

DORKING BRIDGE CLUB

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

INCORPORATION

Dorking Bridge Club was registered with the Charity Commission as a Charitable Incorporated Organisation on 7 January 2016 at its principal address of North Holmwood Village Hall, Spook Hill, North Holmwood, Surrey RH5 4JP.

TRUSTEES

The trustees who served during the 2024/25 financial year were:

OFFICERS: Steve Hooker (Chairman), Matt Piper (Treasurer) and Chris Woolf (Secretary)

COMMITTEE: Sheena Bassett and Richard Arnatt

OBJECTIVES

Our objectives are:

- (1) The advancement of amateur sport by promoting the game of bridge for the benefit of the residents of Dorking and the surrounding area; and
- (2) The provision of facilities for the learning, teaching & playing of bridge for the benefit of these residents and to improve the quality of their life.

ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE DURING THE YEAR

A total of 44 face-to-face bridge sessions were held during the year with 2-4 tables. Although it hasn't had a significant impact on numbers the move to the more central location at Dorking Christian Centre in March 2024 went well.

Following a drop-off in numbers the Thursday on-line sessions using the Bridge Base On-Line platform introduced in July 2020 to allow play during the Covid epidemic ended in May 2024.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

On-line bridge provided a useful income stream as we opted to run the sessions ourselves, using volunteer members, rather than having it done for us. This meant we were able to provide face-to-face sessions with no charge with a manageable reduction in the Club's overall financial balance. The end of income from on-line sessions requires a detailed review of charges for membership/playing.

LOOKING AHEAD

The small number of players playing face-to-face remains a significant concern for the viability of the club. We will continue to explore options for increasing numbers playing face-to-face.