



**CHARITY COMMISSION**  
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

## Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From 1 April 2024  
Period end date

Period start date To 31 March 2025

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"><li>1. The advancement of amateur sport by promoting the game of Bridge for the benefit of the residents of Stamford &amp; the surrounding area.</li><li>2. The provision of facilities for the learning, teaching &amp; playing of Bridge in a friendly &amp; supportive environment for the benefit of the residents of Stamford &amp; the surrounding area with the object of improving conditions of life.</li></ol>
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 &amp; 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, sponsored walks 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 &amp; dedicates the receipts from a number of sessions to local charities as well as hosting events for local Church charities.</p>
Statement confirming	Para 1.18	The trustees are fully aware of the

whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit		guidance issued by the Charity Commission and operate accordingly.
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### 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 was only one paid person who was contracted to run the administration. Sadly, that person died in December and has not been replaced. That workload has now also been taken on by Trustees 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>Attendances have continued to maintain our standing 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, sponsored walks and Annual Dinner.</p> <p>A number of these activities are linked to local fund raising.</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>

**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 2025 was £106,027</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 &amp; 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 submission of estimates. The club has also negotiated with the local council to purchase the freehold for £60,000 and this awaits legal processing.</p>
A description of the principal risks facing the charity	Para 1.46	

Other		

## Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts:		
Type of governing document ( <a href="#">trust deed</a> , <a href="#">royal charter</a> )	Para 1.25	Constitution
How is the charity constituted? (e.g <a href="#">unincorporated association</a> , 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			
9	Mrs S Moss			
10	Mr J Dutton			
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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	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 (deceased 26/12/24)	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

**Stamford Bridge Club****Receipts and Payment Account 12 months to 31 March 2025**

CIO Number

1178215

**12 Months to  
31 March 2025**

£

**Receipts**

Total table fees	56,975
Teaching	2,658
Other bridge income	1,298
Interest income (gross)	1,328
Subscriptions	10,368
Social and other income	12,008
Premises services	1,028

**Total Receipts 85,663****Payments**

Administrator	9,750
Bridge administration	7,327
Charity	2,801
Community and education	59
English Bridge Union	10,928
Information technology	1,588
Premises maintenance	9,671
Premises major projects	13,818
Premises services/utilities	7,327
Social and other	6,318
Treasury	333
Social	5,873
Away weekend	1,400
Webb Cup	600
100 Club	1,260
Other bridge costs	225

**Total Payments 79,278****Net increase in cash 6,385****Signed on behalf of all Trustees**

Name

C. ORME

Date

13/8/25



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/  
members of

Charity Name

STAMFORDS BRIDGE CLUB

On accounts for the year  
ended

31 MARCH 2025

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 DD / MM / YYYY.

Responsibilities and  
basis of report

As the charity trustees of the Trust, 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 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 (other than that disclosed below \*) in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act or
- the accounts do 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 order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

\* Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.

Signed:

*C. T. Jones*

Date:

15 AUGUST 2025

Name:

C. T. 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 matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).