



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From 1 July 2020 (period start date) To 30 June 2021 (period end date)

Charity name: **Buxton & District Lions Club**

Charity registration number: **1183132** [Registered as a CIO on 26 April 2019]

Objectives and Activities

Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The advancement of citizenship• Promoting the Voluntary Sector and volunteering• The relief of poverty and the relief of those in need• The advancement of health or the saving of lives• Promoting the protection and improvement of the physical and natural environment
Summary of the main activities in relation to those purposes for the public benefit, in particular, the activities, projects or services identified in the accounts.	<p>Over the course of the year, and despite the curtailment of activity as a result of the continuing pandemic, club members have:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. engaged in fund-raising activities, by organising events and by encouraging donations2. made grants to local individuals and organisations in need3. organised our own events and supported similar initiatives of others to enhance the quality of life and community spirit of local residents4. engaged in initiatives to support public health and safety5. encouraged the personal development and community involvement of local young people6. encouraged volunteering in the wider public <p><i>Full details of our Achievements with regard to these activities appear under the Summary of Achievements below.</i></p> <p>Despite the continuing pandemic, lockdowns and restrictions, members were able to continue to meet remotely every month by Zoom and to maintain club activity. Governance was strengthened with the adoption of a Privacy Policy and a Health & Safety Statement; and the club registered for Gift Aid claims with HMRC. The Chair attended the District Convention held by zoom in March.</p>
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	<p>The raison d'être of Buxton Lions is to provide a public benefit. Our motto is: We Serve. In our Mission Statement we declare that:</p> <p><i>We are a group of local like-minded people with a social conscience. Our purpose is to help other people, especially in the local community but also those facing global challenges. We do this both through fund-raising and through practical action. We support other groups and organisations with similar aims.</i></p>

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Policy on grant making	Grants are made in accordance with the club's Grant Making Policy. Members may identify and encourage applications from potential beneficiaries but will consider applications from any quarter. All necessary details are obtained for any application and the full club membership considers and votes on applications and the amount of grant to be awarded.
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Contribution made by volunteers	The club is totally dependent on volunteers. All club members, including the trustees, are volunteers. However, with an ageing and reducing membership, the club struggles to run events without additional assistance. This comes from a pool of "Friends of Buxton Lions", including several former members, as well as individuals and organisations that have benefited from a club grant, and other local young people.
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Achievements and Performance

Summary of the main achievements of the charity, identifying the difference the charity's work has made to the circumstances of its beneficiaries and any wider benefits to society as a whole.	<p>Our achievements with respect to each of our Main Activities detailed above are as follows:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The club raised £1497 over the past year, mainly through direct fund-raising activities but also from donations and claims. Fund raising activities were seriously curtailed by the pandemic, including the cancellation of the annual Duck Race. We undertook an unsupervised bucket collection in a local supermarket at Christmas, with an excellent display about the club and including use of our new QR Code. Organised in collaboration with the Nottingham Building Society, our "Reverse Santa" scheme elicited generous public donations of Christmas presents for less fortunate children, with the County Early Help Team and a new local group, Buxton Street by Street, arranging their distribution. Further afield, we collaborated with 5 other Lions clubs in our zone to raise £10k for the new Christie Cancer Hospital in Macclesfield; this included a virtual fun run and a commitment by our club to donate at least £1000 from our funds. 2. A total of £3593 was donated in support of local individuals and organisations. Beneficiaries included: a family requiring support to carpet their children's rooms; Fairfield Brass Band; a new High Peak Climate & Environment Youth Forum; and CLIC Sargent (in support of children with cancer). As a strategy to support other organisations providing vital assistance to the vulnerable, and even more so at a time of pandemic, we donated 10 sleep pods to High Peak Homeless Help. We also donated to the international appeal to support the aftermath of the Beirut explosion. 3. For the benefit of the community we usually organise or support various events but all were cancelled as a result of the pandemic. Members also concluded that the club no longer had the resources to run the annual Town and Community Bonfire and Fireworks but we were pleased to be able to hand it over for future years to a local community event organiser. Other community events which we usually support, including the Town Carnival in July, the local Rotary Club Bazaar and the town's Christmas Lights Switch-On in November were all cancelled as a result of the pandemic. 4. We actively operate a Message in a Bottle Scheme so that vulnerable people living alone have their critical medical information available in an emergency. We placed display stands of bottles in all 6 town pharmacies and also in Chapel en le Frith and Whaley Bridge. 5. We aim to work with local schools and ran a highly successful Art Competition with over 200 entries from all local primary and secondary schools bar two. We fund local secondary School Awards for mentoring, we assist at local school mock interviews and we involve local students as helpers in our events.
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	6. We promote volunteering by enlisting the support of the Friends of Buxton Lions and other local people to assist at our events; this includes a significant involvement on the part of young people from local youth organisations, schools and the university.
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Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	A year end cash balance of £9905.00 remains healthy despite the curtailment of most fundraising activity
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	None required. The charity attracts no running costs; member donations account for membership outgoings; and grants and donations are always covered by prior fundraising.
Amount of reserves held	£0
Reasons for holding zero reserves	See above.
Details of fund materially in deficit	Nil
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	The Lockdown and our reducing membership have put pressure on our ability to fundraise and so serve our purpose and we have had to develop alternative, if less productive, fundraising techniques.

