



**CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES**

Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From 01/03/22 Period start date to 28/02/23 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 recovery from the controls on activity imposed by the government during the pandemic. At the beginning of March, we had restored a full calendar of bridge for our members, based on two days of online bridge and two days of Face-to-Face Bridge at our club. We also let our space to U3A members who wished to play social bridge. By the end of the reporting period, we had added additional sessions and attendances began to recover.

Additional information (optional)

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Achievements against objectives set	Para 1.41	The Charity has survived through the pandemic. Our attendances grew unlike many other clubs in the country. The friendships and social side of the club are thriving, but perhaps our biggest challenge during the period was matching what the majority of our members wanted (social bridge with a competitive element) with our other goals to be better bridge players, more competitive at the higher levels of the game.
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	Club turnover increased by 45% during the reporting period and we recorded a small, but increased profit for the period. A loan from a member used to sustain us through the pandemic has been fully repaid. The management of our utility costs are still problematic as is their size. Our landlord 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 £10,000
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	Legacy issues from the pandemic continue to be resolve and will in all probability be fully resolved by the end of the next reporting period. The club is in a stable to strong financial footing.

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) We have an ageing membership, but this reporting period we have been able to attract new members who are replenishing those who have sadly passed away and slightly reduced the median age. Finding new members willing and capable of stepping up to manage and run club admin and events remains challenging.
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, which have now been held in person. Trustees can be seconded onto the governing committee in between AGMs if there are any vacancies and then ratified (or otherwise) at subsequent AGMs. Not all committee members are trustees.

Additional information (optional)

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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	Resigned 18/2/22	AGM
5	Andy Heslop			AGM
6	Barry Potter			AGM
7	Norman Bonham		Passed Away Dec 2022	AGM
8	John Josephs		Resigned May 2022 (moved away)	AGM
9	Michael Dawe	Treasurer	January 2023	AGM/Committee
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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

Trustee name	Dates acted if not for whole year	

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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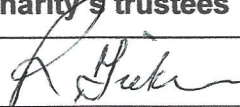
Other optional information

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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	20/12/23
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Charity Name
Northampton Bridge Club

No (if any)
1192363

Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period from	Period start date	To	Period end date
	01/03/2022		28/02/2023

Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Table Money	23,925	-	-	23,925	18,203
Membership Subscriptions	980	-	-	980	1,170
Donations	3,166	-	-	3,166	97
Lessons	1,986	-	-	1,986	1,206
Miscellaneous	53	-	-	53	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	30,109	-	-	30,109	20,676
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	30,109	-	-	30,109	20,676
A3 Payments					
Rent	10,000	-	-	10,000	8,333
Rates	4,284	-	-	4,284	1,769
Utilities	1,996	-	-	1,996	1,123
Cleaning	1,016	-	-	1,016	881
Telephone/internet	285	-	-	285	267
Repairs	927	-	-	927	1,092
Playing expenses	5,599	-	-	5,599	5,971
Insurance	1,859	-	-	1,859	849
Stationery/Sundry	262	-	-	262	70
Sub total	26,228	-	-	26,228	20,355
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
Loan repayment	1,500	-	-	1,500	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	1,500	-	-	1,500	-
Total payments	27,728	-	-	27,728	20,355
Net of receipts/(payments)	2,381	-	-	2,381	321
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	6,776	-	-	6,776	6,455
Cash funds this year end	9,157	-	-	9,157	6,776

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 Accounts	9,157	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	9,157	-	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))			

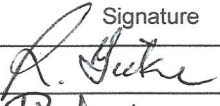
	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-

	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B3 Investment assets			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use	Refurbishment work undertaken to premises	Unrestricted	94,000	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
B5 Liabilities	Accrual - Accountancy		500	
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
	MR. R. TICKLE	20/12/23
	MR. R. GIBSON	20/12/23



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Independent examiner's report on the accounts

Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

**Report to the trustees/
members of**

Northampton Bridge Club

**On accounts for the year
ended**

28th February 2023

**Charity no
(if any)**

1192969

Set out on pages

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I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended **28 / 02 / 2023**.

**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 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.

Signed:

Date:

12th December 2023

Name:

Victoria Barnett

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

FCCA

Address:

Sawford Bullard, The Old Mill, Blisworth Hill Farm, Stoke Road,
Blisworth, Northampton, NN7 3DB

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).



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