient funds to enable the Club to respond to reasonable requests for charitable donations and to retain an appropriate level of reserve to take advantage of future charitable opportunities.

In determining the appropriate level of reserves, the Trustees take into account the timing and anticipated level of future fundraising and other receipts, both within the current accounting period and beyond.

During the year, the Charity Fund also benefited from a **Gift Aid claim of £2,000**, further strengthening the funds available for charitable purposes.

At the year end, the balance of the **Restricted Charity Fund was £8,782.**

Of this amount, **£6,400 had been committed to charitable projects taking place during the following financial year.**

This left an **uncommitted working balance of £2,382** within the Restricted Charity Fund at the year end.

The Trustees consider the level of available reserves to be appropriate to the Club's current activities and anticipated commitments. The financial position provides the Club with the ability to continue its programme of charitable giving while retaining sufficient funds to meet existing commitments and respond to future opportunities.

Treasurer's Statement

The Club remains financially stable and continues to operate with a clear focus on achieving maximum charitable benefit from the funds raised.

Although fundraising income was lower than in the previous year, principally due to the absence of the Comedy Night and reduced income from certain other events, the Club maintained a substantial level of charitable giving.

The Trustees remain committed to prudent financial management, maintaining appropriate reserves and ensuring that expenditure is properly controlled.

The move to The Co-operative Bank has also removed banking charges and will, going forward, allow the Club to direct a greater proportion of its fundraising income towards charitable purposes.

The Trustees would like to place on record their appreciation to all Club members, volunteers, supporters, sponsors and members of the local community whose efforts and contributions have enabled the Club to continue its charitable work throughout the year.

On behalf of the Trustees, I am satisfied that the Club is well placed to continue its fundraising and charitable activities during the forthcoming year.

Nicholas Parr
Treasurer
Southwell and District Lions Club (CIO)

18 September 2026

Trustee:

Name: SIMON DAWKINS

Position: PRESIDENT. **Date** 15/9/26

Trustee:

Name: IAN WATTS

Position: TRUSTEE **Date:** 15-9-26

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Receipts and Payments Accounts

	Unrestricted funds Administration £	Designated funds Charity £	Restricted funds Charity £	TOTAL 2026 £	Unrestricted funds Administration £	Designated funds Charity £	Restricted funds Charity £	TOTAL 2025 £
RECEIPTS								
Subscriptions	4,260			4,260	4,272			4,272
Charter Dinner income	1,350			1,350	1,260			1,260
Donations	0		471	471	0		432	432
Fund raising	0		21,976	21,976	0		28,129	28,129
Gift Aid recovered	0	1,020	2,000	3,020	0	1,045	2,000	3,045
Miscellaneous	588			588	324			324
Total Receipts	6,198	1,020	24,447	31,665	5,856	1,045	30,561	37,462
PAYMENTS								
Donations	129	1,100	22,584	23,813	379	1,000	22,619	23,998
Costs of fundraising			3,709	3,709			9,865	9,865
District affilliation fees	1,843			1,843	1,823			1,823
International affiliation fees	1,240			1,240	1,162			1,162
Charter Dinner expenditure	1,350			1,350	1,715			1,715
Equipment	270			270	243			243
Clothing	206			206	0			0
Events	177			177	176			176
Sundry	328			328	61			61
Independent Examination	200			200	200			200
Website	515			515				
Advertising	192			192	263			263
Total payments	6,450	1,100	26,293	33,843	6,022	1,000	32,484	39,506
Net receipts/(payments)	-252	-80	-1,846	-2,178	-166	45	-1,923	-2,044
Transfer between funds				0	-64		64	0
Cash at bank and in hand at 1st July	3,205	108	10,628	13,941	3,435	63	12,487	15,985
Cash at bank and in hand 30th June	2,953	28	8,782	11,763	3,205	108	10,628	13,941

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Statement of Assets and Liabilities

	Unrestricted funds Administration £	Designated funds Charity £	Restricted funds Charity £	TOTAL 2026 £	Unrestricted funds Administration £	Designated funds Charity £	Restricted funds Charity £	TOTAL 2025 £
Cash Funds								
Bank current account (Admin)	2,953			2,953	3,205			3,205
Bank current account (Charity)		28	8,782	8,810		108	10,628	10,736
	2,953	**28**	**8,782**	**11,763**	**3,205**	**108**	**10,628**	**13,941**

Notes

1 The financial statements have been prepared using the Receipts and Payments basis.

2 Assets retained for charity use are Santa's sleigh, and a number of items of equipment used to support fund-raising. Much of this is low value and accordingly expenditure is fully written off in the year in which it is incurred.

