

EXCELLENCE.
KINDNESS.
INCLUSIVITY.





OUR PURPOSE

Surrey Tennis strives to make tennis more inclusive, enjoyable, and inspiring. Our Trustees and staff are committed to contributing to the work of our operating committees and engaging with key stakeholders in both local and national tennis communities. We are always exploring the best ways to support local coaches, officials, players, venues, and volunteers. Our various forms of communication aim to highlight the support we offer, as well as showcasing achievements within Surrey. We also ensure our governance structures are robust and that we are promoting good safeguarding practices that are adopted across the County. We hope our work with the local tennis community can increase participation, improve facilities, and raise playing standards in Surrey.

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key MOMENTS 2024

15th January – Launch of the Surrey Tennis Quarterly

18th January – January Council Meeting

1st February – 2024 Summer Competitions Entry Opened

3rd February – County Cup Captains Dinner

6th February – New LTA Online League Planner Implemented on Winter Competitions

7th February – Surrey Tennis Coffee Morning and Coffee Evening

16th February – Schools Leagues and Rootham and Branston Shields Draws Launched

1st to 3rd March – 18&U County Cup Finals Weekend

4th March – SouthEast Counties Staff Meeting

15th March – 2024 Surrey Summer Knockout Draws Launched

18th March – 2024 Summer Wilson Surrey Leagues Launched

21st March – Coaches Group First Aid Course

21st March – March Council Meeting

22nd March – Surrey Tennis Awards Ceremony Invites sent

22nd to 24th March – 9&U County Cup Finals Weekend

23rd March – Winter Knockout Finals at Magdalen Park Tennis Club

24th March – Mixed Team Knockout Finals at Westside Lawn Tennis Club

28th March – Summer Youth and National Leagues Launched

5th April – Invites to enter teams in the Surrey Charity Golf Day sent

20th April – Awards Ceremony at AELTC Wimbledon

29th April – release of STQ #2 -Surrey Tennis Quarterly | Surrey Tennis

1st May – Schools Festival (Girls)

2nd May – Schools Festival (Boys)

3rd May – Release of major amendments to Youth and National League Draws

10th to 12th May – 14&U County Cup Finals Weekend



key **MOMENTS** 2024

17th to 19th May – 10&U County Cup Qualifying Weekend

29th May – May Council Meeting

3rd June – League Volunteers Lunch

5th June – League Volunteers Lunch

7th to 9th June – 10&U County Cup Finals Weekend

13th June – Charity Golf and Fun Tennis Day at West Surrey Golf and Tennis Clubs

15th June – Padel Spring Finals at Epsom Lawn Tennis Club

19th June – Schools Girls Leagues Finals at St Georges College

20th June – Schools Boys Leagues Finals at St Georges College

22nd June – Rootham and Branston Shields Finals at Epsom College

22nd to 23rd June – Play Your Way to Wimbledon Surrey Area Finals at Purley Sports Club

5th to 7th July – 11&U County Cup Finals Weekend

13th to 14th July – Play Your Way to Wimbledon Surrey County Finals at AELTC Community Tennis Grounds in Raynes Park

18th July – July Council Meeting

22nd to 26th July – County Week – Men and Ladies at Devonshire Park, Eastbourne

27th July – Summer Knockout Finals – Oxshott Sports Club

30th July – Entry to Surrey County Championships and Winter Leagues Opened

7th August – release of STQ #3 -Surrey Tennis Quarterly | Surrey Tennis

9th August – Invites to County Training Selection Day (Welcome Day) for 8&Us sent to coaches

25th August to 1st September – County Championships at AELTC Community Tennis Grounds, Raynes Park

30th August – Surrey Coaches' Conference and Surrey Showcase at County Championships

8th September – Welcome Day / County Training Selection at Sutton Tennis Academy

14th to 15th September – Padel County Championships



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MOMENTS 2024

19th September – Draft Winter Competitions Draws Launched, Knockouts, Wilson Leagues, Mixed Team Knockouts, and National League Junior Team Trophy

20th to 22nd September – Four Nations Cup, team of 31 players, coaches and parents go to Dublin

26th September – Confirmed Winter Competitions Draws Launched, Knockouts, Wilson Leagues, Mixed Team Knockouts, and National League Junior Team Trophy

27th to 29th September – 12&U County Cup Finals

3rd October – AGM and Councillor Nominations Notice sent

10th October – October Council Meeting

16th October – County Championship Photos Released

25th October – release of STQ #4 – Surrey Tennis Quarterly | Surrey Tennis

30th October – Schools Leagues and Rootham & Branston Shields open for entry

7th November – Coaches Group First Aid Course

20th November – November Council Meeting

11th December – Surrey Tennis AGM – Purley Sports Club

21st December – Salisbury Cup – Surrey Tennis Indoor Centre

report: CHAIRMAN



What a year it's been! Across the county we continue to do our best to live up to our values of Excellence, Kindness and Inclusivity. This short introduction cannot possibly do justice to the huge effort of volunteers, staff, administrators, venues, Council and players during 2024 – they make it all happen.

