



Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From 1 April 2023
Period end date

Period start date To 31 March 2024

Charity name: Stamford Bridge Club

Charity registration number: 1178215

Objectives and Activities

	SORP reference	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	<p>The objects of the club are for the public benefit:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. The advancement of amateur sport by promoting the game of Bridge for the benefit of the residents of Stamford & the surrounding area.2. The provision of facilities for the learning, teaching & playing of Bridge in a friendly & supportive environment for the benefit of the residents of Stamford & the surrounding area with the object of improving conditions of life.
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>The club provides facilities for the promotion of the learning and further development of playing Bridge in the local area.</p> <p>All ages are encouraged to join & there is a nationally recognised Stamford Youth Bridge Academy run by the club which promotes the playing of Bridge by school children in the local area.</p> <p>At the other end of the age spectrum many members are well over 70 and the club provides a friendly environment for these members. In addition the club also provides an area where U3A members can play both Bridge and Canasta.</p> <p>Social events include an away weekend of Bridge, Café Bridge, BBQ's, Quiz nights and an Annual dinner.</p> <p>The club produces an excellent newsletter for the members and a regular Bridge column in the local newspaper.</p> <p>The club has a web site which is updated regularly.</p> <p>The club hosts an annual charity event to support local charities & dedicates the receipts from a number of sessions to local</p>

		charities as well as hosting events for local Church charities.
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	Para 1.18	The trustees are fully aware of the guidance issued by the Charity Commission and operate accordingly.

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	Volunteers are essential to the running of the club as evidenced that there is only one paid person who is contracted to run the administration. All trustees as well as other members give a large amount of time and energy voluntarily to the benefit of the club.
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	<p>The previous years gradual recovery in attendees after the pandemic continued with the result that the club was acknowledged as having the second largest number of attendances throughout the country.</p> <p>Our social programme was very popular with the Away Weekend, BBQ, Quiz nights and Annual Dinner.</p> <p>A number of these activities were linked to local fund raising and other bridge events were run to support local churches.</p> <p>The club's school activities have continued, albeit on a smaller scale than pre pandemic but we remain on the look out to find new schools to receive our teaching team.</p>

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Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

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	
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	<p>The club aims to maintain a general reserve of unrestricted funds sufficient to meet it's financial and legal obligations.</p> <p>Cash in hand and at bank at 31 March 2024 was £99,642</p> <p>The main financial risk to the charity is loss of income from table fees. Funds are held to cover (short term) operational costs in the event of a loss of income and to meet any unforeseen expenditure that may occur.</p>
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	As above
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	N/A
Details of fund materially in deficit	Para 1.24	N/A
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	N/A

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

The charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising)	Para 1.47	<p>The primary source of funds is table money of £2.50 per person per session. Secondary source is the annual £10.00 subscription fee.</p> <p>Teaching sessions provide a further source of income. As does hiring out the clubhouse to other organisations & social events.</p>
Investment policy and objectives including any social investment policy adopted	Para 1.46	<p>The income is primarily expended on the running costs of the club and improving the fabric of the club house. There are no investments made by the club. Any surplus continues to be used to maintain and improve facilities for members. All our chair seats have been refurbished and extra batteries purchased for solar panel storage.</p> <p>Plans have been drawn up for an extension to double toilet facilities and these await planning permission</p>
A description of the principal risks facing the charity	Para 1.46	

Other		
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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	As a charity incorporated organisation (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	Elected at the Annual General Meeting

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

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	Stamford Bridge Club
Other name the charity uses	
Registered charity number	1178215
Charity's principal address	Mc Kenzie House, Exeter Gardens, Stamford, PE9 2RN

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	Mr P Double	President		
2	Mr J Prior	Chairman		
3	Mr B Churchill	Vice Chairman		
4	Mr C Orme	Treasurer		
5	Mrs E Alliston	Secretary		
6	Mr T Thrower			
7	Miss D Simpson			
8	Ms S Westcott			
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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

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Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

Description of the assets held in this capacity	None
Name and objects of the charity on whose behalf the assets are held and how this falls within the custodian charity's objects	N/A
Details of arrangements for safe custody and segregation of such assets from the charity's own assets	N/A

Additional information (optional)

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address
Administrator	Mr M Witt	Little Orchard House, Foundry Road, Stamford PE9 2PY
Examiner of Accounts	Mr G Jones	8 The Hermitage, Stamford, PE9 2RF

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

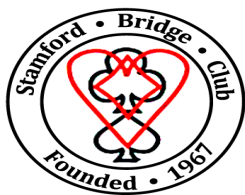
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Declarations

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

Signed on behalf of the charity’s trustees

Signature(s)	J.Prior	C.Orme
Full name(s)	Mr John Prior	Mr Cliff Orme
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Chair	Treasurer
Date	29 November 2024	



Information for Charity Commission

Summary of Receipts and Payments Over All Accounts Year ended 31st March 2024

CIO number 1178215

	£
Receipts	86,411
Table fees	56,001
Teaching	2,483
Other bridge income	4,230
Social and other income	14,866
Subscriptions	6,457
Premises - services	1,032
Premises - maintenance	46
Bridge administration	198
Interest income	1,098
Payments	69,651
Webb Cup - payment to BPGC	345
Reimbursement of table fees	50
Monthly draw prizes	1,080
Charitable donations	1,170
Other bridge income - other income	1,386
Social and other income	4,116
Premises - services	8,303
Premises - major projects	6,559
Premises - maintenance	5,813
Administrator	13,000
Bridge administration	5,382
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Public relations	450
Social	4,934
EBU/BBO	11,412
Away weekend	4,942

Independent examiner's report on the accounts

Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees

Charity Name
Stamford Bridge Club

On accounts for the year ended

31 March 2024

Charity no
(if any)

1178215

Set out on pages

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(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31/-3/2024DD / MM / YYYY.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's trustees, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust'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 which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records.

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: *G.Jones*

Date: 29 Nov 24

Name: Geoffrey Jones

Relevant professional qualification(s) or body (if any):

Retired Chartered Accountant

Address:

8. The Hermitage, Stamford, Lincs PE9 2RF

Section B**Disclosure**

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight material matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.

Not Applicable.