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

The charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising)	Major fund-raising events – all curtailed this year by the pandemic – usually account for most income, supplemented by donations from members and others. We were able to claim £518 from HMRC against eligible donations and we received £300 in compensation from RBS in response to our complaint about poor service.
A description of the principal risks facing the charity	A dwindling and aging membership: the club now has just six members. Recruitment strategies have so far proved ineffective.

Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts:	None
Type of governing document	Constitution
How is the charity constituted?	CIO
Trustee selection methods including details of any constitutional provisions	Principal office holders are required to be trustees. Immediate past office holders may continue as trustees. Other club members are also able to volunteer as trustees.

Additional information (optional)

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The charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works	The club is managed and steered by regular meetings of its full membership, led by the key post holders and accountable to the trustees. Members also aim to meet socially whenever possible. The club liaises closely with neighbouring Lions clubs and maintains good relations with other local charities and action groups.
Relationship with any related parties	The club is a member of, and subject to the regulations and conventions of, the Lions International, National and District CN105 networks, which also provide support and guidance.
Member resignations	During the past year the club lost the services of three valued members: Mike Badman, Malcolm Bradbury and Henry Kukiewicz. Two members,

	Alan Masters and Walter Elliot, sadly passed away. Their various significant contributions to the club's successes are a matter of record.
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Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	Buxton & District Lions Club
Other name the charity uses	Buxton Lions
Registered charity number	1183132
Charity's principal address	c/o 6 Grosvenor Mansions Broad Walk Buxton Derbyshire SK17 6JH

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year
1	David Brindley	Chair & Trustee	[also Secretary wef 1 October 2020]
2	Graeme Kitchen	Trustee	
3	Nicholas Townsend	Treasurer & Trustee	wef 13 August 2020
4	William Allan	Treasurer & Trustee	until 13 August 2020
5	Malcolm Bradbury	Secretary & Trustee	until 1 October 2020
6	Henry Kukiewicz	Trustee	until 16 February 2021

Corporate trustees:	None
Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity:	None
Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others:	Nil
Exemptions from disclosure:	n/a

Declarations

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees.

Signature 



Full name David Brindley

Nicholas Townsend

Position Chair

Treasurer

Date 11 February 2022

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Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period from	Period start date 1st July 2020	To	Period end date 30-Jun-21
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Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted to the nearest £	Restricted to the nearest £	Endowment to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
Fund Raising Activities	-	-	-	-	10,087
Bucket Collections	159	-	-	159	1,593
Donations	747	-	-	747	1,563
Subscription Donations	592	-	-	592	1,748
Loan Repayment	6,594	-	-	6,594	-
Gift Aid Claim	915	-	-	915	-
RBS Compensation	305	-	-	305	-
Fines - Refunds - Charter Night	-	-	-	-	825
Sub total (Gross income for	9,310	-	-	9,310	15,816

A2 Asset and investment sales,	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-

Total receipts	9,310	-	-	9,310	15,816
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A3 Payments

Grants and donations	3,593	-	-	3,593	10,940
Fundraising costs	1,503	-	-	1,503	9,653
Community Loan	134	-	-	134	6,460
Subscription dues	871	-	-	871	1,122
Bank Charges	70	-	-	70	10
Admin	85	-	-	85	-
HRMC Overpayment	360	-	-	360	-
AGM Costs	-	-	-	-	44
Charter Evening	-	-	-	-	484
Sub total	6,616	-	-	6,616	28,713

A4 Asset and investment	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-

Total payments	6,616	-	-	6,616	28,713
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Net of receipts/(payments)	2,695	-	-	2,695	-
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A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
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A6 Cash funds last year end	7,211	-	-	7,211	20,108
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Cash funds this year end	9,905	-	-	9,905	7,211
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Categories	Details	Unrestricted to nearest £	Restricted to nearest £	Endowment to nearest £
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Details			

Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
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	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
Details			

Signed by one or two trustees on	Signature	Print Name	Date of
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	David Brindley	11-Feb-22
	Nicholas Townsend	11-Feb-22