

MORPETH BRIDGE CLUB

England & Wales · Charity number 1179596

Details

Status Registered

Legal form CIO

Registered 2018-08-20

Register [View on the Charity Commission register](#)

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Activities

Objects: THE OBJECTS OF THE CIO ARE FOR THE PUBLIC BENEFIT, (1) THE ADVANCEMENT OF AMATEUR SPORT BY THE PROMOTING THE GAME OF BRIDGE FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE RESIDENTS OF MORPETH AND THE SURROUNDING AREA. (2) THE PROVISION OF FACILITIES FOR THE LEARNING, TEACHING AND PLAYING OF BRIDGE FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE RESIDENTS OF MORPETH AND THE SURROUNDING AREA, WITH THE OBJECT OF IMPROVING CONDITIONS OF LIFE.

Activities: Activities are the provision of venues, facilities, equipment and organisers for the playing of Bridge at St. James Community Centre, Morpeth

Classification

- **How:** Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space
- **What:** Amateur Sport, Recreation
- **Who:** The General Public/mankind

Geography

- Northumberland

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£6,560	£7,461	-	-
2024-03-31	£6,337	£6,187	-	-
2023-03-31	£5,816	£5,774	-	-
2022-03-31	£5,071	£4,320	-	-
2021-03-31	£3,588	£1,766	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Paul Anthony Francis Ingoe	Chair	2022-05-09
ALISTAIR KEMP		2018-05-14
JAMES TURNBULL		2018-05-14

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Chairmans Report 2024-25

Trustees: Paul Ingoe (Chairman)

Alistair Kemp (Secretary)

Jim Turnbull (Treasurer)

Morpeth Bridge Club is proud to be affiliated with both the North East Bridge Association and the English Bridge Union. The club's purpose is "the advancement of amateur sport by promoting the game of bridge for the benefit of the residents of Morpeth and the surrounding area."

The club meets every Monday evening at St James Community Hall in Morpeth for face-to-face (F2F) bridge. In addition, an online tournament is held on Wednesday evenings via Bridge Base Online (BBO). Table fees are £2.50 for F2F sessions and \$3.00 for online play.

Trustees convene four times a year, in addition to the Annual General Meeting (AGM). Minutes from these meetings are published on the club's website, and trophies are awarded at the AGM to recognize achievements.

Over the past year, attendance at Monday night sessions has improved, averaging nearly 10 tables — an encouraging increase from the previous year. However, participation in online events has declined, averaging just 3–4 tables, despite active outreach to both EBU and non-EBU clubs in the region.

In the annual Team of 8 competition, which includes EBU-affiliated clubs from Northumberland, Durham, and Teesside, the Morpeth team was unfortunately relegated from the top division.

Despite the dedicated efforts of the Committee and Trustees, and extensive marketing campaigns, recruitment of new players to bridge has not met expectations. Further discussions are ongoing to remedy the situation.

Although revenue increased 3.5% on the previous year, the club suffered a loss of £900.59 largely due to a 14.3% increase in hall rental and the purchase of a new laptop. The trustees are proposing a number of options to club members to remedy the situation.

Cash in hand stands at £5,286.14.

Paul Ingoe

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Financial year ending 31st March 2024

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Alistair Kemp (Secretary)

Jim Turnbull (Treasurer)

Morpeth Bridge Club is an affiliated club of the North East Bridge Association and the English Bridge Union. Its' purpose is 'the advancement of amateur sport by promoting the game of bridge for the benefit of the residents of Morpeth and the surrounding area'.

It has only recently received Charitable Status and this is the clubs first submission.

The club meet on a Monday evening at St James Community Hall, Morpeth, to play Face to Face (F2F) bridge. The club also runs an online tournament takes place (Bridge Base Online) on a Wednesday evening. Table money for F2F is £2.50 for members and \$3 for the online platform.

Trustees' meetings are arranged four times each year in addition to the AGM. Minutes of these meeting are published on the clubs' website. Trophies are awarded at the AGM.