From the excellence perspective, it was a delight to see that Surrey Tennis was chosen to represent England in every single age group, both boys and girls, in Junior Four Nations trophy, held in Dublin. This was a great honour, and testament of the strength in depth across the county. A huge congratulations is due to the Performance Team, coaches and players.

As Paddington Bear once said, “it doesn't cost me to be kind”. Unexpected kindness is one of the most powerful, least costly, and underrated agent of change. It has huge positive effects when it comes to mental health, relationships and overall well-being. While difficult to monitor, I have observed many acts of kindness this year which have helped boost confidence and self-esteem, so thank you. In today's world, kindness is more important than ever.

Inclusivity is easier to talk about than put into practice. However, the county has made some good strides this year to affirm our commitments. These include the launch of Surrey Inclusivity Fund to provide financial assistance for projects that are being delivered by Surrey registered venues/coaches.

The fund will promote diversity and inclusion in tennis and padel, particularly to increase participation in under-represented communities. The Junior Trust Fund made fewer but substantially higher grants to promising young players, with a focus on financially disadvantaged players. The Performance Team has doubled the intake in the county Under 8 induction day, as part of their quest to widen the junior talent pool as well as bring tennis to the inner cities. Of this and more, we should be proud.

Once again, I would like to thank the entire Council and Office Team for all their hard work and effort during 2024. I would also like to express my gratitude for the super-human effort by our Treasurer, Lynne Hunt, in leading our incorporation as a Charity. From a people perspective, it is also a year of change. Alison Taylor and David Lovejoy are leaving the Council after reaching their term limit – they have been extraordinarily loyal servants to the Council for the past 12 years, having joined on the same day! We cannot thank them enough. Ben Disley and Tim Pearce are also stepping down after 5 years' service due to work and family commitments. Their contributions have been astute, and we would welcome them both to return in the future. Sadly, Kate Maurici has said she will be stepping down to take up another non-executive appointment – we will miss her wise words, thoughtfulness, and counsel. Finally, our President, Derek Howorth is also stepping down – his contribution to Surrey, tennis in Great Britain and personally to myself as mentor cannot be underestimated.



END *of an* ERA

Derek Howorth steps down as President, A tribute by Roy Staniland.

I first met Derek when I joined Surbiton Racket & Fitness Club in 1980. He was the Honorary Treasurer and Club Captain. He also played for the first team tennis, veterans tennis and he even played veteran squash – in those days with the traditional wooden rackets, no tennis elbow!

Derek was elected Honorary Treasurer of Surrey LTA in 1987, and when I joined the Council in 1996 he made me feel very welcome and has helped me throughout my time within Surrey. For many years Derek was one of the County's three representatives on the LTA and he went on to become the Honorary Treasurer of the LTA. Later he was elected Deputy President and then went on to become President of the LTA. In his later tennis life, he was the driving force behind the "Junior Trust" making sure the investments were balanced and made an incredible amount of money so that juniors in Surrey could be supported.

Derek won numerous National Seniors tennis titles at both singles and doubles and represented Great Britain in International competitions in different age groups for many years.

Off Court Derek was very successful in business rising to become Senior Partner in the chartered accountancy firm "Helmores".

His commitment to the game of tennis and to his colleagues has been absolutely incredible and on behalf of you all, I say "Thank you"

thoughts from THE SURREY TEAM



Tim Sagar, *Tennis Development Manager*

In my role as Tennis Development Manager, I work closely with our registered venues, accredited coaches, the LTA and other key stakeholders to ensure our support is targeted in the right areas. I can support venues on a variety of things that impact the day to day running of their club. This includes: the Surrey loan scheme, facilities and funding advice and forums that bring people together to share best practice. I oversee the Surrey Coaches Group, which provides coaches with access to local and subsidised CPD and first aid courses, coaching equipment offers via our portal, and access to our bursary scheme. I also take a lead on disability tennis, safeguarding and padel. As part of my role I am happy to visit our venues and coaches and/or arrange online meetings where we can discuss areas specifically relating to your venue and/or coaching programme.

