Knowle & Dorridge Lions Club

Annual report and accounts for year ended 30 June 2026

Registered charity No: 509993

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Introduction

This report and accounts prepared by the Knowle & Dorridge Lions Club continues our policy to give the reader a better understanding of the activities of the Charity and the manner in which the funds, collected from various events held during the year, are distributed. It combines information for the year ended 30 June 2026 with comparison figures for the previous year.

Trustees and officers

The Trustees for the year were the President – Paul Wheatley, Vice President - Tony Gee, the Secretary – Adrian Harris and Treasurer – Ian Gedge. Each year the Club selects three of its members to fill the roles of President, Secretary and Treasurer and in turn they become the Trustees for the year along with the Vice President & Immediate Past President. An existing officer can serve for more than one year or may serve again in the future in the same or an alternative role. There is no limit on the period an officer may serve although all members are encouraged to serve as an officer of the Club.

The officers for 2026/27 will be, President – Paul Wheatley, Vice President – Tony Gee, Secretary – Jan Burke, Treasurer – Ian Gedge.

Bankers

During the year, the Club maintained bank accounts with the following provider:

CAF Bank Limited
25 Kings Hill Avenue
Kings Hill
West Malling
ME19 4JQ

There were two accounts with CAF Bank Limited, one current account and one deposit account. The Club maintains a record within the Charity accounts of the transactions related to the administration of the Club such as paying Lions International dues for each club member.

The report and accounts include this introduction, a report from the President – Paul Wheatley, and the accounting figures themselves. Following the financial statements are the accounting policies and notes to the accounts. The final page includes a useful link to the Knowle and Dorridge Lions Club website, where details of the Lions meetings and the planned programme for the following year can be found.



Ian Gedge
Treasurer

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President's Report 2025/2026

As a Lions Club we have continued to do our best to Serve Our Community since we were first established in 1976. This is now our 50th year.

Because we are local our members serve the unique needs of our immediate community and try to make a positive difference. We are involved in raising funds for good causes, organising local events, providing direct support for individuals or groups in the community. Like all Lions Clubs every penny and pound collected goes direct to good causes as any running and administration costs are funded by our members.

As usual, this year, through our Community Services Committee and thereafter confirmed by all members, we select charities to benefit from 50% of the money we raise with the remaining 50% going to local causes, supporting local youth and elderly as well as local groups and individuals.

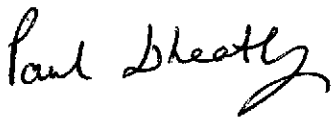
We are fortunate in that we are located in an affluent area where despite the challenging economic climate our public, sponsors and businesses have continued to support us most generously. We have two major events a year. Immediately after Christmas we held our Festive Walk from Dorridge Village Hall which was supported by nearly 700 walkers. Our 41st Fun Run in May enjoyed very good "running" weather and was supported by around 1,400 runners. This is a major event in the local calendar when people can come together and feel part of the community. In between these major events we sold raffle tickets for Easter Eggs over a ten day period at Easter in a popular local public house.

Our main benefiting charities in 2025/26 were Headway, the brain injury charity, and Meningitis NOW who both received circa £6,000 each. In addition, Easter Egg Raffle proceeds went to Age UK Solihull plus an additional £1,000. We also try to help develop our local young people through our Youth Travel Bursary, where we gave two grants of £1750 for local young people to teach for up to 12 months in Honduras and in China. We find this not only helps others but has an impact on the beneficiary's self-development and life skills.

At the other end of the age scale, we care for our elderly through a coach trip this year to Oxford, a tea party at the British Legion and visits at Christmas with mince pies and a card. In-between we are able to help local people who need specialist equipment or medical help. Our other donations are diverse. For example, we gave monies to St. Johns Ambulance to help with local CPR training, we helped refurbish both local defibrillators, replace the village hall doors, and we gave a dehumidifier to a young family who had problems with a damp flat.

As a club, are having the same issues as many charity fundraising organisations in that our members are getting older and fewer. This means if we don't get new people to join, we will have to reduce our fundraising expectations. At the time of writing this report we have 13 active members and some of our activities, like the Fun Run, need circa 200 volunteer helpers, which gives some idea of our problem. This year we have tried a number of different approaches to recruitment which has proved to be positive which we hope to keep up next year.