Morpeth Bridge Club continues to play bridge face to face every Monday and on-line on Wednesdays for those who prefer to play at home. Monday club night numbers were static at 9 tables (36 players) compared to the previous year. On-line number also have remined static at 4-5 tables despite canvassing for new members from local non-English Bridge Union (EBU) clubs in the area.

The Club is well known as being a very friendly and welcoming. Recently, a group of overseas visitors have remarked how much they enjoyed their visit.

In the annual 'Team of 8' competition comprising of EBU affiliated clubs in Northumberland, Durham and Teesside, the team retained their position in the top division.

Bridge lessons continue and are very popular and we hope to be welcoming new players in the future.

Paul Ingoe

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Trustees: Alison Ritz (Chairman)

Alistair Kemp (Secretary)

Jim Turnbull (Treasurer)

Mary Kingcome

Garry Matthews

Paul Ingoe

Morpeth Bridge Club continues to play bridge face to face every Monday and since we recommenced after COVID the numbers have slowly increased and we now average about 9 tables (36 people). The Club is well known as being a very friendly and welcoming group and visitors have remarked how much they enjoyed their visit.

We also continue play an online bridge session every Wednesday for those who prefer to play from home.

There is an annual teams' of 8 competition played over the winter where clubs in the region play against each other and Morpeth Bridge Club won our division this year

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Alison Ritz

Chairman

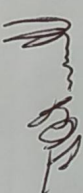
Morpeth Bridge Club : Income and Expenditure Account for year ending 31st March 2023

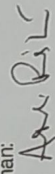
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	2021/22	2022/23		2021/22	2022/23
	£	£	Expenditure	£	£
Income					
Table Money			Hall rental	2,099.50	3,704.00
F2F	1,620.10	3,438.50	Hepscott	96.00	110.00
on-line	3,423.28	1,877.14	EBU	1,272.28	1,125.65
to MBC	24.00	500.00	Insurance	74.70	74.70
to CIN	0.00	0.00	Affiliation	27.00	27.00
to eCATS	4.00	0.00	BBO Admin	60.54	0.00
			RealBridge	52.88	0.00
total income	£ 5,071.38	£ 5,815.64	On-line costs	0.00	20.00
			Competitions	0.00	123.96
			Catering	0.00	196.00
			Pre-dealt cards	90.00	0.00
			Software	48.00	48.00
			Donation	0.00	54.00
			Sundries	4.00	0.00
			eCats	82.75	100.00
			engraving	0.00	0.00
			audit fees	0.00	0.00
			stationery	32.50	0.00
			postage	10.20	0.00
			other	413.28	191.00
			Adjustment prior year	(44.08)	0.00
total expenditure	£ 4,319.55	£ 5,774.31	total expenditure	£ 4,319.55	£ 5,774.31

These accounts have been examined by a person independent of Morpeth Bridge Club, but owing to the level of income not exceeding the threshold for audited accounts, they are not certified. The trustees have approved and agreed the accuracy of the figures.

net excess/(deficit)	£ 751.83	£ 41.33
Balance b/f from 2021/22	£ 5,988.39	
net excess/(deficit)	£ 41.33	
Balance c/f 2022/23	£ 6,029.72	

Treasurer: 
 J Q Turnbull

Chairman: 
 A Ritz

15/5/2023

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Alistair Kemp (Secretary)
Sheila Brown (Treasurer)
Mary Kingcome
Garry Mathews
Jim Turnbull
Dick Davies

Morpeth Bridge Club continued playing bridge online until September 2021 due to the risk of contracting the Coronavirus. The committee carried out an in depth risk assessment and put in place numerous safeguarding measures for when we opened for face to face bridge on the 13th September 2021. Initially there were 4/5 tables playing but this has increased gradually as the weeks went by and we are now achieving 7/8 tables playing f2f on a Monday evening. It is expected that this number will slowly rise but it is not anticipated that we will achieve the 12/14 tables that we had pre-covid. In addition, we decided to keep an online session on a Wednesday for those members who do not like to travel in the evening or prefer to play from home. This too has proved successful.

The inter-club teams event has also resumed and Morpeth Bridge Club has entered one team. The matches are played face to face at various venues and relevant safeguards are observed.