Deborah Slater, *Office Manager*

What can I say about 2024? As usual, it was a very busy year, it seems as soon as I complete one major task, there are two more waiting for my attention. From working with our Partners, assisting in setting up leagues for clubs and schools, managing the Awards nominations and Awards Ceremony, involvement in the Charity Golf Day and County Championships, supporting Councillors, the list is almost endless. Not to mention just keeping on top of the numerous queries that come into the office. My two biggest highlights every year are the Awards Ceremony and our County Championships. This is when I get out of the office and meet lots of our Surrey parents, players, coaches and club volunteers. Without clubs and their volunteers, I wouldn't have a job that I love, so thank you to all of you who make my working life so rewarding.

Lewis Woodham, *Brand Manager*

2024 has been a hugely positive year as we continue to establish ourselves as one of the leading brands in British Tennis. With new initiatives, unprecedented success for our Surrey players in County Cup and on the professional tour, record-breaking statistics across our digital channels, and an ever-growing team, we've had much to celebrate. On a personal note, I am particularly proud of our increased engagement with younger players throughout Surrey. Whether it's our record attendance at the Surrey Welcome Day or the 200k+ impressions on Instagram during our County Championships, seeing so many young players proud to be associated with Surrey has been heartwarming. Bring on 2025!

Justin Sherring, *Performance Manager*

From hosting the Surrey Tennis Awards at The All England Club to both U14 Surrey teams winning the National Finals for the second year running (the 'double double'), to the remarkable spectacle of 110 U8s at The Surrey Tennis Welcome Day, to having the best County Training Coaches demonstrate unwavering commitment week in, week out to helping our young players. We've appointed David Lovejoy as our U10 Lead Coach, showcasing our absolute commitment to nurturing young, enthusiastic talent. The icing on the cake, however, was organising a Surrey team of 18 players, 7 coaches, and 6 parents to represent Team England in the Junior Four Nations in Dublin – and winning! Thank you to everyone involved in the Surrey Tennis Performance Programme for truly making a difference in 2024.

Julie Duckworth, *Schools Co-Ordinator*

2024 has been a busy year for me, not only with my daughter's wedding in May (Congratulations Sophie and Ross!) but also the three key Surrey Schools Tennis events, our Surrey Schools League, Surrey Schools Festival and Rootham & Branston Shields. Big thanks Debbie Slater, Mandy Spicer and Lewis Woodham for helping with all the school enquiries and Carole Heritage, Vanessa Webb, Mary Harper and Julie Willson who are the very important referees! The remainder of the year included attending the Wimbledon Championships and then finally getting back on court and playing some tennis myself!

Mandy Spicer, *Competitions Administrator*

My role as Surrey Tennis Administrator involves the setting up & running of all the different Competitions within Surrey Tennis and answering emails that come through to the office. I particularly enjoy the Surrey County Championships week which we are lucky enough to hold at the AELTC Community Tennis Centre. The players thoroughly enjoy and respect playing there and for me it is rewarding to meet the players & parents and put faces to the names I communicate with regarding LTA Junior County Cups and all that entails! I order/distribute the Surrey Tennis clothing they are given and proudly wear at County Cups. I book the minibuses when needed, the hotels for the captains and also players once they are old enough to travel/stay away without their parents.

thoughts from THE SURREY TEAM



Dee Houle, *Governance Consultant*

Throughout the year, I collaborated with the Surrey Tennis office team and Board of Trustees during a pivotal period of growth, helping to establish Surrey Tennis as a newly incorporated charity. We conducted a comprehensive policy review to align policies, procedures, and regulations with the charity's new status. Working with input from stakeholders, I contributed to drafting key policies, complaint escalation processes, and refining standing orders. We also strengthened hiring processes and developed organisational values reflecting the charity's mission and vision. Additionally, we worked on a data migration project, resulting in the launch of a SharePoint page that now centralises documents and resources for team-wide access and collaboration. This year has been incredibly fulfilling, and I'm proud to have contributed to positioning Surrey Tennis as a fully compliant, purpose-driven charity, well-prepared for future growth and impact.

