

# Trustees 2024 Annual Report for Market Harborough Bridge Club

This report pertains to the calendar year January to December 2024.

## 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 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 and 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- We purchased some additional scoring hardware to improve our capabilities and sold off an old laptop which has been replaced by a newer model.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.

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.

**MARKET HARBOROUGH BRIDGE CLUB (Registered Charity No. 1206206)**  
**Income & Expenditure for the 11 months ended 31st December 2024**

<b>2023/24</b> <b>10 months</b>	<b>INCOME</b>	<b>2024</b> <b>11 months</b>
<b>£</b>		<b>£</b>
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
<b>11,623.99</b>	<b>Total Income</b>	<b>18,208.95</b>
	<b>EXPENDITURE</b>	
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
<b>10,223.90</b>	<b>Total Expenditure</b>	<b>12,560.63</b>
<b>1,400.09</b>	<b>Surplus/(Deficit) for 11 months</b>	<b>5,648.32</b>
	<b>General Fund</b>	
3,053.58	Balance at 31st January 2024	4,453.67
1,400.09	Surplus/(Deficit) for 11 months	5,648.32
<b>4,453.67</b>		<b>10,101.99</b>
	<b>Represented by:</b>	
1.00	Jean Pringle Trophy	1.00
	Cash at Bank:	
5,200.11	Current Account	10,690.39
(747.44)	<b>Less Creditors:</b>	(589.40)
<b>4,453.67</b>	<b>Total Funds</b>	<b>10,101.99</b>

**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