Finally, I wish to thank all fellow Lions for the support I have received over the year and hope we have a very good 2026/7 Lions year in which we can again make a positive contribution.



Paul Wheatley
President 2025/2026

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Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Knowle and Dorridge Lions Club

I report on the accounts of the Trust for the year ended 30 June 2026, which are set out on pages 5 to 9.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's 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(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 Commission 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 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.



John Southwick
Chartered Accountant

30 / 10 / 2026

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Statement of Financial Activities

	Note	2026	2025
Income			
Festive Walk	2	4,097.45	3,332.50
Easter Egg Raffle	3	1,740.46	2,045.50
Fun Run	4	38,957.86	34,790.36
Donations & other income		1,714.91	4,406.70
Club membership	6	1,478.63	1,413.00
Bank interest		319.25	461.11
Total Income		**£48,308.56**	**£46,449.17**
Expenditure			
Festive Walk	2	291.96	3.99
Easter Egg Raffle	3	864.60	1,060.80
Fun Run	4	26,540.27	24,189.34
Charitable Payments	5	16,737.39	21,609.82
Club membership	6	1,484.64	1,479.93
Activity costs		470.00	528.15
Operating costs		731.17	502.33
Bank charges		112.31	127.00
Depreciation		51.70	64.23
Total expenditure		**£47,284.04**	**£49,565.59**
Net income/(expenditure) for the year		£1,024.52	(£3,116.42)
Balance at start of year		£24,451.48	£27,567.90
Balance at end of year		**£25,476.00**	**£24,451.48**

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Net Assets Statement

		2026	2025
Fixed assets			
Equipment	7	£0.00	£51.70
Stock	7	£65.00	£85.00
Total		**£65.00**	**£136.70**
Current assets			
Cash at bank		£24,699.95	£34,192.16
Cash at bank (admin)		£871.61	£877.62
Debtors	8	£527.74	£30.00
Total		**£26,099.30**	**£35,099.78**
Current liabilities			
Creditors	8	(£688.30)	(£10,785.00)
Net current assets		**£25,411.00**	**£24,314.78**
Net assets		**£25,476.00**	**£24,451.48**

Signed: I. Gedge

Ian Gedge, Treasurer

Date: 3/11/26

Accounting policies

The following principal accounting policies, which have been applied consistently, have been adopted in preparation of the financial statements.

Assets

The Club has a policy to expense the cost of small assets (under £200) in the year of purchase, and also to record stock purchased, held and used during the year. The financial statements include the cash held with the Club's banker. Amounts receivable in relation to events held in this year have been included as debtors, where the amount is reasonably certain and assured. Amounts paid in respect of an event to be held after the end of the financial period covered by these accounts may also be included as prepayments.

Depreciation

Depreciation is provided on equipment at a rate of 20% per annum using the straight-line method in order to write off each asset over its estimated useful life.

Liabilities

The expenses expected in respect of events held during the year that remain unpaid have been included together with the sums payable to the Charities and other organisations agreed in the year and amounts received where these relate to an event to be held after the end of the financial period covered by these accounts.

Notes to the accounts

1. Tax claims

This note includes details of the Gift Aid tax claims made in the year although the amounts shown are included in the separate event notes as part of the income attributable to the particular event.

	Amount	Received
Membership	£258.13	Nov. 2025
Donations	£41.25	Nov. 2025
Festive Walk	£932.49	Jan. 2026
Fun Run entries	£1,384.75	May. 2026
Fun Run designated charity	£19.68	May. 2026
Fun Run entries	£210.00	Jul. 2026
Fun Run designated charity	£83.49	Jul. 2026
Total attributed to particular events	£2,929.79	

We received an additional Gift Aid claim of £97.50 in September 2026 for Donations made 2025-26.

2. Festive Walk (December 2025)

This year the event was again centred on Dorridge Village Hall with additional car parking at Ye Olde Knowle Bowls Club & Dorridge Cricket Club. Participants made donations on the day with the majority using Gift Aid.