Chris Risebro, *Finance Manager*

Working for Surrey Tennis is an absolute joy and I count myself privileged to be in a position to support the many activities of our County including the Charity Golf Day. Our talented players and coaches have seen success at various levels – Junior and Senior County Cup, County Week, Winter County Cup, and the twelve Surrey players who represented England in the recent Four Nations Junior Championships in Dublin at 12U, 14U and 18U. Surrey Tennis also runs internal competitions, including Padel, schools' competitions and one of the largest County Championships in the UK. Thanks for all this success is due to our players, parents and coaches, committed venues and volunteers, not to mention our enthusiastic, dedicated office team and a band of Volunteers both on Council and coordinating our County Competitions.



our NEW VALUES



Surrey Tennis is proud to launch our values, which guide everything we do as an organisation and embody our commitment to an inclusive, vibrant tennis community. Rooted in respect, integrity, and collaboration, these values are designed to inspire every player, coach, and supporter to engage with the sport in a way that nurtures individual development, strengthens community bonds, and deepens a shared passion for tennis. Our commitment to these values shapes our programmes, partnerships, and events, ensuring that Surrey Tennis remains a trusted leader in promoting a thriving, connected tennis community.



Excellence



Inclusivity



Kindness



report: PERFORMANCE



County Race: Surrey's success is no accident; it is down to great planning and another inspiring year of hard work by our County Performance Manager, Justin Sherring, together with his team of County Training coaches and County Cup Captains. We are confident that we will be County Race Champions for the third time in the last four years, which is A-Maze-Ing. Hopefully, we can book the celebration party very soon.

County Training: What is the secret to this success? It starts each year in the summer with Justin Sherring setting up the County Training sessions and selecting great performance coaches to run these training sessions. We are proud to say that we have over 220 players involved in County Training, with at least 30 coaches running our various sessions.

U10 Lead Coach: We believe in Dan Bloxham's quote that 'junior tennis should be numbers and fun' to the extent that we are now holding two County Welcome Days for U8s and U9s each year, one in September and one in March. Here we introduce our young players to County tennis, and if they are ready, they are selected for County Training. We are also greatly expanding the numbers of players in training, plus, most importantly, we are excited to announce that we have taken on David Lovejoy as a Lead Coach for this age group. David will assist Justin with selection, training, and the organisation of our U8s, U9s, and U10s. He will also be the first point of contact for all parents within these age groups. If players are not ready for training, they are not discarded but are always watched, and if their results improve, they will be included in the training fold.

County Cups: From our County Training coaches and their knowledge of the players in training, the County Cup team captains and assistant captains are selected to run the County Cup teams. There are 15 teams with ages ranging from U9s to U18s, run by 30 captains who are involved in player selection, training, and performance. We would like to thank our great captains for their dedication and skill in supporting the Surrey cause. Our congratulations to you all on your success. However, the County Race does not only involve the Juniors;

it also includes Surrey's best senior players in the Summer and Winter County Cup plus the Over 35s event. In the Over 35s, our Ladies, newly captained by Mel Evans, were promoted back to Group 1, which is an outstanding result for Mel in her first year. Our men retained their Champions title, so congratulations go to their captain, Blake Hutchins, and his team. Sadly, Blake is retiring from the role, and we thank him for the last five years. We are pleased to announce that Nik Snapes is taking on the role next year, and we wish him well. I can highly recommend a trip to Eastbourne for County Week in 2025, where Surrey's Ladies' and Men's teams are both currently in Division 1. This year, thanks to the great captaincy of Mandy Spicer and some inspired performances, our young team of Ladies, with an average age of 19, came fourth. Our men's team, captained by Mark Whitehouse, played some outstanding tennis to become the County Champions for the second year running.

Rising Surrey Stars: We congratulate Hannah Klugman, who is rising up the rankings, and we are very pleased to see Jodie Burrige returning from her injury. Our Surrey Superstar for the year, though, is Jack Draper, who reached the US Open semis and has just won an ATP500 in Vienna to reach a career-high ranking of 15. Very well done, Jack; we're proud to say, 'you're one of our own!'

Coach of the Quarter: We celebrate our Coaches of the Quarter, who have demonstrated their exceptional commitment and dedication to our next generation of Surrey players. I would like to congratulate Stefan Sterland-Markovic for most recently achieving this accolade. Keep working hard with your performance players, and it could be you next?

Surrey Coach Support Fund / Junior Trust Fund: We are pleased to say that our Performance Coaches are applying to the Surrey Coach Support Fund for financial help to travel and support our Junior performance players.

