

Bookham Afternoon Bridge Club
Treasurer's Commentary on Accounts for the year
1st September 2024 to 31st August 2025

The accounts have been posted on the website and I hope you have had a chance to look at them. For those who have been unable to access them on the website there are a few copies in the room.

The accounts show a surplus of **£2976** in the year. We have healthy reserves of £9000.

Last year we increased the subscription fee and the cost of playing as we wished to recoup the cost of the directors training over a number of years.

We had not expected to be able to do this immediately and had expected a much lower surplus than we have achieved.

The surplus has arisen because of various factors:

- Our average table numbers have been the same as last year - we had prudently budgeted for a slight reduction. This together with the phasing of the increased price of the table money added to the income.
- We have not spent on consumables such as new cards in the year. We received some new cards following the EBU Charity drive that we took part in in September 2024: we intend to buy new cards imminently.
- We had expected expenditure on repairs to and replacement of equipment but any costs have been minimal.

The balance sheet shows the value of vouchers purchased but not yet redeemed this is £3406. This is approximately 9 weeks worth of vouchers. We still have an outstanding number of blue vouchers which we have decided to leave on the balance sheet for a further year as these vouchers are still being redeemed albeit very slowly.

Our healthy reserves mean we will be able to replace equipment such as the duplimating machines and bridgemates as this becomes necessary. We currently have equipment with a replacement value of around £16000.

Our direct playing costs - rent, tea service, pay to play - continue to rise each year. Our current subscription fee and cost of table money will cover these increases for the next year. We will therefore not be changing the costs to members and visitors of playing at the club.

Charity fundraising

In 2024-25 we raised **£2298** for charity. The charities supported in the year were: Children in Need, Queen Elizabeth Foundation, Bookham Village Week, EBU charity drive for Cancer Research, Citizens Advice Mole Valley.

**Annual subscription becomes due on 1st November and remains at £18.
Table money for members will remain at £3.25 and for visitors at £4.25.
We are continuing to sell books of 10 vouchers at a discounted price so a book of ten vouchers will remain at £30.**

Subscriptions can be paid via the contactless machine at the club or by payment online.

Independent Review

The accounts have been independently reviewed by Chris Pullan.

Any questions on the accounts - None

Vote on the accounts - Accepted

And finally

Chris has been our independent reviewer for many years, at least 12, and this year he is retiring from that position. He has been everything a reviewer should be both challenging and helpful in equal measure. I would like to thank him on behalf of the club and personally for his help over the past years.

I am standing down as Treasurer this year. It has been a pleasure but 7 years is a long time and now seems the right time to hand over the reins. I am sure that you will be as helpful and supportive to my successor, Yvonne, as you have been to me. I will be remaining on the committee this year.

Thank you

Sue McDonald
Treasurer

13th October 2025

Bank account details as follows:

Acct name: Bookham Afternoon Bridge Club

Sort code: 30-92-70

Account number: 01242266

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