



Ironbridge and Severn Gorge Lions Club CIO

Charity Registration Number 1190585

REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30TH JUNE 2023

Charitable Incorporated Organisation

Register No. 1190585

Registration: 28th July 2020



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Reference and Administrative Information

Lions Clubs International Charter - February 1979

Charitable Incorporated Organisation registered in England and Wales as:

Ironbridge and Severn Gorge Lions Club CIO

Registration Date: 28th July 2020

Registration Number: 1190585

Registered for Gift Aid with HMRC

Previously registered as a Charitable Trust

Registration Number: 1119529

Organisation address:

4, Village Court
Priorslee
Telford
Shropshire TF2 9QH

Trustees:

President Dundas Foley (from 1st July to 11th October 2023)
Graham Powell (to 30th June 2023)

Treasurer Graham Powell (from 1st July 2023)
Jo Dolan (to 30th June 2023)

Secretary Andrew Pilsbury (from 1st July 2023)
Colin Thompson (to 30th June 2023)

Elected Jane Turner – Bragg (from 28th July 2020)
Martin Lang (from 1st July 2022)

Bankers – NatWest, Business Banking, PO Box 16204, Birmingham B2 2WP



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Report of the Trustees for the year ended 30th June 2023

The trustees present their report and financial statements for the year ended 30th June 2023.

Objectives and Activities

Purposes:

- a. To promote the principles of good citizenship by encouraging members to take an active interest in the civic, cultural, social, and moral welfare of the community.
- b. To provide a forum for the open discussion of all matters of public interest; provided, however, that partisan politics and sectarian religion shall not be debated by club members.
- c. To encourage service-minded people to serve their community without personal financial reward, to encourage efficiency, promote high ethical standards in commerce, industry, professions, public works, and private endeavours.
- d. To work with others to establish an active support infrastructure that maintains and improves the quality of life and wellbeing across our community.
- e. To be proactive and serve our local community by assisting, facilitating, and enabling individuals or groups to respond to problems or goals and achieve satisfactory outcomes.
- f. To provide humanitarian aid and disaster relief to those in need.
- g. To improve the health of others by preventing avoidable blindness and assisting people to lead independent lives or helping to prevent or manage health issues.
- h. To promote volunteering.

Service for the public benefit:

Ironbridge and Severn Gorge Lions Club serves the communities of South Telford and people internationally through the Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF). The Trustees confirm that they have complied with Section 4 of the Charities Act 2011 in having due regard for the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit.

Summary of grant making

Grants are awarded to people and organisations to improve the quality of life and wellbeing within our communities.



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Achievements and performance

We started the new Lions year in a sound financial position which gave us the confidence to look at expanding the ways in which we can help to support our local community. The threat of Covid may be behind us but the new challenges of rising price of food and fuel coupled with high inflation present new challenges. The success of the club depends on its members and the Trustees would like to thank all members, old and new, for their continued support. The club continues to grow, and we were proud to welcome a further four new members during the year.

This report illustrates the highlights of the year's activities and demonstrates the commitment of the club to serve.

International

Although our focus as Ironbridge Lions is very much on supporting our local community, we are also proud to be able to respond to disasters wherever they occur in the world.

In October we decided to donate £750, through the Disaster Emergency Committee, towards those who needed help as a result of the terrible flooding in Pakistan.

The earthquakes which struck Turkey and Syria on 6th February destroying countless lives and devastating communities created a further such a need and at our meeting in February our members were unanimous in voting to donate £1000, again through The Disaster Emergency Committee.

The plight of refugees from Afghanistan and Ukraine continues to be in our thoughts and we have provided goods to those who have been rehoused in Telford.

Our Local Community

Ironbridge Gorge is a UNESCO World Heritage site and the world's first cast iron bridge is a major local tourist attraction. Ironbridge Lions have been running Silver Over the Bridge (SOB) events since 1979. On a series of Sundays each summer we invite passers-by to lay their spare coins on a strip of sticky tape on the iron bridge, with the ambition of getting a line of coins from one side of the river to the other. Each of these events raises funds which are donated to local charities. We were delighted to be able to run eight events in the year.

