

---

# NORTHERN COUNTIES CHESS UNION FOUNDED 1899

---

## 22 February Meeting - Mick Norris Reports

### 1. LMS Assistant's Report

At the 2025 AGM, my job title was changed from Rating Officer. Bryan Bainbridge is the actual rating officer, as far as the ECF are concerned, as unlike me he is what we used to call a grader; and Bryan is the County Championship Controller for the NCCU.

As far as I can tell, the LMS has run smoothly, and all the games played have been correctly rated. If anyone has found any errors or issues, please let me know.

### 2. Financial Controller's Report

It proved to be quite hard work, but we successfully opened 2 accounts at Metro Bank last summer, one of which we haven't used yet (a Business Instant Access Account, which came as part of a package, as it were). The one we do use is a Business Community Account.

The bank signatories are currently Alex Longson and me, and all operations are carried out electronically just by me, with payments out authorised by the President. Bank statements are downloaded monthly and passed to the Treasurer.

We have caught up with expense payments due, after Dave Cole successfully transferred the balance of the NCCU NMS Scheme account across in July, followed by a cheque from the other NCCU Santander account in Dave's control.

We received notification that the final Santander Account in the name of the Northern Counties (sic) Chess Union would become dormant, so we transferred over £5 to keep it operational while finalising the transfer of funds to Metro Bank, upon which the Treasurer will no doubt comment.

Unfortunately, Metro Bank have introduced a monthly account fee of £3 from December 2025. Given the work involved with opening the account, we decided to keep it rather than seeking the elusive free banking, which is generally not available to organisations like ours.

I am happy to continue in the role, but when we finally get a new Treasurer, they may wish to take over operating the bank account.

I am happy to answer questions by email in advance of the Meeting.

Mick Norris  
9 February 2026