

The Charity Registration Number is : 1183696

Bridge India

Report and Accounts

31 July 2020



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Report and accounts for the period ended 31 July 2020

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Trustees' Annual Report for the period from 3 June 2019 to 31 July 2020

The Trustees present their Report and Accounts for the period ended 31 July 2020.

Reference and administrative details

The charity name.

The legal name of the charity is: Bridge India.

The charity is also known by its operating name, Bridge India.

The charity's areas operation and UK charitable registration.

The charity is registered in England & Wales with the Charity Commission in England & Wales (CCEW) with charity number 1183696.

Legal structure of the charity

The charity is constituted as a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) in England & Wales. The governing document of the charity is the constitution of the CIO as approved by the Charity Commission in England & Wales (CCEW) .

The governing document is dated 03 June 2019

There are no restrictions in the governing documents on the operation of the Charity or on its investment powers other than those imposed by Charity Law.

The trustees are all individuals.

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The Trustees in office on the date the report was approved were:-

Supriyo Chaudhuri

Raqib Islam

Ashwin Kumaraswamy

The trustees who served as a trustee in the reporting period were as shown above, and there were no changes during the year, or in the period between the year end and the approval of the accounts.

All the trustees are also members of the charity.

Objects and activities of the charity

The purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document.

To advance the education of the public in all matters relating to India, including but not limited to cultural, social, socio-economic, political and other issues including public policy, in particular but not exclusively through conferences, facilitating debate, conducting and publishing objective research and seminars.

The main activities undertaken in relation to those purposes during the period.

During the period under review, Bridge India rose considerably in prominence amongst the Indian community and extended awareness to other, particular business, communities in the UK.

During this time, the charity set up reciprocal memberships with complementary organisations in Luxembourg and Ireland. We took a delegation to the 29th Economic Forum in Poland, organised a tailored week-long visit for one of our members to India to meet policy-makers and CEOs, have published unique content on our website, and released our first publication on the future of clean transportation in India. During the Covid-19 lockdown, we continued to hold regular events through a webinar series.

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The main activities undertaken during the period to further the charity's purpose for the public benefit.

In shaping our objectives for the first year in operation, the trustees have considered the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit. The objectives of the charity are to advance the education of the public in all matters relating to India, including but not limited to cultural, social, socio-economic, political and other issues including public policy, in particular but not exclusively through conferences, facilitating debate, conducting and publishing objective research, and seminars.

Bridge India is a unique charity in this respect, as a think tank of this kind does not currently operate in England & Wales. During this year, we have worked with several organisations typically working in one of the following areas: trade promotion, quasi-government, government, civil society, academic institutions and corporates.

The trustees have had regard to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit in managing the activities of the charity.

The main achievements and performance of the charity during the period.

The Charity submitted evidence to the House of Commons Foreign Affairs Select Committee's report on closer UK and India ties; was interviewed or quoted appeared in the BBC, NDTV and Aaj Tak as well as Times of India, published our first survey of NRI voting intentions and engagement with India, and hosted nearly 30 in-person events, including exclusive dinners with former and current UK and Indian ministers and CEOs, a former Governor of Reserve Bank of India, as well as the Vice President, Health Minister and an Army Chief from Uganda. Our most successful events were smaller sessions conducted under Chatham House rule, where there was close interaction with senior speakers possible.

Fundraising activities during the period.

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Structure, governance and management of the charity

The methods used to recruit and appoint new charity trustees.

The trustees are appointed on a voluntary basis as and deemed fit by the existing trustees.

Bankers	CAF Bank Ltd, 25 Kings Hill Avenue, Kings Hill, West Malling, Kent, ME19 4JQ
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Accountants	T KUMAR. White Lodge, Julian Close, Chilworth, Southampton, SO16 7HR
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Trustees' Annual Report for the period from 3 June 2019 to 31 July 2020

Financial review

The charity's financial position at the end of the period ended 31 July 2020

The financial position of the charity at 31 July 2020 and comparatives for the prior period, as more fully detailed in the accounts, can be summarised as follows:-

	2020	2019
	£	£
Net income	684	-
Unrestricted Revenue Funds available for the general purposes of the charity	684	-
Total Funds	684	-

Financial review of the position at the reporting date, 31 July 2020 .

