



Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From 1st June 2021 To 31st May 2022

Charity name: The Hull and District Chess Association

Charity registration number: 1155858

Objectives and Activities

<p>Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document</p>	<p>(1) The advancement of amateur sport by promoting the game of chess for the benefit of the residents of Hull and District (defined as that area bounded on the south by the River Humber, on the east by the North Sea, and inland by the boundary of the County of East Yorkshire “the Beneficiaries”);</p> <p>(2) The provision of facilities for the learning, teaching and playing of chess for the benefit of the Beneficiaries with the objects of improving conditions of life</p>
<p>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.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. To ensure the appropriate management of the Charity and its assets2. To promote chess to the residents of Hull and East Yorkshire,3. To organise a series of chess events for both local chess players and members of the public promote chess, particularly through public events and events in the community, including libraries, local cafes etc.4. To support local chess clubs5. To promote (and support) chess to schools in Hull and East Riding6. To place Hull and East Riding Chess in a national context
<p>Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit</p>	<p>The trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit and let it consciously inform its activities. It is explicitly a standard part of every Executive Committee’s agenda</p>

Achievements and Performance

During the year we have developed a new five-year chess strategy, led by a three-month Festival of Chess. The festival began with a launch at the Deep; the first month focused on outdoor public events in a wide range of community venues, such as Queens and Pearson Park. In the second month there was a wide range of events in libraries and in the third month a number of events for existing chess players including the hosting of the English Women's Championships and the British Championships as well as our own Grand Master Norm event and award-winning congress which attracted a record number of players.

The immediate impact of our activities has seen a rise in the number of people actively playing chess at our clubs. During the year there has been an increase of 30% in the number of players at local clubs and there has been significant additional junior activity. A record number of players attended our three-day summer school and there have been further excellent developments in junior chess with renewed enthusiasm at Hull Chess Club with a regular attendance of 20 children and new clubs at Victoria Dock and Drifffield. With sponsorship from KCOM we have undertaken a trial online junior school chess league. The number of players who are contributing to local schools as coaches has increased significantly during the year.

To support the development of Junior chess we have created a Junior Chess Academy which will provide a focus for all our activities in support of developing junior chess. The initial manifestation of this are meetings every month in Central Hull.

The Charity ran teams in two divisions of the Yorkshire league and a team in the 4NCL national league. Our Yorkshire League teams both finished mid table, 6th and 5th in their respective divisions. Our 4NCL team finished a very credible third in their division with notable personal contributions from Andrei Ciuravin and Keith Thompson. A big thanks to David Mills and Douglas Vleeshouwer who organised the teams in the Yorkshire league and 4NCL.

A key activity for the Charity is the running of a six and four board league and a range of cups and trophies. This was the first year since 2020 that we have been able to complete a full season, although one club had to withdraw part way through the season. Team and individual winners this season were:

Six Board: Division 1 Hull A; Division 2 Hull C. Four Board: Division 1 Withernsea Div. 2 (at the time of writing undecided).

Atkinson Cup: Beverley Armadillos. Ross Cup St Andrews C. In a completion of the 2019/20 season, abandoned because of covid restrictions Withernsea won the Ross trophy for that year.

In the individual tournaments there were competition wins for Keith Thompson (U1945). There were unfortunately not enough entries for the U1640 graded tournament to take place. In completing of the corresponding events for 2019/20 Steve Crow and Peter Perkins were successful.

During the Year we have reviewed our Constitution and made changes to the way the Charity is managed and the roles of Trustees. These were agreed at an EGM in early May and will be implemented following this year's AGM. These changes are designed to

move the focus of the Charity away from 'simply' running events, as important as this is, to the wider promotion and development of chess for the public benefit. We are in the process of updating our privacy and child protection policies. We have introduced Trustee liability insurance in addition to our public benefit and other related insurances.

This represents an overview of what has been an incredibly successful year for Chess in the Charities area. Against a backdrop of continuing covid restrictions we have delivered a wide-ranging series of public events, completed our normal range of league and cup competitions and significantly increased the number of people playing chess in our area of activity. We remain financially secure and stable and moving forward are in a position to invest further in our stated objectives.

This report does not pay adequate thanks to the many people who gave freely of their time to promote and create a more active and forward-looking chess environment during the year. The Charity has moved forward in achieving its ambitions and while we acknowledge there remains much to do, we can look back at this year with some pride in terms of our achievements.

Financial Review

The Charity remains in a very strong financial position. In 2021-22, our income was £13,922.83 against expenditure £12,976.99, although there are outstanding payments of £4,384 covered by our reserves (and budgeted for). The total reserves (cash balance) at the end of the period were £13,302. Our expenditure against budgeted expenditure reflected a £4,162 underspend.

Our investment capital reserves at the end of the year totalled £179,060. Investment income during the year totalled over £5,000.

The Hull and District Chess Association Reserves Policy, 2021-22

This Reserves Policy relates to the Society's unrestricted funds (those funds freely available to spend on any of the Society's purposes). Restricted funds (when/where available) will be dealt with outside this Policy, guided by the specific terms of the funding. If necessary, the Reserves Policy will be reviewed in light of the impact of any restricted funds on the unrestricted reserves.

The aim of the Policy is to ensure that the Society's members and the general public have confidence that the Society's finances are properly managed. The Trustees will ensure that they comply with their general legal duty to spend income within a reasonable time of receipt. This policy will ensure that the keeping of reserves is transparent and is conducted in the Society's best interests.

The Trustees have made a distinction between reserves needed to ensure the financial stability of the Society and reserves held for significant future projects.

Structure, Governance and Management

Type of governing document	Constitution adopted 12th February 2014 (amended at the June 2016, February 2020 August 2021 and April 2022)
How is the charity constituted?	Association
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	The Annual General Meeting elects' trustees after nomination or self-nomination and an Executive Committee check on eligibility and suitability. The Executive Committee appoints co-opted trustees.

Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	The Hull and District Chess Association
Other name the charity uses	
Registered charity number	1155858
Charity's principal address	6 The Redwoods, Willerby, Hull, HU10 6DQ

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates first elected (all Trustees subject to annual election until 2022 AGM when the period of office is to be three years)	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	Graham Chesters	President	2014 as a Trustee, Chairman from 2020	AGM
2	Andrew Bettley	Vice President	2013	AGM
3	Stephen Greep	General Secretary	2013	AGM
4	Gerry Johnstone	Treasurer	2018	AGM
5	Douglas Vleeshouwer	League Secretary	2017 as a Trustee, 2021 as League Secretary	AGM
6	Derek Sheppard	Fixture Secretary	2013	AGM
7	Steve Thrower	Cup Controller	2013 as a Trustee 2020 as Cup Controller	AGM
8	Mike Pollard	Junior Officer	2017	AGM
9	Joanna Hutchinson		2018	AGM
10	Steve King		2013 as President, 2020 as Trustee	AGM
11	Bill Wright		2013	AGM
12	Jim Miklevicz		2013	AGM

13	John Cooper		2020	AGM
14	Chris Matthews		2021	Appointed by Trustees

Declarations

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)		
Full name(s)	Graham Chesters	Stephen Greep
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Chair	General Secretary
Date	31 st May 2022	

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