



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From **01/01/23** Period start date To **31/12/23**
Period end date

Charity name: **The Nottingham Bridge Club**

Charity registration number: **1170537**

Objectives and Activities

	SORP reference	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	<p>1) The advancement of amateur sport by promoting the game of bridge for the benefit of the residents of Nottingham and the surrounding area.</p> <p>2) The provision of facilities for the learning, teaching and playing of bridge for the benefit of the residents of Nottingham and the surrounding area with the object of improving conditions of life</p>
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.	Para 1.17 and 1.19	<p>In planning our activities for the year, the trustees have kept in mind the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit at our trustee's meetings.</p> <p>Our focus can be broken down into the following categories:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Provide regular sessions at which bridge can be played thus promoting the game of bridge• Make the club as welcoming and friendly as possible to attract more players. The club provides a destination for bridge players of all abilities, many of whom are elderly. The club therefore is a place in the community for social interaction, as well as allowing for the mental stimulation (and associated medical benefits) that bridge has been shown to provide.• Encourage new players through the provision of lessons and other educational initiatives.
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	Para 1.18	Confirmed

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

	SORP reference	
Policy on grant making	Para 1.38	
Policy on social investment including program related investment	Para 1.38	
Contribution made by volunteers	Para 1.38	The CIO is entirely run by volunteers – both those serving as trustees and a large number of people whose contribution perhaps goes under the radar. The contribution of all volunteers is greatly appreciated – without their time and effort the CIO would not be able to function and certainly would not be the success it is.
Other		

Achievements and Performance

	SORP reference	
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.	Para 1.20	Face-to-face play Thanks to an initiative by Lesley Sweet, we started a Thursday evening drive in March. This took us to five face-to-face drives each week. A total of 242 players took part in at least one drive, compared with 193 last year. We again held three teams of four sessions. Online Play Only the Tuesday evening drive was played during the year. A total of 65 players took part in at least one of these drives, compared with 90 on Tuesdays last year. We have also seen a drop in the number of tables in these drives. The club entered five teams for the county's team of eight competition. One team had to withdraw due to the difficulty in fielding players and the remaining teams have found it harder to field players than previously.

		<p>Teaching</p> <p>Andrew Scott, Dave Nattrass and Ian Dovey have all provided teaching sessions during the year.</p> <p>This year a co-ordinated approach was taken to welcome those completing Andrew's beginners course into the Wednesday evening drives. This incorporated supervised play along with refresher sessions on key topics, and introduction to "etiquette" at the table.</p> <p>Financial Position</p> <p>Our bank balance grew by £1,628 over the year. The deficit in our accounts is due to depreciation charges as a result of our decision to defray the cost of improvements, such as the new kitchen, over a number of years.</p> <p>The maintenance costs include electrical work such as the installation of hand dryers in the toilets. Some work was also done to the roof over the bar area, but more work will be needed in the coming year.</p> <p>Th club has continued to be generous in the free provision of refreshments to members at special events. We also passed on table fees from all five of our face-to-face drives in support of the Children in Need simultaneous pairs competitions.</p> <p>Despite discontinuing our Friday drive on BBO, there has been a 15% increase in table fees from the previous year.</p> <p>Social</p> <p>We continue to enjoy the benefits of the excellent refreshments provided by our catering team.</p> <p>Our bar operates to provide a social setting for our members rather than a revenue stream. Paul Goodwin is responsive to requests for new drinks to be available and couples this with careful and creative pricing to ensure a good turnover of stock, while generating a suitable cash surplus.</p>
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Achievements against objectives set	Para 1.41	
Performance of fundraising activities against objectives set	Para 1.41	
Investment performance against objectives	Para 1.41	
Other		

Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	No going concern issues. Due to the ongoing rental income from the flats above the bridge playing premises (supported by reserves), the CIO has sufficient funds to cover its costs.
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	Not applicable
Details of fund materially in deficit	Para 1.24	Not applicable
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	No going concern issues. Due to the ongoing rental income from the flats above the bridge playing premises (supported by reserves), the CIO has sufficient funds to cover its costs.

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The charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising)	Para 1.47	The main sources of income are rental income for the flats on the top floors of the CIO's premises and the nominal table money payable for each session.
Investment policy and objectives including any social investment policy adopted	Para 1.46	Where the CIO has surplus funds, there is an investment policy which allows for these funds to be invested on a short term basis, but at minimal/no risk.
A description of the principal risks facing the charity	Para 1.46	Bridge has a reducing following in the country and the trustees are mindful of the need to always be seeking to attract new entrants to the game.

