



Trustees' Annual Report for the period

Period start date

Period end date

From

Day 01 Month July Year 2019

To

Day 30 Month June Year 2020

Section A

Reference and administration details

Charity name

Southwold (Sole Bay) Lions Club

Other names charity is known by

N/A

Registered charity number (if any)

1179884

Charity's principal address

29 Nicholas Drive

Reydon

Suffolk

Postcode

IP18 6RE

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	John Beckett	President	01/07/19 – 30/06/20	
2	Paul Carter	1 st Vice President	01/07/19 – 30/06/20	
3	Jeff Fuller	2 nd Vice President	01/07/19 – 30/06/20	
4	Phil Slater	3 rd Vice President	01/07/19 – 30/06/20	
5	Richard Wood	Treasurer	01/07/19 – 30/06/20	
6	David Durrant	Secretary	01/07/19 – 30/06/20	
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Names of the trustees for the charity, if any, (for example, any custodian trustees)

Name	Dates acted if not for whole year
N/A	

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address
N/A		

Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)

N/A

Section B Structure, governance and management

Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document
(eg. trust deed, constitution)

Constitution

How the charity is constituted
(eg. trust, association, company)

Charitable Incorporated Organisation

Trustee selection methods
(eg. appointed by, elected by)

Election at AGM

Additional governance issues (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant, about:

- policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees;
- the charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works;
- relationship with any related parties;
- trustees' consideration of major risks and the system and procedures to manage them.

Training of new incoming officers is provided by Lions Club International District at start of each new term.

Southwold (Sole Bay) Lions Club is a member club of the International association of Lions Clubs through Lions Club International.

The membership of the Club has remained at 13 during the period of this report. However, as most members are of advanced years it is a risk that unless new members can be found the Club may suffer as current members are able to do less. To this end advertising and use of social media is being used to try to recruit. Difficulties are being felt from the declining population of the town and surrounding areas as more properties become second or holiday homes. Although a push to increase the awareness of Lions and increase possible recruitment has not to date resulted in new members, efforts will continue.

Section C Objectives and activities

Summary of the objects of the charity set out in its governing document

Advancement of Citizenship.
Promoting the Voluntary sector for the public benefit locally, nationally and international.
The relief of poverty by providing humanitarian aid and disaster relief.
The advancement of health, assisting disabled people.
Promoting conservation
Promoting community participation in healthy recreation.

Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit in relation to these objects (include within this section the statutory declaration that trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit)

Having had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on Public Benefit.

All trustees have now read the guidance document, and it will be ensured that any new trustees will do so.

The Club has carried out the following activities this year in respect of the objects of the Club.

The Club planned it's annual Music on the Green event in July, when the Club organises a local band to perform a free open air concert in the centre of Southwold. The Club provides a BBQ and carries out a bucket collection, and this would have been in aid of the RNLI. Unfortunately, on the day, a forecast of extreme weather conditions with wind and rain forced the cancellation of the event on Health & Safety grounds.

Two full members and one associate member are Directors of the Henham Steam Rally committee and take full part in the organisation of the rally which attracts in the region of 15000 visitors annually. This involvement has continued. The main function for the rally to be to raise funds for Southwold Lions and two other Local charities. On the days of the rally Lions are involved in providing stewards, taking entrance fees at the main gates, helping steward as required, cleaning up afterwards and coordinating arrival of rally participants on the days before the public attend.

The Club again attended the Southwold Town Council Xmas Lights switch on at the end of November where they provided and distributed refreshments, other items, and information, to promote and advertise Lions to the public. In addition, Club members also provided a lighted crib on the high street.

In January the Club again arranged the very popular evening performance of the local Reydon & Southwold Pantomime Group, and invited other Lions clubs in the district to attend along with their families and friends. This helps to support the local amateur pantomime group.

In March the Club repeated the annual afternoon tea dance for local seniors. Around 50 persons from local care and residential homes were provided with transport and treated to afternoon tea and music in Southwold.

As well as these main events Club members also undertook activities in the local community such as organising car parking, attending Remembrance Day services and a Holocaust Memorial Day event, and assisting with a shop clearance.

Sadly, the remaining planned activities for the year were curtailed by the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic in the UK, and the imposed restrictions. Trustees must be mindful of the ages of Club members, and the attendant risks to their health.

It had been intended to arrange the Lions Spring Bank Holiday Fete again, but after some months of organisation the event has had to be cancelled this year.

Planning was also underway for Music on the Green in July, but it is not clear whether the event will be able to go ahead, given the present Government restrictions on public gatherings.

Additional details of objectives and activities (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include further statements, where relevant, about:

- policy on grantmaking;
- policy programme related investment;
- contribution made by volunteers.

The Club's policy on grant making is based on how the organisation has carried this out over its 45 year history before becoming a CIO. Applications from the public are heard at normal Club meetings and discussed by all members and Trustees. Based on the merits of the application the Club is invited to propose a sum and vote to accept or reject, counter proposals may also be heard. If the vote achieves a majority approval then it is then ratified by the Trustees and if approved the grant is made by the treasurer to the person or organisation requesting assistance.

Applications for funding from Commercial organisations or for Commercial or for potentially illegal purposes are automatically rejected.

The Club does not at present have any investments.

As the Club comprises of just 13 members it would not be able to function without the contribution of additional volunteers, such as partners and family members at the major fundraising events.

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

Incomes for the period covered by this report

Henham Steam Rally Profits Charity	£14,000
Expenses Admin	£1,000
Club Earnings & Donations	£2,168.80
Total	£17,168.80

Expenses for the period covered **£2,708.95**

Charitable Grants

International

LCIF Indian Eyes	£100
LCIF Australian Bush Fires	£500

National and Local

St Elizabeth Hospice	£500
Southwold Primary School	£600
Voluntary Help Centre	£250
Millennium Foundation	£174
Local Family Support	£605
3 Million Steps	£250
Local young Gymnasts	£500
Wrentham Village Hall	£500
Minibus Hire for local Xmas Gathering	£150
Xmas Trees at Reydon & Southwold	£155
Royal British Legion	£ 50
Yorkshire Floods	£500
LCMD Child Brain Appeal	£400
Southwold & Reydon Pantomime Group	£1,000
Covid-19 Relief payment	£ 50
East Anglian Air Ambulance PPE Fund	£1,000
Joint Donation to James Paget Hospital	£1,000

OVERALL TOTAL OF DONATIONS **£7,684**

Section E Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

The charity currently has no policy on reserves.

Details of any funds materially in deficit

N/A

Further financial review details (Optional information)

You may choose to include additional information, where relevant about:

- the charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising);
- how expenditure has supported the key objectives of the charity;
- investment policy and objectives including any ethical investment policy adopted.

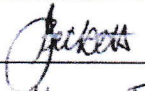
As stated in the previous report.

Section F Other optional information

Section G Declaration

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)		RC Wood
Full name(s)	JOHN HENRY FREDERICK BECKETT	RICHARD CRAWLEY WOOD
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	PRESIDENT	TREASURER
Date	6/11/2020	