



## Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From **01/02/24** To **31/12/24**

Charity name: **The Nottingham Bridge Club**

Charity registration number: **1170537**

## Objectives and Activities

	SORP reference	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	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 trustees' 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	<p><b>Face-to-face Play</b></p> <p>We continue to provide face-to-face drives each week. A total of 254 players took part in at least one session, compared with 242 last year.</p> <p>We held two teams of four sessions and one individual session.</p> <p><b>Online Play</b></p> <p>There was, again, a slight decline in players taking part in our weekly online drive: 59 this year compared with 65 last year. However, the online drive continues to be viable.</p> <p>This year, we only entered four teams for the county's team of eight competition. For some members, online play has little attraction. For team captains, there is considerable work in finding dates where both sides can field teams. This experience seems not just confined to our club, as the County Association has had to extend the competition to clubs outside the county.</p>

## **Teaching**

Andrew Scott has continued his beginners courses, with a full subscription to his two classes.

In addition, Andrew Scott, Dave Natrass and Ian Dovey have all provided teaching sessions during the year, returning the fees charged to the club. The Club provides its facilities free-of-charge for teaching and we acknowledge with thanks the corresponding generosity of our teachers.

An essential part of our player development is our Wednesday evening supervised play sessions. We are indebted to our enthusiastic and dedicated team who have made these sessions such a success – often with ten tables in the evening. These were originally intended as a transition for beginners moving from Andrew Scott's lessons to regular drives. However, they have proved to have wider appeal. Players include those who have attended beginners classes elsewhere and those returning to bridge after a long period away from the game. During the year, the team has been introducing Wednesday evening players into our other drives.

## **Financial Position**

Following agreement at the 2024 AGM, accounts have been prepared in a Receipts and Payments format.

Income and expenditure are quite closely in line with that of 2023 with two notable exceptions.

Planned work on building maintenance and decoration did not take place, so the repairs and renewals figure is much lower than would otherwise have been the case. An initial expenditure of £8,000 had been approved by the trustees.

We are in discussion with Nottingham City Council over an invoice for use of the car park, amounting to £5,137.50 at the end of the year. This includes payments during the pandemic, which we had understood to have been waived, and for 2024 when we were unable to secure the car park because the Council failed to repair a damaged gate.

Our surplus in 2024 was £13,800 which coincidentally would have covered the planned £8,000 expenditure on the building

		<p>and, should it be necessary, the Council demand for the car park.</p> <p>The available funds at the end fo 2024 were £56,800. As well as the building wok mentioned above, we are aware of the need to bring the three flats up to EPC C.</p> <p>The 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.</p> <p><b>Social</b></p> <p>We continue to enjoy the benefits of the excellent refreshments provided by our catering team.</p> <p>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.</p>
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**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	As well as holding reserves as a bulwark against disruption to play, as during the covid pandemic, we anticipate appreciable expenditure in maintenance of the building and redecoration.  Reserves are also 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.
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	At the end of 2024, there was £56,800 of available funds.
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	None.

### 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.
Other		

## Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts:		
Type of governing document (trust deed, royal charter)	Para 1.25	Constitution
How is the charity constituted? (e.g unincorporated association, 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		
2	David Dunford	Chairman		
3	Jean McKee	Secretary		
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		To July 2024	
12	Margaret Litchfield			
13	Sheilagh Resnick			
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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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