		The rental income from the flats provides a buttress to the activities of the CIO as was proved in the pandemic. Reserves are maintained as a safeguard against tenants who fall into arrears and any necessary refurbishment. The trustees expect that expenditure will be required in the coming years to improve the energy efficiency ratings of the flats.
Other		

Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts:		
Type of governing document (trust deed , royal charter)	Para 1.25	Constitution
How is the charity constituted? (e.g. unincorporated association , CIO)	Para 1.25	CIO
Trustee selection methods including details of any constitutional provisions e.g. election to post or name of any person or body entitled to appoint one or more trustees	Para 1.25	Election by members

Additional information (optional)

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Policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees	Para 1.51	
The charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works	Para 1.51	
Relationship with any related parties	Para 1.51	
Other		

Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	The Nottingham Bridge Club
Other name the charity uses	
Registered charity number	1170537
Charity's principal address	401 Mansfield Road Nottingham NG5 2DP

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	Andrew Scott	President	From 26 March 2023	
2	David Dunford	Chairman		
3	Jean McKee	Secretary	From 26 March 2023	
4	Phil Gross	Treasurer		
5	Gerard McCormack			
6	Stefka Samus			
7	Susanna Hollins			
8	Marc Gaudart			
9	David Treharne			
10	Paul Goodwin			
11	Wilfrid Fenwick			
12	Margaret Litchfield			
13	Sheilagh Resnick	From 26 March 2023		
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Corporate trustees – names of the directors at the date the report was approved

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Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity

[illegible]

Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

Description of the assets held in this capacity	
Name and objects of the charity on whose behalf the assets are held and how this falls within the custodian charity's objects	
Details of arrangements for safe custody and segregation of such assets from the charity's own assets	

Additional information (optional)

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address

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

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Exemptions from disclosure

Reason for non-disclosure of key personnel details

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Other optional information

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Declarations

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)

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Full name(s)

David Harold Dunford	Andrew Scott
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Position (eg Secretary,
Chair, etc)

Chairman	
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Date

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THE NOTTINGHAM BRIDGE CLUB – Registered Charity 1170537
EXAMINER'S REPORT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2023

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF
THE NOTTINGHAM BRIDGE CLUB
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023**

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of The Nottingham Bridge Club (the Club) for the year ended 31 December 2023.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of the Club you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act ('the Act').

I report in respect of my examination of the Club's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination, I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

- 1 accounting records were not kept in respect of the Club as required by section 130 of the Act; or
- 2 the accounts do not accord with those records; or
- 3 the accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair view' which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed

Name David Beaumont

Quals

Address 15 Devonshire Avenue, Beeston, Nottingham, NG9 1BS

Date

THE NOTTINGHAM BRIDGE CLUB – Registered Charity 1170537
 PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT
 FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2023

	Note	2023	£	2022	£
Turnover					
Subscriptions		2450		2200	
Table Fees	6	13566		13391	
Property Income	7	13673		10564	
Bar Takings	8	740		1146	
Sundry Income	9	987		715	
Gift Aid	10	333		360	
		<u>31748</u>		<u>28376</u>	
Expenses					
Water		880		760	
Light Heat Power Telephone		4221		2666	
Insurance		805		702	
Repairs and Renewals		11207		11729	
Car Park		3472		3472	
Trade Subscriptions	11	4703		3625	
Sundry Expenses		4606		5397	
Cleaning		4290		3590	
Fundraising		51		126	
Bank charges	12	36		154	
Club Depreciation		2796		2641	
		<u>37067</u>		<u>34861</u>	
Net Profit/(Loss)		<u>-5319</u>		<u>-6485</u>	
Gross Income		33989		37292	
Gross Expenditure		39308		43777	

THE NOTTINGHAM BRIDGE CLUB – Registered Charity 1170537
BALANCE SHEET
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2023