Income		Expenditure	
Donations	£3,164.96	Expenses of event	£291.96
Gift Aid	£932.49	Excess proceeds	£3,805.49
Total	£4,097.45		£4,097.45

3. Easter Egg Raffle (April 2026)

This was held at the Black Boy and tickets were only sold to customers of the pub over a period of two weeks before Easter 2026 with the draw held on Maundy Thursday.

Income		Expenditure	
Ticket sales	£1,640.46	Expenses of event	£64.60
Standley & Co sponsorship	£100.00	Designated Charity	£800.00
		Excess proceeds	£875.86
Total	£1,740.46		£1,740.46

4. Fun Run (May 2026)

Income		Expenditure	
Entry Fees	£24,787.75	Timing chips	£3,032.16
Sponsors	£2,400.00	Traffic management	£3,354.00
Advertising	£9,035.83	Programme production	£3,100.00
On the Day Events	£1,139.53	Other expenses	£4,518.28
Gift Aid	£1,594.75	Charity payments	£12,535.83
		Excess proceeds	£12,417.59
	£38,957.86		£38,957.86

5. Charitable Payments

During the year a number of donations were made either from the events direct or by proposals from the Community Services Committee to the Club meetings. The amount shown in the accounts is represented as follows:

Support for Senior Citizens	£3,639.75
LCI & other causes	£614.00
Community Services (see below)	£12,483.64
Total from Lions	£16,737.39
Easter Egg raffle - Age UK Solihull	£800.00
Fun Run - Meningitis NOW	£6,020.00
Fun Run - Headway Birmingham & Solihull	£6,000.00
Fun Run - Age UK Solihull (designated)	£98.38
Fun Run - Maggie's Cancer Care (designated)	£417.45
Total from Events	£13,335.83
Total Charity Payments	£30,073.22

Community Services – donations (>£250) made during the year:

Local causes supported:	
Challenge Adventure	£2,250.00
2nd Monkspath Scouts	£500.00
4th Knowle Sea Scouts	£500.00
FastAid	£500.00
Girlguiding Warwickshire (CPR training)	£230.00
Fast Aid defibrillators	£750.00
Memory Café	£423.65
Coventry Scout Group	£300.00
Age UK Solihull	£1,000.00
Knowle Sea Scouts	£500.00
Other smaller donations made	£529.99
Youth donations made:	
Lauren Cox	£250.00
Girl Guid Assoc. Harriett	£250.00
Girl Guid Assoc. Alexa	£250.00
Arden Academy Trust	£400.00
M J Hallworth	£350.00
Rachel Casswell for Lauren Hu	£1,750.00
Harry Parkin	£1,750.00
Total Community Services donations	£12,483.64

6. Club Membership

Administration monies are held in the CAF Charities bank account with Admin transactions accounted for separately. This note records the relevant transactions during the year.

Income		Expenditure	
Balance B/f	£877.62	LCI MD105CW dues	£1,289.14
Subscriptions	£1,073.50	Other expenses	£195.50
Gift Aid	£258.13	Balance C/f	£871.61
Income	£147.00		
Total	£2,356.25		£2,356.25

7. Fixed Assets

	Equipment
Cost at 30 June 2025	£3,863.24
Additions	-
Disposals	-
Cost at 30 June 2026	£3,863.24
Depreciation at 30 June 2025	£3,811.54
Charge in year	£51.70
Depreciation at 30 June 2026	£3,863.24
Net book value at 30 June 2026	£0.00
Net book value at 30 June 2025	£51.70

	Stock
Value of stock held at 30 June 2025	£85.00
Stock purchased during year	£190.00
Less stock used during year	-£210.00
Value of stock held at 30 June 2026	£65.00

8. Debtors and Creditors

Debtors	
Fun Run entries	£116.75
Fun Run Gift Aid	£293.49
Fun Run designated charity	£20.00
Donations Gift Aid	£97.50
	£527.74
Creditors	
Fun Run designated charities	£437.45
Donation – Coventry Scouts	£200.00
Membership dues	£50.85
	£688.30

Signed: I. Gedge

Ian Gedge, Hon. Treasurer

Date: 3/11/26