



Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From 01/03/23 Period start date to 28/02/24 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 (FOC)
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	We had 139 fully paid-up members during the last club year, up from 123 last year – a 13% rise. A recent innovation was an online game we organized with Marburg BC in Germany – Marburg being twinned with Northampton. We had 14 ½ tables playing 24 boards of pairs bridge with 14 pairs from Northampton. More events have been planned. F2F attendances on Monday and Wednesday have been strong during this reporting year. Regionally, compared to other clubs in the area we are doing well, with excellent playing facilities and an active committee. We also let our space to U3A members who wish to play social bridge. By the end of the reporting period, we had added additional F2F sessions.

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Achievements against objectives set	Para 1.41	The friendships and social side of the club are thriving. Our biggest challenge remains matching what most of our members want (social bridge with a competitive element) with our other goals to be better bridge players, more competitive at the higher levels of the game. We continued lessons which helps us grow our membership and introduce the benefits of the game to increasing numbers within the community.
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 just over 7% during the reporting period. Our expenses also increased by just over 7% in the same period. Difficulties with our utility suppliers have been resolved in a satisfactory manner. Our landlord has 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 amounts 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	Just over £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	The club is stable and strong financially.

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 table money fees. We have also run County wide events at the club charging the County association a fee for using the premises.
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	The main risk is the demographic profile of our membership, and the work required to attract new members. Over the past period we have found additional members willing and capable of stepping up to manage and run club admin and events, but more work needs to be done in this regard.
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)

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

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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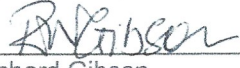
Other optional information

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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	14 / 12 / 2024	



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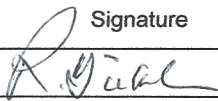
Charity Name		Accounting Period		CC16a
Receipts and payments accounts				
For the period from	01/03/2023	To	29/02/2024	

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	29,142	-	-	29,142	23,925
Membership Subscriptions	1,375	-	-	1,375	980
Donations	-	-	-	-	3,166
Lessons	1,464	-	-	1,464	1,986
Miscellaneous	269	-	-	269	53
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	32,250	-	-	32,250	30,109
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	32,250	-	-	32,250	30,109
A3 Payments					
Rent	10,000	-	-	10,000	10,000
Rates	1,700	-	-	1,700	4,284
Utilities	4,174	-	-	4,174	1,996
Cleaning	1,273	-	-	1,273	1,016
Telephone/internet	333	-	-	333	285
Repairs	2,346	-	-	2,346	927
Playing expenses	5,868	-	-	5,868	5,599
Insurance	1,199	-	-	1,199	1,859
Stationery/Sundry	1,211	-	-	1,211	262
Sub total	28,104	-	-	28,104	26,228
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
Loan repayment	-	-	-	-	1,500
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	1,500
Total payments	28,104	-	-	28,104	27,728
Net of receipts/(payments)	4,146	-	-	4,146	2,381
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	9,157	-	-	9,157	6,776
Cash funds this year end	13,303	-	-	13,303	9,157

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	13,303	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	13,303	-	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))			
		Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
B3 Investment assets			Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use		Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
	Refurbishment work undertaken to premises	Unrestricted	94,000	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
B5 Liabilities		Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
	Accrual - Accountancy		488	
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees	Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
		R. TICKLE	18/4/24



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/ members of	Charity Name Northampton Bridge Club		
On accounts for the year ended	29 th February 2024	Charity no (if any)	1192969
Set out on pages	9 and 10 (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 **29 / 02 / 2024**.

**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:** 10th April 2024

Name: Victoria Barnett

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

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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).

Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.