



Ironbridge and Severn Gorge Lions Club CIO

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REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30TH JUNE 2022

Charitable Incorporated Organisation

Register No. 1190585

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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

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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 Graham Powell (from 1st July 2022)
 Charlie Miller (to 30th June 2022)

Treasurer Jo Dolan (from 1st July 2022)
 Jill Marsh (to 30th June 2022)

Secretary Colin Thompson

Elected Jane Turner – Bragg
 Martin Lang (from 1st July 2022)
 Graham Powell (to 30th June 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 2022

The trustees present their report and financial statements for the year ended 30th June 2022.

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 our new Lions year in July 2021 with high expectations that the worst of the Covid 19 pandemic was behind us, meetings and activities would recommence and life in general would return to a new normality. To a large degree, despite a few hiccups along the way, we have managed to meet that aspiration. 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 eight 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 part of Lions Club International giving us an ability to respond to disasters wherever they happen in the world.

August 2021 brought us an opportunity for international support when several European countries experienced massive flooding after receiving two months of rainfall in the space of two days. Thousands of people were displaced from their homes, over 100 confirmed dead, and many more missing. Lions Club International made an immediate donation towards flood relief work and we made a modest contribution towards this appeal.

Over the last 40 years, Lions clubs across the UK have supported Sightsavers, through the Lions Sight Savers Trust, to help save and restore sight for millions of people across Africa and Asia. Over £3.9 million has been donated from Lions clubs during this time and we were very pleased to make a further donation this year.

The plight of refugees from Afghanistan and Ukraine has been at the forefront of our thoughts over the past year and we wanted to aid where we could. We have provided goods to Afghan refugees who have been rehoused in Telford and we will continue to help where we can. The club also made a substantial donation to the Disaster Emergency Committee Ukraine Appeal.

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. After a year of inactivity, thanks to Covid, we were delighted to be able to run five events in the year.



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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 help this year when their annual Coracle Regatta returned after a Covid-enforced gap in 2020.

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.

Health

In July the club was approached by a local sports club. The club, which uses the facilities of a local park, were concerned at the lack of a local defibrillator. We established that although there were several defibrillator units in the vicinity many were located within buildings and were not readily available for community use. In a remarkable piece of local collaboration between ourselves, our friends in the Rotary Club of Ironbridge, local First Responders, and our Borough Councillor it took just 18 days to find the site, raise the funds and install and commission a defibrillator in a local park. A really powerful demonstration of what can be achieved by collaboration.

Over the past 5 years Ironbridge Lions, have organised an annual prostate testing event. Our testing session in March, our first since 2020, was another very successful event. During the 3-hour session, we tested a total of 558 men – representing an average of 3 tests per minute – with 44 of those tested returning a PSA level that justified a recommendation to seek further medical advice through their own doctor.

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 this year was overwhelming – at the end of December we had distributed 326 large food parcels and by mid-January the number had increased to a remarkable total of 414.



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When clients of local charity Telford Crisis Support (TCS) are rehomed by the council and have nothing, they are provided with basic large items such as a fridge, cooker, bed etc. However, they are not given, and in many cases have no access to, other necessary domestic items. TCS wanted to be able to expand their foodbank service and give families the tools to cook hearty meals with low energy costs by providing, where needed, items such as a slow cooker, a toaster, a microwave, crockery, or cutlery. We were pleased to be able to provide seed funding to enable this scheme to start.

Children

The club made two donations, both to schools with whom we have a long-standing partnership.

The first of these was 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 provides assistance to students with music grade examination fees, presents concerts to support musical development and assists other local organisations in their fundraising.

The second donation was to St. George's C of E Primary School to support their new "reading sheds" initiative. The school advised that they had purchased two new sheds, to be run as mini libraries on their playgrounds for both infants and juniors. All children would be able to access the facilities, offering both the opportunity to read and, equally important for many of the pupils, provide a quiet space away from the hustle and bustle. To assist with this project, we were delighted to be able to provide a stock of books and a financial donation to purchase further stock over time.

The Kids Cancer Charity has been a valued lifeline for children and their families throughout the Covid lockdowns providing respite breaks for local families. The charity currently cares for a number of children and their families across Shropshire including families from the Telford area and we were pleased to be in a position to make a further donation this year.

Environment

In recent years we have relied on hiring or borrowing dehumidifier units to help those affected by flooding in the Gorge. That changed in late 2021 when, in partnership with the Rotary Club of Ironbridge, we purchased several dehumidifiers for use once flood waters subside. These new units saw action sooner than we would have wished; the floods came within a few weeks of this purchase and the dehumidifiers were deployed. Having our own supply made life much easier but it's still distressing to witness the damage and heartbreak that the flood waters cause.



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Recognition

During our 43rd Charter Lunch, held in March 2021, District Governor Neil Martin presented Ironbridge & Severn Gorge Lions Club with the Elliott Trophy, for building the best website in the UK Central & North District. Congratulations to our Webmaster, Lion Colin - to be recognised the best of 93 clubs for a second time is a real achievement.

At the end of the financial year our Treasurer, Lion Jill Marsh stood down after 11 years in post. Jill, who remains a club member, was awarded the Melvin Jones Fellowship in recognition of her outstanding service to the club and to the wider Lions 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 event better 2022/23 Lions year.



