



Trustees' Annual Report for the period

		Period start date			Period end date		
From	1	April	2014	To	31	March	2015

Section A Reference and administration details

Charity name

English Bridge Education & Development

Other names charity is known by

EBED

Registered charity number (if any)

1153543

Charity's principal address

Broadfields
 Bicester Road
 Aylesbury
 HP19 8AZ

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	Jerry Cope	Chairman		English Bridge Union Ltd
2	Andrew Petrie	Treasurer		English Bridge Union Ltd
3	Jeremy Dhondy			English Bridge Union Ltd
4	Bernard Eddleston			English Bridge Union Ltd
5	Gary Ames			Trustees of EBED
6	Michael Krause			Trustees of EBED
7	Caroline Small			Trustees of EBED
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Names of the trustees for the charity, if any, (for example, any custodian trustees)

Name	Dates acted if not for whole year

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address
Independent Examiner	Tony Parks	Beacons Accountants, 30 High St, Wendover, Bucks, HP22 6EA

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

Barry Capal – General Manager, Simon Barb - Education & Development Manager

Section B Structure, governance and management

Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document (eg. trust deed, constitution)	Constitution
How the charity is constituted (eg. trust, association, company)	Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO)
Trustee selection methods (eg. appointed by, elected by)	4 Appointed by English Bridge Union (EBU) Ltd, 3 by the Trustees of EBED

Additional governance issues (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant, about:

- policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees;
- the charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works;
- relationship with any related parties;
- trustees' consideration of major risks and the system and procedures to manage them.

- The charity has a close working relationship with the National Body for duplicate bridge in England – the English Bridge Union Ltd. The EBU makes significant charitable donations to the charity.

Section C Objectives and activities

Summary of the objects of the charity set out in its governing document

- (1) the advancement of amateur sport by promoting the game of duplicate bridge for the public benefit.
- (2) the advancement of the education of young persons in full time education in the playing of duplicate bridge

Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit in relation to these objects (include within this section the statutory declaration that trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit)

In support of Object (1) the charity has

- sought to promote and develop bridge as a social and community activity with particular health benefits in maintaining effective brain function and providing opportunities to foster friendships and community spirit
- trained bridge teachers and tournament directors
- produced and sold books and educational materials for bridge players
- produced books and educational materials to assist students

In support of Object (2) the charity has

- publicised the educational merits of duplicate bridge as an activity for the development of young people;
- promoted the encouragement of young bridge players within the English Bridge Union Limited, County Associations and Bridge Clubs
- provided and organised tuition for young people to learn duplicate bridge at a week long Summer School

Additional details of objectives and activities (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include further statements, where relevant, about:

- policy on grantmaking;
- policy programme related investment;
- contribution made by volunteers.

Grantmaking

The Trustees approved a policy on grantmaking during the year, and this was publicised on the Charity's website, and in response to enquiries. The Trustees approved a budget for grantmaking, which in this first year was not fully spent.

Policy Programme

The Charity agreed three major medium term projects to be put at the heart of its strategy to fulfil its objectives, and agreed, along with improving the operational activities taken over (and due to be taken over), from the English Bridge Union would be priorities for investment and further fund raising. These programmes cover the promotion of duplicate bridge in schools, the development of an accelerated teaching programme to make learning duplicate bridge easier for all ages, and a scientific study to look at the potential benefits of playing duplicate bridge, which itself might underpin further fund raising.

Section D

Achievements and performance

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

- All three projects in the agreed programme were scoped during the year with the aim of all three being launched in 2015/6.
- A major charitable donation was received - the South Bucks Bridge Centre (SBBC), a profitable operation, valued at £60,403. SBBC can not only provide funds for the charity through its operations, but can be used as a test centre for new ideas on teaching. SBBC has been set up as an arms length subsidiary with its own Board of Directors, appointed by the Charity.
- A number of welcome improvements were made in the education services (see Section C) provided to players (new players and improvers) and officials playing and controlling duplicate bridge.
- Overall ,duplicate bridge operates in a competitive market for sports, and mind sports in particular; the charity is determined to ensure that the benefits of the game are well understood by potential players, that learning the game becomes as painless as possible, and that everyone has the opportunity to learn and play the game.

Section E

Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

EBED's Reserves policy has been formulated using the guidance in CC19 – Charities & Reserves, particularly Annex 1 which is applicable to smaller charities. The Trustees identified the following needs for Reserves

1. Seed-funding for urgent future projects £20K
2. Unforeseen operational costs £20K
3. Loss of funding for the Junior Teach In £5K

Total £45K

The Trustees therefore set £45K as the level of unrestricted cash reserves for 2015/1

Details of any funds materially in deficit

None

Further financial review details (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant about:

- the charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising);
- how expenditure has supported the key objectives of the charity;
- investment policy and objectives including any ethical investment policy adopted.

• The charity raised funds from:

1. Surplus on primary purpose trading
2. Fundraising – 1 national event (Sim Pairs)
3. Donations

• All expenditure has been spent on furthering the main objectives of the charity. In making decisions about expenditure, the Trustees have had regard to the Charity Commission's guidance on Public Benefit.

• All cash is held at the bank. The Balance Sheet shows an investment of £60403 which is the value of the wholly owned subsidiary South Bucks Bridge Centre Ltd. This company made £11.9K profit in 14/15 which has been donated under Gift Aid to the charity.

Section F

Other optional information

None

Section G Declaration

Signature(s)		
Full names	Jeremy Ewart Cope	John Andrew Hamlyn Petrie
Position	Chairman	Treasurer

Date