Doug Clare – Chair of the Performance Committee
Justin Sherring – performance@surrey.tennis
David Lovejoy – 10UPerformanceLead@surrey.tennis

performance HIGHLIGHTS

200+

Children aged 8U & 9U attended our Welcome to Surrey Days throughout the year.

£40K

Worth of grants given by the Junior Trust to promising Surrey players.

3

County Cup Race titles in 4 years.

6

Surrey teams selected to represent England (12U, 14U, 16U).

20

Teams from ages 8U to 35+ representing Surrey in the County Cup Race.

TOP 20

Surrey's Jack Draper broke the top 20 rankings for the first time in 2024.

COUNTY CUP RESULTS

8U

3rd & 4th Place

9U GIRLS

2nd Place

9U BOYS

3rd Place

10U GIRLS

2nd Place (qual)

10U BOYS

1st Place (SE)

11U GIRLS

2nd Place

11U BOYS

Champions

12U GIRLS

3rd Place

12U BOYS

2nd Place

14U GIRLS

Champions

14U BOYS

Champions

18U GIRLS

2nd Place

18U BOYS

Champions

SUMMER MEN

Champions

SUMMER WOMEN

4th Place

35+ MEN

Champions

35+ WOMEN

1st Group B

WINTER MEN & WOMEN

TBC





report: COMPETITIONS



We are drawing to the end of another rewarding and eventful year for Surrey Tennis with a large percentage of our competitions having grown in numbers of teams entering and therefore more participants battling it out on the tennis courts of Surrey particularly in the Wilson Surrey winter and summer leagues, the 2 Knockout competitions and the National League Junior Team Trophy.

A big thank you to all the venues who have held finals/events for Surrey this year too: St George's College (School leagues finals and festival days), Epsom College (School Rootham & Branston Shield finals), Magdalen Park (Winter Knockout finals), Oxshott Village Sports Club (Summer Knockouts finals), Purley Sports Club and the AELTC Community Tennis Centre (Play Your Way to Wimbledon) and the latter also for hosting our Surrey County Championships which we are extremely grateful to be able to have there and obviously a popular venue for the players who are fortunate enough to be able to grace their 16 grass courts, 3 outdoor hard courts and the 6 indoor/bubble courts, this year the club was also sporting its brand new café.

In the LTA National League congratulations go to Sutton Tennis & Squash Club who were again triumphant in the Men's overall event and likewise Magdalen Park Lawn Tennis Club who won the Women's event.

The Mixed Team Knockout played through the winter (instead of the Mixed leagues played in the summer) was won by Westside Lawn Tennis Club who came out on top after a particularly tough conquest with Sutton Tennis & Squash

Club winning 3 Championship tie breaks out of the 4 matches.

I would also like to thank all of the referees who help us regularly at Surrey events particularly Carole Heritage (Surrey Knockout finals and the School Events) and Nina Amato and Robert Jones (Play Your Way to Wimbledon Surrey finals) not forgetting Gill Andersson who did a sterling job refereeing our County Championships this year.

Our Junior County Cup teams have been unbelievably successful throughout 2024 to the point that every team selected to play for England in the Junior 4 Nations in Dublin this year were all the winning Surrey Teams from County Cups ...and they then brought home the overall trophy from Dublin too!! Not to be outdone recently 4 of our Senior County Cup Teams were also successful in winning titles for Surrey in their finals days played at the David Lloyd Club, Southampton, the victorious teams were the Ladies Over 55's, Ladies Over 60's, Ladies Over 70's and Men's Over 50's, the Ladies Over 50's were also in the finals and so close to winning but pipped at the post in 2 thrilling Championship tiebreaks!

Seniors County Cup results unfortunately don't count towards the County Cup Race - an accumulation of all the County Cup points throughout the year but Surrey are well in front with Middlesex biting at our heels with just the Men's and Ladies Winter County Cups to come end of November.

All in all another extremely successful year for Surrey Tennis! Here's to 2025 following suit!

competitions HIGHLIGHTS

6.8%

Increase in Wilson Surrey Leagues summer entries (746 to 797).

740

Players entered the Surrey Knockouts across winter and summer.

15.2%

Increase in National League Junior Team Tennis (NLJTT) entries (276 to 318).

40+

Schools entered into the Surrey Schools Leagues.

