GOLDEN LION CHILDREN'S TRUST

TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT

Year ended 31 March 2025 | Registered charity no. 272993

Objectives and activities

The Trust provides opportunities and support for children and young people through organised educational, recreational and community activities. Its programme includes outings, events and practical seasonal projects intended to benefit children and families.

Achievements and performance

The 2024/25 project schedule records 32 project and event entries and 1,605 attendances. The attendance figure includes volunteers and helpers and does not represent a count of unique beneficiaries. Activities included visits to Amberley Museum, Diggerland, Legoland, Glyndebourne and theatre productions, together with the Bluebell Railway Santa Special, a Winter Warmer project and Christmas deliveries.

Fundraising and community participation included the motorcycle toy run, fire station events, golf and aviation-related fundraising, and support from schools, volunteers and local organisations.

Financial review

Total income	**£25,508.73**	Project expenditure	**£14,422.50**
Total expenditure	**£35,267.46**	Administration expenditure	**£20,844.96**
Deficit for the year	**£9,758.73**	Bank balances at 31 March 2025	**£27,821.65**

Project expenditure is shown net of a further £7,084.50 of donated and discounted costs. The accounts also record a £10,000 grant from Sussex Community Foundation identified as restricted funding. The trustees will keep financial resources and planned expenditure under review.

Structure, governance and public benefit

The charity is managed by its trustees under its governing document. In preparing this report, the trustees have considered the public benefit of the activities delivered for children and young people. The trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts and for maintaining appropriate financial records.

Accounts and independent examination

The accounts for the year ended 31 March 2025 follow this report, together with the independent examiner's signed report dated 20 October 2026. The examination is not a statutory audit.

Approved by the trustees on: 28/10/2026

Signed on behalf of the trustees: 

Name and office: Steve Cooley, Chair

CHARITY COMMISSION FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

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Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period from	Period start date 4/1/2024	To	Period end date 3/31/2025

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					
Subscriptions	124	-	-	124	-
Donations	15,425	-	-	15,425	-
Grants	10,000	-	-	10,000	-
Interest Income	970	-	-	970	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
***Sub total**(Gross income for AR)*	26,518	-	-	26,518	-
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	26,518	-	-	26,518	-
A3 Payments					
Project Exp	15,582	-	-	15,582	-
Operating Exp	20,214	-	-	20,214	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	35,796	-	-	35,796	-
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	
	-	-	-	-	
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	35,796	-	-	35,796	-
Net of receipts/(payments)	- 9,278	-	-	- 9,278	-
A5 Transfers between funds			-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	37,099.81		-	37,100	-
Cash funds this year end	27,822	-	-	27,822	-

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		27,822	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	27,822	-	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK

	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

CHARITY COMMISSION FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Independent examiner's report on the accounts

Section A Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees	Golden Lion Children's Trust		
On accounts for the year ended	31st March 2025	**Charity no**	**272993**
Set out on pages	1-2		

Responsibilities and basis of report

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31st March 2025.

As the charity's trustees, 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 all 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 in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed:	Rachel Eden	**Date:**	20th October 2026
Name:	Rachel Eden		
Relevant professional qualification(s)	FCMA (Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Management Accountants		
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