



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From 4/1/21 Period start date to 28/2/22 Period end date

Charity name: Northampton Bridge Club

Charity registration number: 1192969

Objectives and Activities

	SORP reference	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	The objects of the Club are - for the public benefit (1) the advancement of amateur sport by promoting the game of bridge for the benefit of the residents of Northampton and the surrounding area. (2) the provision of facilities for the learning, teaching and playing of bridge in a friendly and supportive environment for the benefit of the residents of Northampton and 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	The Trustees organise several bridge sessions (of usually 3 - 4 hours each) a week of varying standards ranging from friendly beginner standard to competitive club competitions. Beginner's training courses are also organised. Trustees actively encourage new members and provide partners for them. The club enters teams to compete in county and national competitions to encourage players to reach their true potential.
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	Para 1.18	The objects of the Club are for the public benefit (1) the advancement of amateur sport by promoting the game of bridge for the benefit of the residents of Northampton and the surrounding area. (2) the provision of facilities for the learning, teaching, and playing of bridge in a friendly and supportive environment for the benefit of the residents of Northampton and the surrounding area with the object of improving conditions of life.

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

	SORP reference	
Policy on grant making	Para 1.38	The Trustees do not make grants of any sort.
Policy on social investment including program related investment	Para 1.38	

Contribution made by volunteers	Para 1.38	All trustees are unpaid volunteers. Trustees and members organise and run events in their own time, including running duplicate bridge sessions, teaching beginners and new novices, organising competitions, and providing refreshments (free of charge)
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	The reporting period covered a period of severe disruption due to restrictions imposed on personal activity by the government to control the spread of the COVID virus. The club closed on March 16th, 2020, with a limited re-opening in August 2020, following strict COVID guidelines. This helped the club to generate some income, and provided social activity for members. On February 1st, 2021, the club introduced members to playing bridge online, many of them for the first time. The Club procured screens, air filter/cleaning devices, and introduced sanitising procedures to allow us to play restricted levels of face-to-face bridge in the club, when restrictions allowed, added to online bridge. Trustees carried out a full Risk Analysis to help us manage this process. The club used our financial reserves to maintain the club during this period of reduced income. This allowed us to emerge from restrictions with an events schedule that matched our members, and the wider communities need to participate socially in a way where they felt safe, either online, face-to-face, or a combination of the two.

Additional information (optional)

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Achievements against objectives set	Para 1.41	The Charity has survived, where many similar clubs in the region and nationally have not. We continue to strive to match our offer of different levels of bridge to our target market, that matches their wish to play online or to travel, socialise and play bridge. "Social/supported" bridge is proving popular.
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	The club showed a small financial surplus over the period, covered by our cash reserves and a loan from a member - provided interest free, with no repayment schedule imposed. 80% of this loan has been paid back. Our landlord agreed to a rent-free period during the lockdowns and restrictions and further agreed not to increase our rent until 2025.
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	The charity does not hold reserves other than small amounts of cash to fund day to day cash flows, or at times to invest in new facilities and services for the benefit of our members.
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	Less than £5,500
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	The charity has continued to operate at a minimum level of at least break even during the current financial year. It is likely that reserves of cash will be reduced, but that reflects some legacy costs that are now being resolved.

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	Our members are our principal source of funds, through membership fees and participation at event fees.
Investment policy and objectives including any social investment policy adopted	Para 1.46	N/A
A description of the principal risks facing the charity	Para 1.46	Principal risks - Any new lockdown, or resurgence of Covid (or new virus) Dramatic increases in utility bills (we have already reduced target temperatures on our thermostats)
Other		

Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts:		
Type of governing document (trust deed, royal charter)	Para 1.25	Club Constitution
How is the charity constituted? (e.g unincorporated association, CIO)	Para 1.25	CIO - Association
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	Trustees are elected at an annual AGM. Trustees can be seconded onto the governing committee in between AGMs if there are any vacancies and then ratified (or otherwise) at subsequent AGMs. Annual online AGM's took place during this period.

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	There is an elected Chair, Secretary, and Treasurer. Areas of responsibility are allocated to these officers plus other trustees on the committee. Not all members of the organising committee are trustees.
Relationship with any related parties	Para 1.51	Affiliated to the English Bridge Union (EBU), and the Northamptonshire County Bridge Association. The club pays membership fees to both organisations.
Other		

Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	Northampton Bridge Club
Other name the charity uses	
Registered charity number	1192969
Charity's principal address	Encon House 1 Owl Close Northampton NN3 6HZ

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	Richard Tickle	Chair		AGM
2	Richard Gibson	Vice-Chair		AGM
3	Ross Stacey	Secretary		AGM
4	Simon Bevan	Treasurer		AGM
5	Andy Heslop			AGM
6	Barry Potter			AGM
7	Norman Bonham			AGM
8	John Josephs			AGM
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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	
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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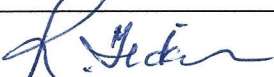
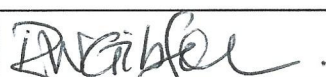
Other optional information

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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)		
Full name(s)	Richard Tickle	Richard Gibson
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Chair	Vice-Chair

Date 



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Charity Name
Northampton Bridge Club

No
1192969

Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period
from

Period start date
04/01/2021

To

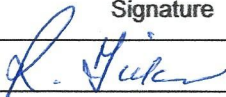
Period end date
28/02/2022

Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Last year
	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Membership Subscriptions	1,170	-	-	1,170	
Bridge Drives - Table Money	18,203	-	-	18,203	
Donations	97	-	-	97	
Bridge Lessons	1,206	-	-	1,206	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	20,676	-	-	20,676	-
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	20,676	-	-	20,676	-
A3 Payments					
Rent	8,333	-	-	8,333	
Rates	1,769	-	-	1,769	
Utilities	1,123	-	-	1,123	
Cleaning	881	-	-	881	
Telephone/Internet	267	-	-	267	
Repairs	1,092	-	-	1,092	
Playing Expenses	5,971	-	-	5,971	
Insurance	849	-	-	849	
Stationery	70	-	-	70	
Sub total	20,355	-	-	20,355	-
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	
	-	-	-	-	
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	20,355	-	-	20,355	-
Net of receipts/(payments)	321	-	-	321	-
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	7,474	-	-	7,474	-
Cash funds this year end	7,795	-	-	7,795	-

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	Current Account	6,776	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	6,776	-	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))			
B2 Other monetary assets	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
B3 Investment assets	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
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B5 Liabilities	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
	Member Loan	Current Account	-	No Repayment Schedule
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Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees	Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
		RICHARD TICKLE	8/12/22