225

Girls and Boys competed in the Surrey Schools Festivals,

10

New volunteers helping administer our Surrey competitions.



competition WINNERS

WINTER

'23/'24

WILSON SURREY LEAGUES

Men's Open Doubles: Sutton Tennis and Squash Club

Women's Open Doubles: St George's Hill LTC

Men's Midweek Doubles: Putney Lawn Tennis Club

Women's Midweek Doubles: Westside Lawn Tennis Club

Men's O55s Midweek Doubles: Dulwich Lawn Tennis Club

Women's O50s Midweek Doubles: The Wimbledon Club

SURREY KNOCKOUTS

Men's Singles: Pavel Chichkanov

Women's Singles: Lucy Bear

Men's Doubles: Jamie Hill & Jake Martin

Women's Doubles: Alexandra Morgan & Gill Thompson

Mixed Doubles: Richard Wolstenhulme & Nicola Jennings

Men's O35s Singles: Sid Gulati

Women's O35s Singles: Vivian Ngan

Women's O40s Singles: Hazel Middleton

Women's O40s Doubles: Nicola Milburn & Cheryl Piper

Men's O45s Singles: Gareth Nicol

Men's O45s Doubles: Alastair Tiddy & Kieron Tiddy

Mixed O45s Doubles: Stacy Hatzipetrou & Tracey Bedford

Women's O50s Singles: Cheryl Piper

Women's O50s Doubles: Bim Newton & Amanda Spicer

Men's O55s Singles: Julian Jones

Men's O55s Doubles: Nigel Grace & Julian Jones

Women's O60s Singles: Susie Reid

Women's O60s Doubles: Bim Newton & Susie Reid

Men's O65s Singles: Tony Ingram

Men's O65s Doubles: Stuart Denyer & Patrick Mears

MIXED TEAM KNOCKOUT

Open Tier 1: Westside Lawn Tennis Club

NATIONAL LEAGUE JUNIOR TEAM TROPHY

Mixed 8U: Westside Lawn Tennis Club

Mixed 9U: Esher Lawn Tennis & Padel Club

Mixed 10U: No result

Boys 11U: Esher Lawn Tennis & Padel Club

Girls 11U: No result

Boys 12U: Esher Lawn Tennis & Padel Club

Girls 12U: Esher Lawn Tennis & Padel Club

Boys 14U: No result

Girls 14U: Esher Lawn Tennis & Padel Club

Boys 16U: YMCA Hawker Tennis Kingston

Girls 16U: Purley Lawn Tennis Club

Boys 18U: YMCA Hawker Tennis Kingston

Girls 18U: Roehampton Club

SUMMER

'24

WILSON SURREY LEAGUES

Men's Open Doubles: Sutton Tennis and Squash Club

Women's Open Doubles: Magdalen Park Lawn Tennis Club

Mixed Open Doubles: Sutton Tennis and Squash Club

Men's Midweek Doubles: Purley Lawn Tennis Club

Women's Midweek Doubles: Westside Lawn Tennis Club

Men's O45s Doubles: Purley Lawn Tennis Club

Women's O50s Doubles: Westside Lawn Tennis Club

Men's O55s Doubles: Roehampton Club

SURREY KNOCKOUTS

Men's Singles: Craig Sutherland

Women's Singles: Lyla Read

Men's Doubles: Tony Brown & Aditya Sarang Rajan

Women's Doubles: Lereesa Easterbrook & Virunee Viravong

Mixed Doubles: Robbie Nicholas & Alexandra Morgan

Men's O35s Singles: Patrik Ewe

Women's O35s Singles: Selina Russell

Women's O40s Singles: Jennifer Marlow

Women's O40s Doubles: Caroline Joy & Natasha Sherrard

Men's O45s Singles: Mark Winton

Men's O45s Doubles: Matthew Squire & San Sunkaraneni

Mixed O45s Doubles: Andrew Middleton & Hazel Middleton

Women's O50s Singles: Sara Evans

Women's O50s Doubles: Amanda Shepard & Natasha Sherrard

Men's O55s Singles: Dougal Bridger

Men's O55s Doubles: Nigel Grace & Julian Jones

Women's O60s Singles: Rebecca Scorer

Women's O60s Doubles: Bim Newton & Susie Reid

Men's O65s Singles: Barrie Gilbert

Men's O65s Doubles: Barrie Gilbert & Tony Ingram

NATIONAL LEAGUE

Men's Open Doubles: Sutton Tennis & Squash Club

Women's Open Doubles: Magdalen Park Lawn Tennis Club

PLAY YOUR WAY TO WIMBLEDON

Men's Open Doubles: Georgiy Lesyuk & Tristan Scurr