3 Gift Aid Recovered

	Designated funds £	Restricted funds £	TOTAL 2026 £	Designated funds £	Restricted funds £	TOTAL 2025 £
GASDS on Christmas float		2,000	2,000		2,000	2,000
Gift aid on Subcriptions	1,020		1,020	1045		1,045
	1,020	**2,000**	**3,020**	**1,045**	**2,000**	**3,045**

4 Trustees have decided to transfer gift aid on subscriptions to a designated charity account, which will then be used for charitable donations.

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	Unrestricted Funds Administration to 30.6.26	Designated Funds Charity to 30.6.26	Restricted Funds Charity to 30.6.26	Unrestricted Funds Administration to 30.6.25	Designated Funds Charity to 30.6.25	Restricted Funds Charity to 30.6.25
Charitable Donations	£	£	£	£	£	£
Southwell First Responders			2,177.14			300.00
Beaumond House			2,000.00			2,180.00
Macmillan			1,500.00			1,500.00
Guide Dogs for the blind		1,100.00				
Maggies Cancer Centre			1,100.00			
Rumbles Café			1,050.00			
Framework			1,000.00			1,100.00
LCIF appeal Ukraine Birthing Bags			1,000.00			
Reach			1,000.00			3,102.29
Newark Home Start			750.00			
Your CVS			750.00			
Lowes Wong School DAaRT			745.71			640.00
Farnsfield School DAaRT			728.57			
Rainbows Hospice	104.00		700.00	104.00		
Park run defibrilator			600.00			
Holy Trinity School, Southwell			500.00			
Kids Cancer Charity			500.00			500.00
LCIF appeal for Jamaica			500.00			
Ukraine Generators			500.00			
Elite Swimmers			400.00			
Southwell Runners Club			400.00			
Sight Savers			350.00			350.00
Water Aid			350.00			350.00
2nd Farnsfield Brownies			300.00			
Farnsfield Cricket Club			300.00			
Prebend preschool			300.00			
Baby Basics			250.00			1,000.00
Buddie Bags			250.00			
Childrens Bereavement Centre			250.00			400.00
Farnsfield Methodist tea at two			250.00			
Lions support for Activity Allowance			250.00			
PASIC			250.00			250.00
Rainbow project Zimbabwe			250.00			
SHINE Newark family			250.00			
Bleasby School DAaRT			188.57			
ROAR			185.00			170.00
Westgate Group			165.60			
Halam School DAaRT			137.14			1,000.00
Dawn House School			100.00			
Southwell Food Hub			100.00			
Lowes Wong School Books			89.17			
Marie Curie			67.27			46.15
Farnsfield PC Sweets			50.00			
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Charitable Donations	Unrestricted Funds Administration to 30.6.26 £	Designated Funds Charity to 30.6.26 £	Restricted Funds Charity to 30.6.26 £	Unrestricted Funds Administration to 30.6.25 £	Designated Funds Charity to 30.6.25 £	Restricted Funds Charity to 30.6.25 £
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Southwell Leisure Centre						1,000.00
UK Vision Camera						1,000.00
Brincliffe Ladies Hockey						750.00
Brighter Future through Sports						650.00
Southwell Guides						515.00
Childrens Air Ambulance						500.00
Minster School PTA						500.00
Sam's workplace D of E						500.00
Southwell Cricket Club						500.00
Southwell Womens Institute						500.00
Ukraine Stoves						500.00
Gunthorpe Primary School						300.00
Brain Tumour Research						250.00
C Riley - Iceland Guide Camp						250.00
Lilian Smith - Iceland Guide Camp						250.00
Mack Dickinson - Sheffield Diving						250.00
MIND						250.00
Motor Neurone Disease						250.00
Ruth Hogg - Iceland Guide Camp						250.00
Southwell Scouts						216.00
Lowdham Prison						200.00
Notts and Lincoln Air Ambulance						100.00
Royal British Legion						100.00
Tools for Africa						100.00
Farnsfield Community Spaces						50.00
Funeral donation re Roger Eastty				250.00		
The Poppy appeal	25.00			25.00		
Trent Dementia Services					1000.00	
	129.00	**1,100.00**	**22,584.17**	**379.00**	**1,000.00**	**22,619.44**

Independent Examiner's Report
to the Trustees of Southwell and District Lions Club (CIO)

I report on the accounts of the CIO for the year ended 30th June 2026.

Respective Responsibilities of Trustees and Examiner:
The trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- Examine the accounts (under section 145 of the 2011 Act);
- To follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners (under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act); and
- To state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of Independent Examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the general directions given by the Charity Commission. 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 consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as 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.

Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

1. which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect of the requirements

- To keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act; and
- To prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Act have not been met; or

2. to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

A Slinger 16.9.26

Alison Slinger FCA

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CHARTERED
ACCOUNTANT