

### **CBC Treasurer's Report for 2024-25**

Current account funds are just ~ £8800. This is just over £1000 more than at the end of the last financial year. The value of our Business Reserve account has increased to ~ £10,381, due to interest rates continuing to remain positive.

We have continued with our monthly F2F Charity Events at the Millennium Centre Great Baddow and these games have proven to be enjoyable, even if attendance has been variable and at times quite disappointing. Players continue to give generously to the nominated charity for the evening. The club continues to double all the amount collected for table money and uses Club funds to pay for the hire of the hall and refreshments. However, total figure that has been donated to charities has fallen reflecting the aforementioned attendance concerns.

We purchased 5 new phones, hence the amount under Bridge Technical.

We have collected ~ £1560 for charities from members and the Club has donated nearly ~£3700 to good causes. This figure also includes donations when the Club has played in various Ecats/Sims events. (More than the table money for the Ecats/Sims evening has been donated. Players are not asked to contribute additional amounts)

In addition you will note that the 'Sundry' amount has increased this year and this is as a consequence of charity platforms handling fees. The Club pays this amount on top of the donations so that the charities receive all of the donations made by players.

A summary of donations:-

Donation to Home Start Essex	250.00
Donation to RNLI	380.00
Donation to RNLI	100.00
Donation to Wilderness Foundation	200.00
Donation to Ecats Summer Charity Pairs Kidney Research and British Heart Foundation	96.00
Donation to Essex 7 Suffolk Owls and Birds of Prey	240.00
Donation to Little Haven Hospice	255.00
EBED Autumn Sims Pairs (Cancer)	76.80
Donation to BIABD Cancer	260.00
Donation to Tiny Tickers	250.00
Donation to UK Aid	150.00
Ecats Sims Pairs Donation to Children In Need	192.00
Donation to Chelmsford Food bank	480.00
Ecats UNICEF Charity Pairs	102.00
Donation to MND	270.00
Ecats Mind/Macmillan Charity Pairs	102.00
Essex Wild Life Trust Hanningfield Reservoir	280.00

Table money will continue to be £2 and also the membership fee will remain at £2.

This will be collected on the first evening that a member plays on or after September 1<sup>st</sup> 2025. In addition, this then entitles the individual to play their first 2 games for free, providing they were members in 2024-25 and have been regular players.

In conclusion, the Club is in a healthy condition financially.

Also I would like to thank Audrey for her support during the year.

Julie Payne

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