Women's Open Doubles: Laura Ansell & Jo Morris

18&U Boys Doubles: Jaimes Palmer & Mac Smithson

18&U Girls Doubles: Yasmin Jackson & Adannaya Tokoro

14&U Boys Singles: Oscar Rush

14&U Girls Singles: Gabrielle Ahearn

competition WINNERS

LTA YOUTH LEAGUE

Mixed 9U: Roehampton Club

Boys 11U: Purley Bury Tennis Club

Boys 12U: Purley Bury Tennis Club

Girls 16U: Roehampton Club

SURREY SCHOOLS LEAGUE

Boys 9U: Amesbury School

Girls 9U: Putney High School

Boys 10U: Willington School

Girls 10U: Putney High School

Boys 11U: Feltonfleet School

Girls 11U: Wimbledon High School

Boys 12U: Reeds School

Girls 12U: Surbiton High School

Boys 13U: Ewell Castle School

Girls 13U: Putney High School

Boys 14U: Hampton School

Girls 14U: Wimbledon High School

Boys 15U: Ewell Castle School

Girls 15U: No result

Boys 18U: Reeds School

Girls 18U: Kings College Guildford

ROOTHAM & BRANSTON SHIELDS

Rootham Shield (Boys 18U): Reeds School

Branston Shield (Girls 18U): James Allen's Girls' School (JAGS)

SURREY PADEL LEAGUE SPRING

Cobra Men's Doubles – Group A: Ashstead Squash & Tennis Club

Cobra Men's Doubles – Group B: Esher Lawn Tennis & Padel Club

Diablo Men's Doubles:

Roehampton Club

Cobra Women's Doubles – Group A: The Bourne Club

Cobra Women's Doubles – Group B: David Lloyd Raynes Park

Diablo Women's Doubles: Surbiton

Midweek Women's Doubles: Epsom

Centurion Doubles: Epsom Lawn Tennis Club

Cobra Mixed Doubles: David Lloyd Raynes Park

Diablo Mixed Doubles: Esher Lawn Tennis & Padel Club

Midweek Mixed Doubles: Epsom

COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIPS

8U Boys Singles: Isaac Abbasi

8U Girls Singles: Jane Sze Chai Lee

9U Boys Singles: Marcelo Rodriguez Perez

9U Girls Singles: Nolwaine Ngassam

10U Boys Singles: Jack Ennis

10U Boys Doubles: Joshua Lotsu & Jack Ennis

10U Girls Singles: Súra Jatto

10U Girls Doubles: Anaya Abbasi & Súra Jatto

11U Boys Singles: Tom Weal

11U Girls Singles: Sophia Szczukiewicz

12U Boys Singles: Cole Edwards

12U Boys Doubles: Cole Edwards & Noah Morgan

12U Girls Singles: Laine Ngassam

12U Girls Doubles: Darcey Osborne & Anais Sylvester-Wilson

14U Boys Singles: Dylan Pedra

14U Boys Doubles: Zygmunt Garner & Oliver Scott

14U Girls Singles: Lyla Read

14U Girls Doubles: Jenina Fu & Lyla Read

16U Boys Singles: Daniel Cumings

16U Boys Doubles: Daniel Cumings & Samuel Mhizha

16U Girls Singles: Audrina Neeladoo

16U Girls Doubles: Audrina Neeladoo & Lyla Read

18U Boys Singles: Max Bland

18U Boys Doubles: Max Bland & Freddie Sharp

18U Girls Singles: Lucy Bear

18U Girls Doubles: Olivia Campana & Olivia Sibbering

Open Men's Singles: Jake Evans

Open Men's Doubles: Harry Hewing & David Middleton

Open Women's Singles: Swasthika Arunkumar

Open Mixed Doubles: Jake Evans & Natasha Cook

Over 35s Men's Singles: Daniel Lopez Galan

Over 35s Women's Singles: Kat Williams

Over 50s Men's Singles: Justin De Villiers

Open Wheelchair Mixed Singles: Jack Wells



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report: COACHING



The Surrey Coaches Committee has maintained its commitment to online meetings throughout the year, facilitating discussions focused on its agenda of representing and supporting coaches at all levels to enhance tennis in Surrey. With a robust and seasoned group of award-winning coaches operating across the region, the committee warmly welcomes any new coaches interested in contributing.

