

STOWMARKET AND DISTRICT LIONS CLUB CHARITABLE TRUST FUND

Registered Charity Number 1060631

Trustees Annual Report – Year Ended 30 June 2020

Legal and Administrative details

Lions Club name:	Stowmarket and District
Formation date:	29 June 1980
Charity name:	Lions Club of Stowmarket and District Charitable Trust
Registered Charity No:	1060631
Principal address:	The Charity has no registered permanent address. The Club Treasurer acts as the focal point for correspondence: 2 Lakeside, Finborough Road, Stowmarket, Suffolk IP14 1SX.
Trustees:	Mr. C. Philpot Mr. K. Cooper Mr. K. Parker Mr. D. Thomas Mr J. French Mr. J. Pearce
Bankers:	Barclays Bank Market Place, Stowmarket, Suffolk IP14 1EA
Independent Examiner:	Mr Brian Colin Davies 5 Cautley House Undercliff Road East Felixstowe Suffolk IP11 7SF

Aims and Organisation

Lions Clubs International

Stowmarket and District Lions Club is a local club which forms part of Lions Clubs International, the world's biggest service organisation. It is one of some 47,000 clubs in over 200 countries with a total membership of 1.4 million. Lions Clubs International helps, supports and guides our club in the performance of our service to the local community and beyond. Clubs are chartered as separate entities with their own constitutions but have structural links to their Zone, to the District in East Anglia and to the Multiple District of the United Kingdom then, ultimately, to Lions Clubs International headquartered in Oakbrook, Illinois, USA.

Stowmarket and District Lions Club

Stowmarket and District Lions Club is a voluntary organisation which exists to help the local community and to support, as it sees fit, Lions national and international projects.

The administration of the club is wholly financed by its members. All time to organise activities to raise funds and to provide community service is given freely by the members, their families and friends for no payment or reward.

Stowmarket and District Lions Club was formed and chartered in 1980 and is among the largest in the United Kingdom.

Main Activities Undertaken

In a normal year Stowmarket Lions holds a range of fund raising events. A typical year's activities is listed below:-

Suffolk Villages Charity Bike Ride, activities at Bacton Fayre, Jazz Nights, Pig Races, Santa Sleigh, Art Show, Golf Day, Boxing Dinner.

In addition, the club ordinarily provides the following service activities:

Supplying and distributing Christmas Day presents at a local retirement home, assistance with the Target Club Fun Day, taking our Pig Race to various local fund raisers for other charities, collected publicly donated supplies for the local Food Bank, financed and organised various outings for Suffolk Young Carers and made many smaller donations to deserving local causes and beyond. In addition, the club supplies manpower for national charities such as Marie Curie and the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal.

However, the year ended 30 June 2020 was heavily affected by the restrictions accompanying the Covid-19 pandemic. This resulted in the cancellation of our Boxing Dinner, Golf Day and the Suffolk Villages Bike Ride. The financial consequences of this were considerable and also prevented many charitable donations as well as routine Club meetings and social gatherings.

The Trustees consider that they have complied with their duty to have due regard to the Charity Commission's Public Benefit Guidance when exercising any powers and duties to which the guidance is relevant.

Main highlights of the year

Stowmarket and District Lions Club has undertaken a somewhat less successful year raising £40,407.92 in total overall fundraising (£46,393.30 in 2018-19). A reduction in event revenue to £11,729.35 (£30,579.98 in 2018-19) was caused by the cancellation of all club fund raising events in the second half of the Lionistic year. However, this was mitigated by the donation of £12,000 from an anonymous benefactor. Most of the financial damage from Covid-19 will be felt and recorded in the next Lionistic year, 2020-21.

It needs to be recorded that our cancelled Boxing Dinner shows a small profit of £501.63. However, many ticket sale refunds were not claimed until after the end of this Lionistic year. The event was scheduled for Friday 20 March 2020, just as the pandemic and its restrictions took hold. By then we had received booking monies and spent on the costs for the event. All tickets paid have subsequently been refunded but a catering deposit of £1,500.00 remains with the caterer. We hope to restore this sum when we can fix a date for the next Boxing Dinner.

The amount raised above includes providing manpower for national charities which amounted to £12,495.74 (£14,550 in 2018-19). The principal beneficiary was the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal. These monies were passed directly to the concerned charities without passing through our accounts.

