

MARKET HARBOROUGH BRIDGE CLUB

England & Wales · Charity number 1206206

Details

Status Registered

Legal form CIO

Registered 2023-12-14

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 PROMOTING THE GAME OF BRIDGE FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE RESIDENTS OF MARKET HARBOROUGH AND THE SURROUNDING AREA. (2) THE PROVISION OF FACILITIES FOR THE LEARNING, TEACHING AND PLAYING OF BRIDGE FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE RESIDENTS OF MARKET HARBOROUGH AND THE SURROUNDING AREA WITH THE OBJECT OF IMPROVING CONDITIONS OF LIFE.

Activities: Market Harborough Bridge Club's objectives is to promote the game of bridge for the benefit of local area residents by: Providing training for those who wish to learn the game from scratch or to improve their skills. Running regular duplicate bridge playing sessions for club members and visitors. Organising and supporting other bridge sessions such as Bridge Drives.

Classification

- **How:** Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space, Provides Services, Other Charitable Activities
- **What:** Amateur Sport
- **Who:** The General Public/mankind

Geography

- Leicestershire
- Northamptonshire

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-12-31	£22,033	£14,021	-	-
2024-12-31	£18,209	£12,561	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
DAVID ANDREW NORTH	Chair	2024-03-25
Angela Burdett		2026-03-19
DIANE FORD		2023-12-14
Joan Diana Hall		2024-03-25
Judith Ann Parkinson		2024-03-25
Peter Anthony Oppenheimer		2025-03-31
Philip Glyn House		2024-03-25
Valerie June Raddon		2024-03-25

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Trustees 2025 Annual Report for Market Harborough Bridge Club

This report pertains to the calendar year January to December 2025.

Objectives and Activities

The objects of the CIO are:

- The advancement of amateur sport by promoting the game of bridge for the benefit of the residents of Market Harborough and the surrounding area.
- The provision of facilities for the learning, teaching and playing of bridge for the benefit of the residents of Market Harborough and the surrounding area with the object of improving conditions of life.

In 2025 we delivered 146 bridge sessions to an average of over 25 participants per session, including:

- 103 face-to-face duplicate bridge playing sessions for members and guests.
- A series of 30 face-to-face, local training lessons for new and improving players.
- 14 supervised practice play sessions for recent learners
- A joint venture with a separate local casual bridge group to aid their visibility and playing numbers.
- A charity bridge drive, raising funds for Cancer Research.

As a result, we have:

- Taught 24 complete beginners to play the game of bridge.
- Provided twice-weekly duplicate bridge sessions each around 3 hours duration, with mental stimulation and local social interaction to over 60 individuals, the majority of whom are residents of the local community.
- Improved skill levels for learners not yet ready to take part in the club duplicate playing sessions.

Financial review

At the start of the period, we held £10,109 in our bank account. We do not hold other reserves. Our income from all sources during the period was £22,032 and our expenditure £14,021. Our balance at the end of the year stands at £18,847, excluding current liabilities of approximately £735 for expenses incurred during the period but not yet paid out.

We do not hold or manage any funds on behalf of any other charities.

We do not currently hold title to any property.

Structure, governance, and management

Our governing document is the club's Constitution, as approved by the Charities commission and available on

the club's website. We are a registered Charitable Incorporated Organisation. Our trustees are appointed by election at a General Meeting of the members.

Reference and administrative details

We are known as "Market Harborough Bridge Club" and have no other names.

Our charity registration number is 1206206.

During this reporting period the following people have served as trustees

- David North (Chair)
- Judith Parkinson (Secretary)
- Dianne Ford (Treasurer)
- Jo Hall
- Val Raddon
- Graham Gibbens
- Peter Oppenheimer
- Philip House

Exemptions from disclosure

We do not have any exemptions from disclosure.

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Income & Expenditure for the 12 months ended 31st December
2025

