

The Bedford Bridge Centre Trustees' Annual Report Financial Year 2018-19



The Bedford
Bridge Centre

Background and Administrative Details

The Bedford Bridge Centre is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation with a Foundation structure whose only voting members are its charity trustees. Its constitution was adopted on 15th February 2018, and it was registered as a charity, with Registered Charity Number 1178914, on 25th June 2018.

The Bedford Bridge Centre's principal address is 1 Kimbolton Avenue, Bedford, MK40 3AA.

This Annual Report covers the period from foundation on 25th June 2018 to the end of financial year on 31st March 2019.

Objectives and Activities

As set out in its constitution, The Bedford Bridge Centre acts for the public benefit through:

- (1) the advancement of amateur sport by providing premises and facilities for bridge clubs in Bedford, thereby promoting the game of bridge for the benefit of the residents of Bedford and the surrounding area.
- (2) the provision of premises and facilities for the learning, teaching and playing of bridge for the benefit of the residents of Bedford and the surrounding area with the object of improving conditions of life.

In carrying out these activities, the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit.

Achievements and Performance

The principal activity of The Bedford Bridge Centre during the 9 months since its foundation has been the search for suitable premises. The trustees have explored a number of options including commercial rental properties; discussions with Bedford Borough Council; and discussions with Fusion Lifestyle, the charity that runs sports and leisure facilities in Bedford on behalf of the Council.

As yet we have found no suitable ready-built premises, and it appears that the best option will be purpose-built. We are therefore concentrating on finding a suitable site.

We have continued to engage with the various bridge clubs in the Bedford area, and with the Bedfordshire Bridge Association. We have created a website to facilitate this communication.

Financial Review

The Bedford Bridge Centre has established a bank account and registered for Gift Aid with HMRC.

As The Bedford Bridge Centre has yet to identify suitable premises, we have had no need to raise funds or incur expenditure. We have received a single donation of £2500 (including Gift Aid) and, as at 31st March 2019, our account balance stands at £2500.

Structure, Governance and Management

In accordance with The Bedford Bridge Centre constitution:

- (1) there must be at least four charity trustees.
- (2) amongst the charity trustees, there must be at least one member of each of the bridge clubs that use the premises or facilities provided by the CIO.

As at 31st March 2019, there were 5 charity trustees who are listed below. As we do not yet have any premises, the second condition does not apply; however, the trustees do have a good spread of representation across the main bridge clubs in Bedford.

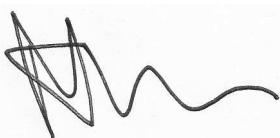
The charity trustees over the period 25th June 2018 to 31st March 2019 were:

Wg Cdr Peter Flippant	Chairman	
Mr Peter Cullum		
Mr Leslie Calver		
Mr Bernard Henry		
Mr Roger Hoxey		Up until 7 th July 2018
Mr Dale Squire	Secretary	

Declarations

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees:



P J FLIPPANT
Wing Commander
Chairman

Date: 3 May 2019