The trustees consider the financial performance by the charity during the year to have been satisfactory considering it is the first year of its existence and considering the effect the pandemic has had.

Policies on reserves.

The trustees have decided that there is no immediate need to hold a reserve.

Going Concern

The trustees having reviewed the financial position of the charity and have decided to prepare the accounts under the going concern basis as the charity is able to meet its obligations as and when they fall due.

Details of The Independent Examiner

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Trustees' Annual Report for the period from 3 June 2019 to 31 July 2020

Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the terms of the Charities Act 2011 and the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008. Notwithstanding the explicit requirement in the extant statutory regulations, the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008, to prepare the financial statements in accordance with the SORP 2005, in view of the fact that the SORP 2005 has been withdrawn, the Trustees determined to interpret this responsibility as requiring them to follow current best practice and prepare the accounts according to the FRS 102 SORP (Statement of Recommended Practice for Accounting and Reporting by Charities) 2015, (as amended by the Bulletin issued in October 2018 and applicable to all accounting periods beginning on or after 1st January 2019), (The SORP), .

In particular, charity law requires the Trustees, if they prepare accounts on an accruals basis, to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity as at the end of the financial year and of the surplus or deficit of the charity. In preparing those financial statements the Trustees are required to :-

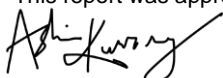
- to prepare the accounts in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice (United Kingdom Accounting Standards and applicable law).
- select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in business;
- state whether applicable accounting standards and statements of recommended practice have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;

The law requires that the trustees must not approve the accounts unless they are satisfied that they give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the surplus or deficit of the charity for the year.

The Trustees are also responsible for maintaining adequate accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and which are sufficient to show and explain the charity's transactions and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with regulations made under the Charities Act 2011. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

The Trustees are also responsible for the contents of the Trustees' report, and the statutory responsibility of the Independent Examiner in relation to the Trustees' report is limited to examining the report and ensuring that , on the face of the report, there are no material inconsistencies with the figures disclosed in the financial statements.

This report was approved by the board of trustees on 23 November 2020.



Ashwin Kumaraswamy
Trustee

Bridge India**Report to the directors on the preparation of the unaudited statutory accounts of Bridge India for the period ended 31 July 2020**

In order to assist you to fulfil your duties under the Companies Act 2006, we have prepared for your approval the accounts of Bridge India for the period ended 31 July 2020 which comprise of Statement of Financial Activities for the period ended 31 July 2020 from the company's accounting records and from information and explanations you have given us.

As a practising member firm of the Association of Chartered Certified Accountants, we are subject to its ethical and other professional requirements which are detailed at <http://rulebook.accaglobal.com/>

Our work has been undertaken in accordance with the requirements of the Association of Chartered Certified Accountants as detailed at <http://www.accaglobal.com/factsheet163>.

**Mr T KUMAR, BCom, ACA(I), FCCA**

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29 November 2020

Bridge India - Statement of Financial Activities for the period ended 31 July 2020

Statement of Financial Activities for the period ended 31 July 2020

	SORP Ref	Current year Unrestricted Funds	Current year Restricted Funds	Current year Total Funds
		2020 £	2020 £	2020 £
Income & Endowments from:				
Donations & Legacies	A1	16,564	-	16,564
Expenditure on:				
Raising funds	B1	12,294	-	12,294
Charitable activities	B2	3,586	-	3,586
Total expenditure	B	15,880	-	15,880
Net income for the year		684	-	684
Net income after transfers	A-B	684	-	684
Net movement in funds		684	-	684
Reconciliation of funds:-				
Total funds carried forward		684	-	684

The 'SORP Ref' indicated above is the classification of income set out in the formal SORP documents. As required by paragraph 4.60 of the SORP, the brought forward and carried forward funds above have been agreed to the Balance Sheet.