The small boats known as coracles have a history dating back beyond the Roman invasion and at one time the River Severn boasted more coracles than any other British river. We have a long-standing relationship with Ironbridge Coracle Trust, and we were very pleased to again help at their annual Coracle Rogatta



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The Ironbridge Santa and Sleigh is a Christmas tradition dating back many years. Every year we meet people, now grandparents, who remember their excitement, as children, when the sleigh came down their road. Unable to tour public roads due to road safety regulations, we now take Santa and his Sleigh to local supermarkets, schools, and care homes. These visits allow us to engage with local residents who very generously donate food and money, all of which is redistributed in the course of our community activity.

Throughout the year we attend many local events, running the car park or providing stalls such as our Teddy Tombola or Nerf Gun Challenge, both of which are very popular with all ages. These are opportunities to raise our profile, generate funds or simply have a good time.

The club continues to make a number of donations, either monetary or goods, to a number of local groups, and individuals, throughout the year. The past year has been no exception and those helped include – Christmas Smiles, Shifnal Forget-Me-Not Dementia support group, Cuan Wildlife Centre, Brain Tumour Research, Telford & Wrekin young carers, Ironbridge Coracle Trust, Madeley war memorial, Friends of Holmer Lake and both Telford & Broseley First Responders,

Health

Over the past 5 years Ironbridge Lions, have organised several prostate screening events. Our testing session in February was slightly different to the norm in that we limited the number of men screened. The intent being to hold multiple but smaller events throughout the year. The event was a great success with 167 men attending. Our appointment system meant that all queuing for a test was eliminated.

Hunger

Collecting food to support those in need at Christmas has been part of our annual programme for many years and, sadly, the need for support has only grown over that time. We start in early November in our attempt to collect some four tonnes of non-perishable foodstuff that we sort and repack into food parcels for those in crisis at Christmas. The collections take many forms – large, organised street collections, individuals collecting in their own neighbourhood or collections in schools, clubs, and workplaces. The response was again overwhelming enabling us to distribute 416 food parcels over the festive period.

Recognising that food poverty is not just a seasonal matter we have been collecting and distributing food throughout the year.

We were fortunate to be successful in an application to the Co-op Community Fund and received a grant specifically to enhance and expand the facilities at our Hadley Den. Work is still underway but upon completion we will have a fit for purpose food storage, sorting and distribution facility.



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Children

The club is always open to ideas that provide an opportunity to help young people by meeting need or achieving ambitions.

Over the course of the past year, we have made a donation to SMADA, a charity group supporting music at Abraham Darby Academy in Madeley. The Academy has a formidable musical reputation and SMADA's main aim is to raise funds to support all the bands within the Academy at the various concerts, events, and festivals. The charity also aids students with music grade examination fees, presents concerts to support musical development and assists other local organisations in their fundraising.

A further donation was made to the POD Children's Charity a nationwide charity that organises entertainment for children in hospitals, including the Princess Royal (PRH) Telford. Founded in 1977 POD now gives monthly shows in 150 hospitals and hospices across the UK, aiming to alleviate the trauma of a hospital stay with fun and laughter. Our donation will ensure the continuation of a regular monthly performance at PRH.

Following a visit to the Woodentops Nursery, located at the Park Lane centre, we worked alongside Newport Men in Sheds to design and construct two outdoor pods that could be used as a quiet space for children who struggle with indoor noise. Funding by Ironbridge Lions enabled the provision and installation of the pods at a fraction of the cost of a commercial offering.

Recognition

During our 44th Charter Lunch, held in March 2023, District Governor Mary Ann Woodman presented Ironbridge & Severn Gorge Lions Club with a Certificate of Appreciation for the club's work in the community over the past 12 months.

The President's handover ceremony in June was an opportunity to make Lion Gordon Weston, a charter member of the club, with Life membership to recognise his 44 years of service to the community.

It has been a difficult yet rewarding year and the Trustees would, again, like to thank all our members, friends, families, and the local communities for their continued support as we look forward to an even better 2023/24 Lions year.



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Financial Review

Charity's financial position (£)

Account	Balances Brought Forward	Income	Expenditure	Balances to Carry Forward
Charity	£26,592.73	£26,167.79	£19,121.44	£33,639.08
Admin	£2,183.22	£11,595.27	£11,147.82	£2,630.67
Total	£28,775.95	£37,763.06	£30,269.26	£36,269.75

Principle sources of funds

The traditional sources of income are our Santa & Sleigh Christmas collections, the Prostate Screening sessions bucket collection and our Silver Over the Bridge events. All these activities benefitted from Gift Aid that we able to claim from HMRC.

Principle risks facing the charity and mitigation.