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Financial Review

Charity's financial position (£)

Account	Balance brought forward	Income	Expenditure	Balance carried forward
Charity	28,071.40	19,608.60	21,087.27	26,592.73
Admin	2,465.23	4,049.74	4,331.75	2,183.22
Total	30,536.63	23,658.34	25,419.02	28,775.95

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. Secondary risks are associated with membership and the member age profile.

Members continually engage with our local community and refine strategies to focus on the most deprived in the communities we serve. The membership strategy is working well but we remain focussed on member retention and growth.

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 meetings may be held to discuss all club activities, these meetings make recommendations to the formal business meeting, we do not record discussions.

The Club 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 4th January 2023 and signed on their behalf:

President

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'G Powell', written over a horizontal line.

Graham Powell

Date

4th January 2023



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Statement of Financial Activities for the year ending 30th June 2022

Income (£)	Notes	Charity	Admin	Totals	
				2021/22	2020/21
Charitable Activities	2				
From Events		2,156.49		2,156.49	554.32
Grants & Twincl lottery		1,209.52		1,209.52	8,297.78
Individual donations		1,501.56		1,501.56	871.05
Other donations		9,740.92		9,740.92	532.62
Prostate		4,999.71		4,999.71	101.79
Admin	3				
Dues In			1,444.50	1,444.50	1,422.15
Member Income			228.20	228.20	0.00
Tail Twister			144.89	144.89	0.00
Social Events			1,947.65	1,947.65	0.00
Donations			284.50	284.50	0.00
Total Income		19,608.60	4,049.74	23,658.34	11,779.71
Expenditure (£)					
Charitable Activities	4				
Events		692.36		692.36	785.66
Donations <£250		1,601.12		1,601.12	1,781.33
Donations >£250		4,820.00		4,820.00	588.00
Donations LCI/MD105		400.00		400.00	950.00
Other expenditure		5,559.81		5,559.81	591.03
Prostate		8,013.98		8,013.98	3,180.00
Admin	5				
Dues Out			1,152.91	1,152.91	944.11
Club Purchases			1,078.46	1,078.46	306.26
Social Expenses			2,100.38	2,100.38	45.75
Presidents Expenses			0.00	0.00	0.00
Total Expenditure		21,087.27	4,331.75	25,419.02	9,172.14
Net (expenditure) / Income		(1,478.67)	(282.01)	(1,760.68)	2,607.57
Bank Account Movement. (£)	6				
Barclays Charity Open		26,971.40		26,971.40	25,589.86
Barclays Close		0.00		0.00	26,971.40
NatWest Charity Open		1,100.00		1,100.00	00.00
NatWest Charity Close		26,592.73		26,592.73	1,100.00
Movement (Charity)		(1,478.67)		(1,478.67)	2,481.54
Barclays Admin Open			1,328.73	1,328.73	2,339.20
Barclays Admin Close			0.00	0.00	1,328.73
NatWest Admin Open			1,136.50	1,136.50	00.00
NatWest Admin Close			2,183.22	2,183.22	1,136.50
Movement (Admin)			(282.01)	(282.01)	126.03
Movement (Combined)				(1,760.68)	2,607.57



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Statement of Assets and Liabilities at 30th June 2022

Account	Notes	Unrestricted (£)	Restricted (£)			Total Funds 2021/22	Total Funds 2020/21
			Admin	Flood	Prostate		
Barclays Charity	7				0.00	26,971.40	
NatWest Charity		23,454.13		3,138.60	26,592.73	1,100.00	
Barclays Admin					0.00	1,328.73	
NatWest Admin			2,183.22		2,183.22	1,136.50	
Total Funds		23,454.13	2,183.22	3,138.60	28,775.95	30,536.63	

Treasurer

Jo Dolan

Date 4/11/23



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Notes relating to the financial statements for the year ending 30th June 2022

1. Financial Statements

Ironbridge & Severn Gorge Lions financial statements for the year ending 30th June 2022 have been prepared on a receipts and payments basis in accordance with Charity Commission document CC15b.

2. Income – Charitable Activities

The Charity Account holds money raised through events, donations or grants and is used solely for charitable purposes.

2.1 Events

The year saw signs of a return to normality following long periods of Covid related inactivity. We were invited to take stalls at several events, Teddy Tombola, Nerf Guns, and Noisy Balloons being particularly popular. Running the car park at the Coracle Regatta and the sale of Snowmen provided additional sources of income.

2.2 Grant and lottery income:

Twincl Lottery	£776.50
Co-op Local Causes	£328.81
Miscellaneous	£104.21

2.3 Individual and other donations

Individual donations	£1501.96
Ironbridge Rotary Club donations	£1996.40
T&W Councillor Community Fund	£200.00
Food2share Ltd.	£1225.90
Santa/Sleigh (Christmas)	£3829.70
Silver Over the Bridge	£1973.43
Miscellaneous	£515.49

3. Income – Admin

The Admin. account holds monies such as members subscriptions, tail twisting fines and other internally raised club funds.

Membership of the club increased from 16 on 30th June 2021 to 22 on 30th June 2022.

