



## Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From **01/01/23** Period start date To **31/12/23**  
Period end date

Charity name: **The Nottingham Bridge Club**

Charity registration number: **1170537**

### Objectives and Activities

	SORP reference Para 1.17	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document		1) The advancement of amateur sport by promoting the game of bridge for the benefit of the residents of Nottingham and the surrounding area. 2) The provision of facilities for the learning, teaching and playing of bridge for the benefit of the residents of Nottingham and the surrounding area with the object of improving conditions of life
Summary of the main activities in relation to those purposes for the public benefit, in particular, the activities, projects or services identified in the accounts.	Para 1.17 and 1.19	In planning our activities for the year, the trustees have kept in mind the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit at our trustee's meetings. Our focus can be broken down into the following categories: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Provide regular sessions at which bridge can be played thus promoting the game of bridge</li><li>• Make the club as welcoming and friendly as possible to attract more players. The club provides a destination for bridge players of all abilities, many of whom are elderly. The club therefore is a place in the community for social interaction, as well as allowing for the mental stimulation (and associated medical benefits) that bridge has been shown to provide.</li><li>• Encourage new players through the provision of lessons and other educational initiatives.</li></ul>
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	Para 1.18	Confirmed

### Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

	SORP reference	
Policy on grant making	Para 1.38	
Policy on social investment including program related investment	Para 1.38	
Contribution made by volunteers	Para 1.38	The CIO is entirely run by volunteers – both those serving as trustees and a large number of people whose contribution perhaps goes under the radar. The contribution of all volunteers is greatly appreciated – without their time and effort the CIO would not be able to function and certainly would not be the success it is.
Other		

### Achievements and Performance

	SORP reference	
Summary of the main achievements of the charity, identifying the difference the charity's work has made to the circumstances of its beneficiaries and any wider benefits to society as a whole.	Para 1.20	<b>Face-to-face play</b>  Thanks to an initiative by Lesley Sweet, we started a Thursday evening drive in March. This took us to five face-to-face drives each week.  A total of 242 players took part in at least one drive, compared with 193 last year.  We again held three teams of four sessions.  <b>Online Play</b>  Only the Tuesday evening drive was played during the year. A total of 65 players took part in at least one of these drives, compared with 90 on Tuesdays last year. We have also seen a drop in the number of tables in these drives.  The club entered five teams for the county's team of eight competition. One team had to withdraw due to the difficulty in fielding players and the remaining teams have found it harder to field players than previously.

## **Teaching**

Andrew Scott, Dave Nattrass and Ian Dovey have all provided teaching sessions during the year.

This year a co-ordinated approach was taken to welcome those completing Andrew's beginners course into the Wednesday evening drives. This incorporated supervised play along with refresher sessions on key topics, and introduction to "etiquette" at the table.

## **Financial Position**

Our bank balance grew by £1,628 over the year. The deficit in our accounts is due to depreciation charges as a result of our decision to defray the cost of improvements, such as the new kitchen, over a number of years.

The maintenance costs include electrical work such as the installation of hand dryers in the toilets. Some work was also done to the roof over the bar area, but more work will be needed in the coming year.

Th club has continued to be generous in the free provision of refreshments to members at special events. We also passed on table fees from all five of our face-to-face drives in support of the Children in Need simultaneous pairs competitions.

Despite discontinuing our Friday drive on BBO, there has been a 15% increase in table fees from the previous year.

## **Social**

We continue to enjoy the benefits of the excellent refreshments provided by our catering team.

Our bar operates to provide a social setting for our members rather than a revenue stream. Paul Goodwin is responsive to requests for new drinks to be available and couples this with careful and creative pricing to ensure a good turnover of stock, while generating a suitable cash surplus.

**Additional information (optional)**

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Achievements against objectives set	Para 1.41	
Performance of fundraising activities against objectives set	Para 1.41	
Investment performance against objectives	Para 1.41	
Other		

**Financial Review**

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	No going concern issues. Due to the ongoing rental income from the flats above the bridge playing premises (supported by reserves), the CIO has sufficient funds to cover its costs.
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	Not applicable
Details of fund materially in deficit	Para 1.24	Not applicable
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	No going concern issues. Due to the ongoing rental income from the flats above the bridge playing premises (supported by reserves), the CIO has sufficient funds to cover its costs.

**Additional information (optional)**

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

The charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising)	Para 1.47	The main sources of income are rental income for the flats on the top floors of the CIO's premises and the nominal table money payable for each session.
Investment policy and objectives including any social investment policy adopted	Para 1.46	Where the CIO has surplus funds, there is an investment policy which allows for these funds to be invested on a short term basis, but at minimal/no risk.
A description of the principal risks facing the charity	Para 1.46	Bridge has a reducing following in the country and the trustees are mindful of the need to always be seeking to attract new entrants to the game.

		The rental income from the flats provides a buttress to the activities of the CIO as was proved in the pandemic. Reserves are maintained as a safeguard against tenants who fall into arrears and any necessary refurbishment. The trustees expect that expenditure will be required in the coming years to improve the energy efficiency ratings of the flats.
Other		

## Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts:		
Type of governing document ( <a href="#">trust deed</a> , <a href="#">royal charter</a> )	Para 1.25	Constitution
How is the charity constituted? (e.g. <a href="#">unincorporated association</a> , CIO)	Para 1.25	CIO
Trustee selection methods including details of any constitutional provisions e.g. election to post or name of any person or body entitled to appoint one or more trustees	Para 1.25	Election by members

### Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees	Para 1.51	
The charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works	Para 1.51	
Relationship with any related parties	Para 1.51	
Other		

## Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	The Nottingham Bridge Club
Other name the charity uses	
Registered charity number	1170537
Charity's principal address	401 Mansfield Road Nottingham NG5 2DP

**Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity**

	<b>Trustee name</b>	<b>Office (if any)</b>	<b>Dates acted if not for whole year</b>	<b>Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)</b>
1	Andrew Scott	President	From 26 March 2023	
2	David Dunford	Chairman		
3	Jean McKee	Secretary	From 26 March 2023	
4	Phil Gross	Treasurer		
5	Gerard McCormack			
6	Stefka Samus			
7	Susanna Hollins			
8	Marc Gaudart			
9	David Treharne			
10	Paul Goodwin			
11	Wilfrid Fenwick			
12	Margaret Litchfield			
13	Sheilagh Resnick	From 26 March 2023		
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**Corporate trustees – names of the directors at the date the report was approved**

<b>Director name</b>		

**Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity**

<b>Trustee name</b>	<b>Dates acted if not for whole year</b>	

## Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

Description of the assets held in this capacity	
Name and objects of the charity on whose behalf the assets are held and how this falls within the custodian charity's objects	
Details of arrangements for safe custody and segregation of such assets from the charity's own assets	

### Additional information (optional)

#### Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address

#### Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)

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### Exemptions from disclosure

Reason for non-disclosure of key personnel details

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### Other optional information

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## Declarations

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)

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Full name(s)

David Harold Dunford	Andrew Scott
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Position (eg Secretary,  
Chair, etc)

Chairman	
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Date

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