A separate Statement of Total Recognised Gains and Losses is not required as this statement includes all recognised gains and losses.

All the prior year transactions were unrestricted items, and no further analysis is required

All activities derive from continuing operations

Bridge India - Statement of Financial Activities for the period ended 31 July 2020

The notes attached on pages 12 to 21 form an integral part of these accounts.

Bridge India - Resources applied in the period ended 31 July 2020 towards fixed assets for Charity use:

	2020 £
Funds generated in the year as detailed in the SOFA	684
Net resources available to fund charitable activities	684

Bridge India - Statement of Financial Activities for the period ended 31 July 2020

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Movements in revenue and capital funds for the period from 3 June 2019 to 31 July

Revenue accumulated funds

	Unrestricted Funds 2020 £	Restricted Funds 2020 £	Total Funds 2020 £
Recognised gains and losses before transfers	684	-	684
	684	-	684
Closing revenue funds	684	-	684

Summary of funds

	Unrestricted and Designated funds 2020 £	Restricted Funds 2020 £	Total Funds 2020 £
Revenue accumulated funds	684	-	684

Bridge India - Statement of Financial Activities for the period ended 31 July 2020

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**Income and Expenditure Account for the period from 3 June 2019 to 31 July 2020
as required by the Companies Act 2006**

	2020 £
<i>Income</i>	
Income from operations	16,564
Investment income	
Gross income in the period before exceptional items	16,564
Gross income in the period including exceptional items	16,564
<i>Expenditure</i>	
Charitable expenditure, excluding depreciation and amortisation	3,586
Fundraising costs	12,294
Realised losses on disposals of social investments which are programme related	-
Total expenditure in the period	15,880
Net income before tax in the financial year	684
Tax on surplus on ordinary activities	-
Net income after tax in the financial year	684
Retained surplus for the financial year	684
All activities derive from continuing operations	

Bridge India - Balance Sheet as at 31 July 2020

	SORP		2020
	Note	Ref	£
Current assets		B	
Cash at bank and in hand		B4	1,184
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	4	C1	<u>(500)</u>
Net current assets			684
The total net assets of the charity			<u>684</u>
The total net assets of the charity are funded by the funds of the charity, as follows:-			
Restricted funds			-
Unrestricted Funds			
Unrestricted Revenue Funds	7	D3	684
Designated Funds			684
Total charity funds			<u>684</u>

The 'SORP Ref' indicated above is the classification of Balance Sheet items as set out in the formal SORP documents. As required by paragraph 4.60 of the SORP, the brought forward and carried forward funds above have been agreed to the SOFA..

The Trustees acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of charity legislation with respect to accounting records and the preparation of accounts.

The Trustees are satisfied that, although the charity is not registered under the Companies Acts, if it were so registered, it would be eligible to prepare accounts in accordance with the provisions in Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006. applicable to companies subject to the small companies regime.



Ashwin Kumaraswamy

Trustee

Approved by the board of trustees on 23 November 2020

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Cash Flow Statement for the period from 3 June 2019 to 31 July 2020

		2020 £
Cash flows from operating activities		
Net cash provided by operating activities as shown below	A	<u>1,184</u>
<i>Cash flows from financing activities</i>		
Net cash provided by financing activities	C	<u>-</u>
Overall cash provided by all activities	A+B+C	<u>1,184</u>
Cash movements		
Change in cash and cash equivalents from activities in the period ended 31 July 2020		1,184
Cash and cash equivalents at 3 June 2019		-
Change in cash and cash equivalents due to exchange rate movements		-
Cash at bank and in hand less overdrafts at 31 July		<u>1,184</u>

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Cash Flow Statement for the period from 3 June 2019 to 31 July 2020

Reconciliation of net income to net cash flow from operating activities

Net income as shown in the Statement of Financial Activities	684
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Adjustments for :-

Write downs of investments	-
Net unrealised losses on investment assets	-
Increase in creditors, excluding loans	500

Net cash provided by operating activities	A	1,184
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Analysis of cash and cash equivalents

2020

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Cash in hand at for the period ended 31 July 2020	1,184
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Notice deposits - (less than 3 months)	-
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Total cash and cash equivalents	1,184
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Cash Flow Statement for the period from 3 June 2019 to 31 July 2020

Analysis of change in net debt

	<i>At start of year</i>	<i>Cash Flows and</i>
Cash	-	1,184
		1,184
Total	-	1,184

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Notes to the Accounts for the period from 3 June 2019 to 31 July 2020

1 Accounting policies

Policies relating to the production of the accounts.