2024	INCOME	2025
11 months		12 months
£		£
1,120.00	Subscriptions	1,220.00
5,717.00	Table Money - Mondays	7,333.00
5,849.95	Table Money -Thursdays	6,441.00
855.00	Charity Bridge Drive	1,091.00
	Interest	56.66
20.00	Sale of Equipment	-
<u>4,647.00</u>	Bridge Lessons	<u>5,891.00</u>
<u>18,208.95</u>	Total Income	<u>22,032.66</u>
	EXPENDITURE	
2,942.84	Rent - Mondays	2,996.56
2,955.36	Rent -Thursdays	3,271.56
1,237.62	EBU Fees	1,716.88
2,586.95	Bridge Lessons	2,637.93
29.50	Trophy engraving	30.00
565.43	Miscellaneous	970.94
184.13	Public Liability Insurance	222.95
96.00	Score Bridge and Web Licence	108.00
927.91	Purchase of Equipment	767.59
979.90	Donations	1,131.00
-	Bank Charges	28.00
4.99	Bridge Stationery	
50.00	Committee Meeting Expenses	140.00
<u>12,560.63</u>	Total Expenditure	<u>14,021.41</u>
<u>5,648.32</u>	Surplus/(Deficit) for 11 months	<u>8,011.25</u>
	General Fund	
4,453.67	Balance at 31st Dec 2024	10,101.99

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<u>10,101.99</u>		<u>18,113.24</u>
	Represented by:	
1.00	Jean Pringle Trophy	1.00
10,690.39	Cash at Bank:	
	Current Account	2,818.34
	Unity Trust Instant Access	6,028.66
	Unity Trust Bond	10,000.00
(589.40)	Less Creditors:	(734.76)
<u>10,101.99</u>	Total Funds	<u>18,113.24</u>
	Honorary Treasurer	
	DI Ford	

I have examined the Financial Statement set out above and, in my opinion, it is in agreement with the records of the Market Harborough Bridge club and the information and explanations provided to me.
Nick Anstead, Independent Examiner

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In 2025 we have undertaken the following activities in relation to our objectives:

- Held a total of 98 face-to-face playing sessions for members and guests. This included 2 sessions run as part of a Children- In-Need Simultaneous Pairs (SIMs).
- Delivered a series of 30 face-to-face, local training lessons for new and improving players.
- Supervised 12 supervised practice play sessions for our 2024 learners
- Completed a sequence of lessons for the 23/24 cohort of learners and commenced a new session of lessons for the 24/25 cohort.
- Set up an informal joint venture with a separate local casual bridge group to aid their visibility and playing numbers.
- Took an active part in the English Bridge Union (EBU) "Bridge It's a Big Deal" week intended to promote Bridge playing in England. Our main activity here was a charity bridge drive, raising £400 for Cancer Research.
- We purchased some additional scoring hardware to improve our capabilities and sold off an old laptop which has been replaced by a newer model.

Achievements and performance

In 2024 we have:

- Taught 22 complete beginners to play the game of bridge.
- Provided twice-weekly duplicate bridge sessions each around 3 hours duration, with mental stimulation and local social interaction to over 60 individuals, the majority of whom are residents of the local community.
- Provided supervised play sessions for learners nearing the end of their learning but not yet ready to take part in the club duplicate playing sessions.

Financial review

At the start of the period, we held £4,454 in our bank account. We do not hold other reserves. Our income from all sources during the period was £18,209 and our expenditure £12,561. Our balance at the end of the year stands at £10,6902, excluding current liabilities of approximately £589 for expenses incurred during the period but not yet paid out.

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2023/24	INCOME	2024
10 months		11 months
£		£
950.00	Subscriptions	1,120.00
5,292.00	Table Money - Mondays	5,717.00
2,496.00	Table Money - Thursdays	5,849.95
-	Charity Bridge Drive	855.00
	Sale of Equipment	20.00
2,885.99	Bridge Lessons	4,647.00
<u>11,623.99</u>	Total Income	<u>18,208.95</u>
	EXPENDITURE	
3,385.60	Rent - Mondays	2,942.84
2,535.20	Rent - Thursdays	2,955.36
869.36	EBU Fees	1,237.62
2,709.20	Bridge Lessons	2,586.95
25.00	Trophy engraving	29.50
195.45	Miscellaneous	565.43
184.13	Public Liability Insurance	184.13
96.00	Score Bridge and Web Licence	96.00
41.00	Purchase of Equipment	927.91
25.00	Donations	979.90
-	Bank Charges	-
66.96	Bridge Stationery	4.99
91.00	Committee Meeting Expenses	50.00
<u>10,223.90</u>	Total Expenditure	<u>12,560.63</u>
<u>1,400.09</u>	Surplus/(Deficit) for 11 months	<u>5,648.32</u>
	General Fund	
3,053.58	Balance at 31st January 2024	4,453.67
1,400.09	Surplus/(Deficit) for 11 months	5,648.32
<u>4,453.67</u>		<u>10,101.99</u>
	Represented by:	
1.00	Jean Pringle Trophy	1.00
	Cash at Bank:	
5,200.11	Current Account	10,690.39
(747.44)	Less Creditors:	(589.40)
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