Charitable grants/donations made by the trust in support of charitable objectives this year have totalled £22,312.42 (£33,185.68 in 2018-19)

Donations to local charities totalled £18,762.42 of the above figure, £2,150.00 to national causes and £1,400.00 to international causes.

Charity's policy on reserves

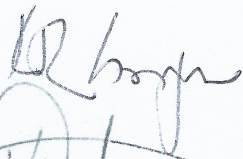
The Charity does not have a specific reserve policy but always ensures that sufficient funds are maintained to meet the charitable commitments undertaken by the club.

Review of Financial Activities and Affairs

The Receipts and Payments accounts of the Lions Club of Stowmarket and District Charity Trust for the year are attached to this report. These have been independently examined and approved.

Signed on behalf of the Trustees

Treasurer



Keith Cooper

9/2/21

President



Kevin Parker

LIONS CLUB of STOWMARKET and DISTRICT

Charity Annual Accounts Year from 1st July 2019 to 30th June 2020

DATE	EVENT	INCOME	COSTS	PROFIT
STOWMARKET LIONS CLUB FUND RAISING EVENTS				
03/08/19	Bacton Fayre	2,246.10	888.80	1,357.30
22/11-21/12	Santa Sleigh (incl Gift Aid)	9497.03	238.81	9258.22
20/03/20	Boxing Dinner – event cancelled	4,740.00	4238.37	501.63
05/06/20	Golf Day – event cancelled	350.00	0.00	350.00
21/06/20	Bike Ride – event cancelled	1,186.17	886.97	299.20
22/08/19	Sportsmans Dinner – event cancelled	1,348.00	672.00	676.00
	Pig Race – 29/6/18	36.00	657.00	-621.00
	Big Coffee Morning 15/9/18	0.00	92.00	-92.00
		19403.3	7673.95	11729.35
STOWMARKET LIONS COLLECTIONS				
28/10-11/11	RBL Poppies	10231.09	0	10231.09
06/12/20	Marie Curie	704.65	0	704.65
28/02/20	Marie Curie	1,560.00	0	1,560.00
				12495.74
DONATIONS RECEIVED				
02/07/19	Andy Manning donation – Kilimanjaro	2677.42	0	2677.42
02/07/19	OHS Womens Guild-via Les Basham	40.00	0	40.00
08/07/19	Andy Manning donation	400.00	0	400.00
15/07/16	Kevin Parker donation	100.00	0	100.00
24/07/19	Insurance to admin account	0.00	-105.40	-105.40
08/08/19	Peter Smith donation	40.00	0	40.00
10/09/19	Anonymous donation	12,000.00	0	12,000.00
20/12/19	Miss D Punshion donation	50.00	0	50.00
20/12/19	Andy Friend donation	20.00	0	20.00
03/02/20	Insurance to admin account	0.00	-107.25	-107.25
		15,327.42	-212.65	15,114.77
OTHER INCOME				
16/09/19	Various events Gift Aid	322.00	0.00	322.00
11/01/20	Balance erroneous admin a/c payment	60.00	60.00	0.00
20/02/20	Amazon Smile	13.56	0.00	13.56
03/04/20	Membership Gift Aid	732.50	0.00	732.50
		1,128.06	60.00	1,068.06
Total fund raising activities				40407.92
				<i>of which £27912.18 for Club funds and £12,495.74 for other Charities</i>
DONATIONS MADE FROM CLUB FUNDS				
	Donations to local causes	18,762.42		
	Donations to national charities	2,150.00		
	Donations to international charities	1,400.00		
		22312.42		
EXCESS INCOME OVER EXPENDITURE				5,599.76

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of the Lions Club of Stowmarket and District
Charitable Trust Fund

I report on the accounts of the Trust for the year ended 30th June 2020 which are set out on the pages attached.

The Charity 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 of the Charities Act 2011 (the Charities Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- Examine the accounts under Section 145 of the Charities Act;
- To follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commission and
- To state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners. 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 a consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts and seeking explanations from the 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.

In connection with my examination no matter has come to my attention 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 Charities Act and
- To prepare accounts which accord with accounting records and comply with accounting requirements of the Charities Act have not been met or
- To which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed.....
Brian Colin Davies

Date.....8/2/21.....

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