Basis of preparation and accounting convention

The accounts have been prepared on the accruals basis, under the historical cost convention, and in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard 102, (effective 1st January 2016) and 'FRS 102 SORP (Statement of Recommended Practice for Accounting and Reporting by Charities) 2015, (as amended by the Bulletin issued in October 2018 and applicable to all accounting periods beginning on or after 1st January 2019), (The SORP), published by the Charity Commission in England & Wales (CCEW) , effective January 2016, , and in accordance with all applicable law in the charity's jurisdiction of registration, except that the charity has prepared the financial statements in accordance with the FRS 102 SORP (Statement of Recommended Practice for Accounting and Reporting by Charities) 2015, (as amended by the Bulletin issued in October 2018 and applicable to all accounting periods beginning on or after 1st January 2019), (The SORP), in preference to the previous SORP, the SORP 2005, which has been withdrawn, notwithstanding the fact that the extant statutory regulations, the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 refer explicitly to the SORP 2005. This has been done to accord with current best practice.

Going Concern

The charitable activities are entirely dependent on continuing donations as well as event participation revenues. As a consequence, the going concern basis is dependent on the future flow of these uncertain funding streams. Accordingly, the Trustees have obtained forecasts and, after reviewing the financial forecasts for future periods to 31 July 2021, the Trustees are satisfied that, at the time of approving the financial statements, it is appropriate to adopt the going concern basis in preparing the financial statements. Other than these matters, the Trustees are not aware of any material uncertainties about the charity's ability to continue as a going concern.

Risks and future assumptions

The charity is a public benefit entity.

Membership subscriptions

The income and any associated Gift Aid or other tax refund from a membership subscription received by the charity in the nature of a gift, is accounted for on the same basis as a donation.

The income from a membership subscription received by the charity where the subscription purchases the right to services or benefits is recognised as income from charitable activities.

Allocating costs to activities

Direct costs that are specifically related to an activity are allocated to that activity. Shared direct costs and support costs are apportioned between activities.

The basis for apportionment, which is consistently applied, and proportionate to the circumstances, is :-

Staffing - on the basis of time spent in connection with any particular activity.

Premises related costs - on the proportion of floor area occupied by a particular activity.

Non specific support costs - on the basis of the usage of resources, in terms of time taken, capacity used, request made or other measures

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Notes to the Accounts for the period from 3 June 2019 to 31 July 2020

Volunteers

In accordance with the SORP, and in recognition of the difficulties in placing a monetary value on the contribution from volunteers, the contribution of volunteers is not included within the income of the charity.

Fund Accounting

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the charity.

There are no endowment funds.

2 Liability to taxation

The Trustees consider that the charity satisfies the tests set out in Paragraph 1 Schedule 6 of the Finance Act 2010 for UK corporation tax purposes. Accordingly, the Charity is potentially exempt from taxation in respect of income or capital gains received within categories covered by chapter 3 part 11 of the Corporation Tax Act 2010 or Section 256 of the Taxation of Chargeable Gains Act 1992, to the extent that such income or gains are applied exclusively on the specific charitable objects of the charity and for no other purpose.

3 Remuneration and payments to Trustees and persons connected with them

No trustees or persons connected with them received any remuneration from the charity, or any related entity.