The primary risks are around the state of the economy, which is significantly impacting our ability to raise funds, while simultaneously creating an increased demand for services. The previously expressed secondary risks of membership and the member age profile have, to a degree, been mitigated by a marked increase in younger member numbers.

Members continually engage with our local community and refine strategies to focus on the most deprived in the communities we serve.

Structure, Governance and Management

The Club is managed and governed in accordance with the By- Laws and Constitution of Ironbridge and Severn Gorge Lions Club (CIO), a Charitable Incorporated Organisation registered with the Charity Commission of England and Wales.

The Club members meet formally at a monthly Business Meeting. This meeting makes formal decisions that are recorded in the meeting minutes. Further informal meetings may be held to discuss club activities, these meetings make recommendations to the formal business meeting, we do not record these discussions.

The Club President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer are trustees for the duration of their period of office. The club also has two additional member trustees who are elected at the club AGM, each serving for a period of two years.



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The Trustees are aware of their responsibilities and

- Make sure that the charity complies with its governing documents.
- Comply with charity law requirements and other laws that apply to our charity.
- Act in our charity's best interests.
- Manage our charity's resources responsibly.
- Act with reasonable care and skill.
- Ensure that our charity is accountable.

Reserves

The club employs no staff and owns no property and therefore has no requirement to hold funds in a reserve account.

This report has been prepared in accordance with the Charity Commission requirements as described in CC15b.

Approved by the Trustees on 3rd January 2024 and signed on their behalf:

Treasurer

Graham Powell

Date 3rd January 2024



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Statement of Financial Activities for the year ending 30th June 2023

Income (£)	Notes	Charity	Admin	Totals	
				2022/23	2021/22
Charitable Activities	2				
From Events		1,793.76		1,793.76	2,156.49
Grants & Twinkl lottery		3,176.85		3,176.85	1,209.52
Gift Aid Income		5,667.01		5,667.01	
Individual donations		2,466.00		2,466.00	1,501.56
Other donations		6,192.00		6,192.00	9,740.92
Prostate		6,872.17		6,872.17	4,999.71
Admin	3				
Dues In			1,764.00	1,764.00	1,444.50
Member Income			147.72	147.72	228.20
Tail Twister			128.72	128.72	144.89
Gift Aid Income			6,971.21	6,971.21	
Social Events			2,199.00	2,199.00	1,947.65
Donations			384.62	384.62	284.50
Total Income		26,167.79	11,595.27	37,763.06	23,657.94
Expenditure (£)					
Charitable Activities	4				
Events		981.69		981.69	692.36
Donations <£250		2,757.82		2,757.82	1,601.12
Donations >£250		8,520.00		8,520.00	4,820.00
Donations LCI/MD105		96.00		96.00	400.00
Other expenditure		1,754.83		1,754.83	5,559.81
Prostate		5,011.10		5,011.10	8,013.98
Admin	5				
Dues Out			1,744.34	1,744.34	1,152.91
Club Purchases			1,036.78	1,036.78	1,078.46
Gift Aid Income			5,667.01	5,667.01	
Social Expenses			2,699.69	2,699.69	2,100.38
Presidents Expenses			0.00	0.00	0.00
Total Expenditure		19,121.44	11,147.82	30,269.26	25,419.02
Net (expenditure) / Income		7,046.35	447.45	7,493.80	(1,761.08)
Bank Account Movement.	6				
Barclays Charity Open		0.00		0.00	26,971.40
Barclays Close		0.00		0.00	0.00
NatWest Charity Open		26,592.73		26,592.73	1,100.00
NatWest Charity Close		33,639.08		33,639.08	26,592.73
Movement (Charity)		7,046.35		7,046.35	(1,478.67)
Barclays Admin Open			0.00	0.00	1,328.73
Barclays Admin Close			0.00	0.00	0.00
NatWest Admin Open			2,183.22	2,183.22	1,136.50
NatWest Admin Close			2,630.67	2,630.67	2,183.22
Movement (Admin)			447.45	447.45	(282.01)
Movement (Combined)				7,493.80	(1,760.68)



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Statement of Assets and Liabilities at 30th June 2023

Account	Notes	Unrestricted (£)	Restricted (£)			Total Funds 2021/22	Total Funds 2020/21
			Admin	Flood	Prostate		
Barclays Charity	7				0.00	0.00	
NatWest Charity		29,868.38		3,138.60	632.10	33,639.08	
Barclays Admin					0.00	0.00	
NatWest Admin			2,630.67		2,630.67	2,183.22	
Total Funds		29,868.38	2,630.67	3,138.60	632.10	36,269.75	
						28,775.95	

Treasurer

Graham Powell
Date, 3rd January 2023



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Notes relating to the financial statements for the year ending 30th June 2023

1. Financial Statements

Ironbridge & Severn Gorge Lions financial statements for the year ending 30th June 2023 have been prepared on a receipts and payments basis in accordance with the Charity Commission document CC 15b.