Bridge classes continue to take place for those who want to start playing and also for those who just want to improve their game. Everyone is delighted that things are beginning to return to normal after the lockdown and are so very pleased to see their friends again after so long.

Alison Ritz - Chairman

Morpeth Bridge Club : Income and Expenditure Account for year ending 31st March 2022

Charity Number 1179596	2020/21	2021/22	2020/21	2021/22
Income	£	£	£	£
Table Money	575.00	1,620.10	0.00	2,099.50
F2F				
on-line	3,013.01	3,423.28	0.00	96.00
to MBC	0.00	24.00	1,301.99	1,272.28
to CIN	0.00	0.00	Insurance	74.70
to eCATS	0.00	4.00	Affiliation	27.00
total income	£ 3,588.01	£ 5,071.38	BBO Admin	60.54
			RealBridge	52.88
			NEBA	80.00
			Xmas party	0.00
			Hristo	90.00
			Software	85.20
			Donation	0.00
			Sundries	0.00
			engraving	82.75
			audit fees	50.00
			stationery	32.50
			postage	10.20
			other	215.93
			Adjustment	413.28
			prior year	(44.08)
total expenditure	£ 1,765.62	£ 4,319.55	total expenditure	£ 1,765.62
net excess/(deficit)	£ 1,822.39	£ 751.83		£ 4,319.55
Balance b/f from 2020/21				
net excess/(deficit)		£ 5,236.56		
Balance c/f 2021/22		£ 751.83		
		£ 5,988.39		

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Treasurer: *[Signature]*
 J O Turnbull

Chairman:
 A RIZ *[Signature]*

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on-line	3,013.01	3,423.28	0.00	96.00
to MBC	0.00	24.00	1,301.99	1,272.28
to CIN	0.00	0.00	Insurance	74.70
to eCATS	0.00	4.00	Affiliation	27.00
total income	£ 3,588.01	£ 5,071.38	BBO Admin	60.54
			RealBridge	52.88
			NEBA	80.00
			Xmas party	0.00
			Hristo	90.00
			Software	85.20
			Donation	0.00
			Sundries	4.00
			engraving	82.75
			audit fees	50.00
			stationery	32.50
			postage	10.20
			other	215.93
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total expenditure	£ 1,765.62	£ 4,319.55	total expenditure	£ 1,765.62
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MORPETH BRIDGE CLUB Receipt & Payments Account for the year Ending 31 March 2021

Charity Number 6100049549

<u>RECEIPTS</u>	<u>2019/2020</u>	<u>2020/2021</u>
Table Money	£7,070.81	£575.00
Visitors	£102.00	£3,013.01
CIN	£27.30	£0.00
EBU	£0.00	
	£7,200.11	£3,588.01
Subs	£875.00	£0.00
Christmas Party	£663.00	£0.00
Calligraphy	£22.50	£0.00
Sale of tables	£25.00	£0.00
Total Income	£8,785.61	£3,588.01
Balance B/F	£2,098.98	£3,414.17
Excess of receipts over payments	£1,315.19	£1,822.39
	£3,414.17	£5,236.56

Treasurer 

Chairman 

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**Trustees: Alison Ritz (Chairman)
Alistair Kemp (Secretary)
Sheila Brown (Treasurer)
Mary Kingcome
Garry Mathews
Jim Turnbull
Dick Davies
Geoff Harrison (Co-opted)**

During the year ending 31st March 2021 Morpeth Bridge Club continued to play bridge online due to the risk of COVID infections. These sessions were well attended not only by club members but also by other individuals from the area.

We have been told that the ability to play bridge online during the difficult time of lockdown has been a real lifesaver for people who felt isolated and lonely.

We continued to play regularly on a Monday evening and every month ran a very successful teams event. Players also took part in a local 3 division bridge league which was played over a period of 6-8 weeks with participants moving up and down the 3 divisions. The Club also played online in the North Eastern Bridge league teams competition against other clubs in the north east. In addition we were very pleased to accept invitations to play friendly matches against several bridge clubs throughout the UK.

Bridge teaching classes continued online covering absolute beginners to those with some knowledge of the game. We look forward to welcoming to the Club those from the classes who would like to progress further.

Alison Ritz
Chairman