4 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	2020
	£
Accruals	500
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5 Income and Expenditure account summary	2020
	£
At 3 June 2019	-
Surplus after tax for the year	684
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At 31 July 2020	684
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6 Particulars of how particular funds are represented by assets and liabilities

At 31 July 2020	Unrestricted	Designated	Restricted
	funds	funds	funds
	£	£	£
Current Assets	1,184		-
Current Liabilities	(500)	-	-
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	684	-	-
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At 3 June 2019	Unrestricted	Designated	Restricted
	funds	funds	funds
	£	£	£
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	-	-	-
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Notes to the Accounts for the period from 3 June 2019 to 31 July 2020

7 Change in total funds over the period as shown in Note 6, analysed by individual funds

	Funds brought forward from 2019	Movement in funds in 2020	Transfers between funds in 2020
	£	See Note 8 £	See Note 0 £
Unrestricted and designated funds:-			
Unrestricted Revenue Funds	-	684	-
Total unrestricted and designated funds	-	684	-
Total charity funds	-	684	-

8 Analysis of movements in funds over the period as shown in Note 7

	Income	Expenditure	Other Gains & Losses
	2020 £	2020 £	2020 £
Unrestricted and designated funds:-			
Unrestricted Revenue Funds	16,564	(15,880)	-
	16,564	(15,880)	-

9 The purposes for which the funds

Unrestricted and designated funds:-

Unrestricted Revenue Funds	These funds are held for the meeting the objectives of the charity, and to provide reserves for future activities, and , subject to charity legislation, are free from all restrictions on their use.
Unrestricted Revaluation Reserve	None
Designated Revenue Funds	None
Designated Fixed Asset Funds	None

Restricted funds:-

Restricted Fixed Asset Funds	None
Restricted Revaluation Reserve	None

10 Ultimate controlling party

The charity is under the control of its legal members.

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Detailed analysis of income and expenditure for the period from 3 June 2019 to 31 July 2020 as required by the SORP 2015

This analysis is classsified by conventional nominal descriptions and not by activity.

11 Donations, Grants and Legacies

	Current year Unrestricted Funds	Current year Restricted Funds	Current year Total Funds
	2020	2020	2020
	£	£	£
Sponsorship	5,550		5,550
Total sponsorship income	5,550	-	5,550

	Current year Unrestricted Funds	Current year Restricted Funds	Current year Total Funds
	2020	2020	2020
	£	£	£
Membership subscriptions as donations	3,297	-	3,297

	Current year Unrestricted Funds	Current year Restricted Funds	Current year Total Funds
	2020	2020	2020
	£	£	£
Event ticket sales	7,717		7,717
Total Event ticket sales	7,717	-	7,717

Total Donations, Grants and Legacies

Total Donations, Grants and Legacies	16,564	-	16,564
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12 Support costs for charitable activities

	Current year Unrestricted Funds	Current year Restricted Funds	Current year Total Funds
	2020	2020	2020
	£	£	£
Current Year			

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Detailed analysis of income and expenditure for the period from 3 June 2019 to 31 July 2020 as required by the SORP 2015

Employee costs not included in direct costs

Cost of salaries recharged to other organisations	2,640	-	2,640
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Volunteer costs

Travel and subsistence - volunteers	136	-	136
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Administrative overheads

Stationery and printing	99	-	99
Membership subscriptions	156	-	156

Professional fees paid to advisors other than the auditor or examiner

Accountancy fees other than examination or audit fees	500	-	500
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Financial costs

Bank charges	55	-	55
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Support costs before reallocation	3,586	-	3,586
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Total support costs - Current Year	3,586	-	3,586
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The basis of allocation of costs between activities is described under accounting policies

13 Total Charitable expenditure

<i>Current Year</i>		Current year Unrestricted Funds 2020 £	Current year Restricted Funds 2020 £	Current year Total Funds 2020 £
Total support costs	B2d	3,586	-	3,586
Total charitable expenditure	B2	3,586	-	3,586

14 Expenditure on raising funds and costs of investment management

<i>Current Year</i>		Current year Unrestricted Funds 2020 £	Current year Restricted Funds 2020 £	Current year Total Funds 2020 £
Costs of staging fundraising events		12,294	-	12,294
Total fundraising costs	B1	12,294	-	12,294