2. Income – Charitable Activities

The Charity Account holds money raised through events, donations, rants and Gift Aid on said donations and is used solely for charitable purposes.

2.1. Events – this year saw the club engaging in a full range of activities including Teddy Tombola and Nerf Gun Stalls and running car parks often supporting local organisations.

2.2. Grant and Lottery Income

Give as you live	£102.30
Twincl Lottery	£897.80
Co-op Community Grant	£1,860.42
Amazon Smiles	£66.33
Other	£250

2.3. Gift Aid receipts on charitable donations totalled £5,667.01. All Gift Aid is paid by HMRC into the clubs Admin account with the amount relating to charitable donations being transferred to the Charity Account.

2.4. Individual and other Donations

Members	£500.00
Collection Tins	£19.61
Silver Over the Bridge	£1,884.44
Food Collections	£602.86
Donation – Madeley Town Council	£200.00
Donation – Jules Convenience Store	£500.00
Santa & Sleigh	£2,485.09

2.5. Prostate – donations received to support the Prostate Testing Events held by the club totalled £6,872.17 in the year. This is majority made up of individual donations received at the event and donations from Eileen Hewer Trust & Madeley Townswomen's Guild.



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3. Income – Admin

The Admin Account holds monies arising from Club Membership fees, Tail Twister fines and other funds raised internally by the club. The club has seen a further increase in membership this year, offset by two resignations, one through ill-health. All Gift Aid Receipts are paid by HMRC into the Admin Account – the only Gift Aid retained in the Admin Account relates to Gift Aid eligible Admin receipts, with the balance being transferred to the Charity Account.

4. Expenditure – Charitable Activities

- 4.1. **Events** – the club spent £981.69 on items relating to events, this is a slight increase on last year, which is largely attributable to refurbishment of the Santa Sleigh & the need to purchase bags for food donation parcels (previously subsidised by the Supermarket)
- 4.2. **Donations < £250.00** – Seventeen small donations under £250.00 totalling £2,757.82 were made this year and included items for refugee families and the onwards donation of funds raised from Silver Over the Bridge Collections.
- 4.3. **Donations > £250.00** – Eighteen donations over £250.00 totalling £8,520.00 were made this year. Charities supported include Disaster Emergency Committee, Broseley Bell Ringers, Ironbridge Coracle Trust, Telford Crisis Support, Coalbrookdale Community Hall, Newport Visually Impaired Persons Association, Woodentops Nursery, SMADA, Shrewsbury ARK, Friends of Holmer Lake and the Buildwas Players.
- 4.4. **Donations to Lions Club International Foundation / or District MD105CN** totalled £96.00 for the year.
- 4.5. **Other** - the total Other Expenditure for the year was £1,754.83, with the major expenditure being the refurbishment of the "Den" which is where the Club stores, sorts, and distributes food as part of the Winter Food Parcel activities.
- 4.6. **Prostate** – Costs for the Prostate Testing Events stand at £5,011.10 for the year. The club is moving away from holding one annual event for 600 people to several smaller events throughout the year.

5. Expenditure – Admin

Any Expenditure from this account relates to member only costs and includes:

Subs to District and Lions International £1,744.34
Gift Aid Transfer to Charity Account £5,667.01
New Members T- Shirts / Awards and regalia / Gifts / RBL Wreaths
Social Events, including the annual Charter Lunch and Handover Events.



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6. Bank Accounts

The Barclays Bank Accounts are dormant, with all funds held in the National Westminster Bank Accounts.

7. **Restricted and ringfenced funds** – the sum restricted to support Local Flooding needs remains unchanged at £3,138.60. The sum ringfenced for Prostate Testing was £632.11 at the end of the year.
8. **Liabilities** – as at 30th June 2023 the club had no financial liabilities.
9. **Fixed assets** – The club has no assets for the purpose of depreciation.