	Note	2023	£	£	2022	£	£
Fixed Assets							
Tangible Assets	2			226164			229864
Current Assets							
Stocks	3		797			703	
Debtors	4		144			270	
Cash at Bank and In Hand			45205			43577	
Undeposited cheques			38				
			<u>46183</u>			<u>44549</u>	
Current Liabilities							
Prepayments			2990			2416	
Accruals			350			350	
EBU – UMS			192			180	
			<u>3532</u>			<u>2946</u>	
Net Current Assets				42651			41603
Net Assets				<u>268814</u>			<u>271467</u>
Financed by							
General Reserve	5		221030			221030	
General Fund	5		45996			51315	
			<u>267026</u>			<u>272345</u>	

These financial statements are accepted on behalf of the charity by:

Signed _____ Date _____
David Dunford (Chairman), trustee

Signed _____ Date _____
Philip Gross (Treasurer), trustee

THE NOTTINGHAM BRIDGE CLUB – Registered Charity 1170537
 NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS
 FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2023

1 ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of Preparation

The accounts have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

Turnover

Turnover represents the invoiced value of sales of goods and services.

Depreciation

Depreciation is provided on tangible fixed assets so as to write off the cost or valuation less an estimated residual value over their expected useful economic life as follows:

Fixtures and fittings and major refurbishment of flats:

15% straight line basis

Electronics 1/3 per year for 3 years

Stock

Stock is valued at the lower of cost and net realisable value after due regard for obsolete and slow moving stocks. Net realisable value is based on selling price less anticipated costs to completion and selling costs.

2 TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Land and Buildings £	Electronics Fixtures & Fittings £	Refurbishment of Flats £	Total £
<i>Cost</i>				
As at 1 January 2023	216901	66237	9056	292194
Additions		455		
As at 31 December 2023	216901	66692	9056	292194
<i>Depreciation</i>				
As at 1 January 2023		56895	5436	62331
Charge for the year		2796	1359	4155
As at 31 December 2023		59691	6795	66486
<i>Net book value</i>				
As at 31 December 2022	216901	7002	2261	226164
As at 31 December 2021	216901	9343	3620	229864

Land and buildings at historic cost.

Fixtures and fittings: no additions.

Refurbishment of flats: no additions.

Electronics: addition 7 tablets

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NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS
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3 STOCKS AND WORK IN PROGRESS

	2023 £	2022 £
Stocks	<u>797</u>	<u>703</u>

4 DEBTORS

	2023 £	2022 £
Other Debtors		<u>144</u>
BBO	144	270
Prepayments		<u>2990</u>
Insurance	814	796
Subscriptions		50
Table fees (cashless)	2176	<u>1570</u>
		<u>2686</u>

5 CAPITAL ACCOUNTS

	General Reserve	General Fund	Total
As at 1 January 2023	221030	51315	272345
Share of profit/ (loss)		-5319	-5319
As at 31 December 2023	<u>221030</u>	<u>45996</u>	<u>267026</u>

6 TABLE FEES

	2023 £	2022 £
BBO	2432	4197
Face-to-face	<u>12398</u>	<u>8408</u>
	<u>14830</u>	<u>12605</u>

7 PROPERTY INCOME

	2023 £	£	2022 £
Gross Rents	18480		18480
<i>Less expenses</i>			
Electricity	117	222	
Repairs and Renewals	308	3416	
Insurance	805	702	
Council Tax			
Professional Fees	2218	2218	
Depreciation (Refurbishment)	<u>1359</u>	<u>1359</u>	<u>7916</u>
	<u>13673</u>		<u>10564</u>

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8 BAR SURPLUS

	£	2023	£	£	2022	£
Sales		2981			2146	
Opening Stock	703			290		
Purchases	2335			1413		
	<u>3038</u>			<u>1703</u>		
Less Closing Stock	<u>797</u>			<u>703</u>		
		2241			1000	
		<u>740</u>			<u>1146</u>	

9 SUNDRY INCOME

		2023	£		2022	£
Club Hire		180			250	
Other Income		807			465	
		<u>987</u>			<u>715</u>	

10 GIFT AID

		2023	£		2022	£
		333			360	
		<u> </u>			<u> </u>	
		<u> </u>			<u> </u>	

11 TRADE SUBSCRIPTIONS

		2023	£		2022	£
EBU UMS	3510			2815		
Waste collection	1085			810		
		<u>4595</u>		<u>3625</u>		

12 BANK CHARGES

		2023	£		2022	£
Charges	192			168		
Interest	156			14		
		<u>36</u>		<u>154</u>		

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