

# The Rotary Club of Northwich Vale Royal Trust Fund.

Charity No. 1031724

## Trustees Annual Report for the period 1<sup>st</sup> July 2018 to 30<sup>th</sup> June 2019

### **Charities principal address:**

Winnington Park Recreation Club  
Park Road  
Northwich  
CW8 4EB

### **Trustees for the period were:**

Kerry Brudenell – President  
William Kendrick – President Elect  
Bruce Ursell – Treasurer  
Neil O'Brien – Secretary

### **Structure, Governance and Management**

The charity is governed by a declaration of trust dated 6<sup>th</sup> December 1993.

The trustees are the senior officers of the club who are elected annually by the members of the club at a general meeting of members. The trustees being senior members will only be elected to post having served a number of years as members of the club. New members are vetted through an induction process.

The trustees review and, where appropriate, accept the recommendations of the Club Council which is responsible for the day to day running of the club and its charitable activities. The club operates under the rules and regulations set out by Rotary International in Great Britain & Ireland and Rotary International. These include procedures for the protection of young and vulnerable persons and the management of risks. The club has officers who manage observance of these procedures both of whom were previously professional in their field.

Events organised in conjunction with other Rotary clubs are automatically covered by Rotary rules as are events organised in conjunction with third parties.

### **Objectives and activities.**

The objectives of the Charity are to provide relief for the poor and needy and to support any charity providing public benefit.

Most of the club's activities are to raise funds which are then donated to other UK charities targeting specific needs. Of the funds donated in the year under review 58% were to benefit charities, educational establishments and other charitable institutions operating in England & Wales and nearly all of those operate in Cheshire and the north west of England. Of the remaining 42%, overseas funding goes primarily to disaster relief charities and to fulfil the club's obligations to the

Rotary International Foundation which in recent years has focussed on worldwide polio eradication. Overall nearly 25% of funds donated go towards charities supporting children and their education.

The accounts for 2018-19 record a modest increase in income and a reduction in expenditure when compared to the previous year. These were still well down on the year 2016-17 when the Scooter Rally, which accounted for 60% of club income and 55% of expenditure when last held in 2016, was abandoned in 2017 because rising costs meant that the surplus generated did not justify the effort involved in laying on the event. The club has still to find a suitable event of similar size to replace that income.

### **Achievements and performance.**

As a consequence of abandoning the Scooter Rally, as in 2017-18, there were two main fundraising events in the period.

The Northwich Beer Festival held in September 2018 was again organised in conjunction with the Rotary Club of Northwich. This was the third year that the event was held in the redeveloped Memorial Court. Because the Beer Festival in 2017 had been a disappointment in terms of attendance & income generated it was decided that the Festival in September 2018 should be expanded to embrace a wider audience. Thus, a prosecco and a gin bar were added to the beers with a satisfying increase in attendance and profitability.

The accounting for the expanded Beer Festival has prompted a change to the presentation of previous years, to better reflect the reality of internal control. In previous years income and expenditure were divided and reported equally in the accounts of each club. While the event is run jointly, the responsibilities of chairman and treasurer transfer biannually to the members of one club. The Festival bank account therefore comes under the control and responsibility of the club providing the treasurer. Northwich club provided the treasurer in 2018 and therefore controlled the income and expenditure. Consequently, RCNVR has reported its share of the profit for 2018 as a donation from the Northwich club.

Fund raising at Christmas took place as usual over the four weeks preceding the festival. Santa's grotto and sleigh featured at weekends in the town centre while the sleigh toured the suburbs of the town during the early evenings of week days. The improved management of the event in 2017 was built upon to generate an even greater and gratifying surplus in 2018. Help with collections was provided by volunteers from a number of charities operating in the town who became beneficiaries of donations from the club. On each occasion where there was this involvement the volunteers were fully briefed on health and safety procedures and risk assessments adapted accordingly.

Besides fundraising and donations to charities the club organises a pensioners party and participates in funding school outings to Chester Zoo and to the activity centre at Petty Pool.

2018/2019

## Summary of build up to Charity Commission entries

		Income	Expend	Cash
		£	-ture	Movement
		£	£	£
Fundraising	Restricted	100	0	100
	Unrestricted	21,684	6,010	15,674
Other income	Restricted	0	0	0
	Unrestricted	6485	428	6,057
Donations:	Restricted		950	-950
	Unrestricted		17,385	-17,385
Entries for Charity Commission		<u>28,269</u>	<u>24,773</u>	<u>3,496</u>

## Opening cash balances

	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total
	£	£	£
Opening	15,382	0	15,382
Closing	18,877	0	18,877
Net Movement	<u>3,495</u>		<u>3,495</u>

## Summaries of donations used in narratives

	Total		Childrens		Other	
	£	%	£	%	£	
UK based Charities	0	#DIV/0!	0	#DIV/0!	0	#DIV/0!
Overseas	0	#DIV/0!	0	#DIV/0!	0	#DIV/0!
Total	<u>0</u>		<u>0</u>		<u>0</u>	

# Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of the Rotary Club of Northwich Vale Royal Trust Fund

Registered charity No. 1031724

I report on the accounts of the trust for the Year Ended 30th June 2019 set out on Pages 1 to 3

## 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 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 explanation 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 respects 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.

Signed:  E5BF01ECDFB445E...

Date 22/4/2020