As we enter 2024, the Surrey Coaches Bursary scheme has been expanded to ensure comprehensive support for all coaches, regardless of their chosen accreditation route, whether through LTA, RPT, or PTR qualifications. This initiative is also aligned with the LTA Ethnically Diverse Coach Grant, which now includes the LTA Level 1 qualification. Through increased promotion and support, we aim to grow our community of 725 accredited coaches in Surrey.

In 2024, the Surrey Coaches Group continued its support for coach education providers, helping promote a range of online and on-court workshops, as well as the launch of the new LTA Coach Development podcast, which includes a May 2024 episode featuring our own Dave Earl! Various committee members attended the Autumn LTA Coach Forums at AELTC Raynes Park and DL Woking to promote the group and stay

informed about the latest updates from the LTA. To provide a more comprehensive overview of CPD and qualification opportunities in Surrey, we are planning to enhance the website and email newsletter throughout 2025.

The highlight of 2024 was the Surrey Coaches Conference; scheduled for Saturday, August 31, at the AELTC Community Ground (Raynes Park) as part of the inaugural Surrey Tennis Showcase. Set against the backdrop of the County Championships, the event featured world-renowned coach educator Simon Wheatley as the keynote speaker, focusing on serve and return teaching strategies. The session engaged 40 coaches, offering contemporary methods for teaching these concepts to all age groups. The afternoon included a Q&A panel, where committee members Emma Wells and Matt Trevail discussed competition development in the UK with the new LTA Head of Competitions, Jenny McAneny-Vincent.

Members of the Surrey Coaches Group continue to benefit from a biannual discounted First Aid course and access to a full range of Surrey Tennis-branded apparel through the kitlocker website. We extend our gratitude to Tim Sagar in the Surrey Office for his exceptional work in Tennis Development and for providing regular, informative email updates for Surrey Coaches.

coaching HIGHLIGHTS

1ST

The Surrey Coaches Group was the first in the UK to establish an official Committee.

725

Surrey boasts the largest assembly of LTA Accredited Coaches in the UK (725). An increase of 30 since 2023!

31

Surrey coaches have guided 31 junior talents to be selected for regional performance camps, securing the top spot in the UK.

U10

Surrey is the sole county to have an official U10 lead Coach alongside a dedicated Performance Manager.

40

Coaches attended the Surrey Coaches Conference in 2024.

L1-L5

Surrey is the inaugural county to unveil a bursary scheme for coaches ranging from Level 1 to Level 5.





2024 CELEBRATION OF SURREY TENNIS



report:
COMMERCIAL



Once again, we would like to extend our heartfelt thanks to all the sponsors of Surrey Tennis. Their continued generosity in 2024 has helped us to develop tennis throughout the County, increase participation, improve facilities, encourage inclusivity, and broaden the game. As a result of their help, we now run the largest number of competitions across adult, junior and disability of any county, involving over 20,000 players competing each year. Participation has continued to grow again this year with 340,000 players, up 9% in 2024. In addition, we provide loans to clubs to upgrade their infrastructure, with LED lights by far the most popular improvement, as well as providing a wide range of benefits to support our coaches. We have a professional office team and an army of volunteers to keep the show running smoothly alongside a dedicated Council who meet regularly to decide strategic direction. All these resources, including contributions from Sponsors, helped

Surrey to perform at the highest level, and spread our wings in new directions as part of the LTA vision of “Tennis Opened Up”.

We hear that many of our key sponsors had another terrific time at Wimbledon this year – its ability to conjure up memorable matches year after year is unsurpassed. The ticketing process has improved immeasurably and our primary focus for all our Sponsors is to create the best possible experience when they visit The Championships.

We continue to thank our sponsors and look forward to continuing our partnership in future years. If there is anything at all they would like to discuss or suggest please do not hesitate to get in contact with Debbie Slater, Tim Sagar or Peter Bradshaw.

commercial HIGHLIGHTS

20

Partners support our development.

725

Accredited coaches in Surrey that your business could support.

340K+

Adults playing tennis each year in Surrey.

4

Partnership levels – Platinum, Gold, Silver, Bronze.

6

Areas that partner funding helps to promote more open and inclusive tennis (schools, grass roots tennis, young players, club loans, support for Surrey coaches, & County Cup Teams).

50

Days you can gain access to Wimbledon and other LTA summer events to support your business through your partnership.



report:

VENUES & COMMUNICATIONS



2024 has been both a reflective and significant year for the Venues & Communications Committee. We started the year with two zoom coffee mornings and another survey of venues to ascertain topics venues required support with. There were several standout areas which included IT systems and apps for tennis, the decline of social tennis competition and concern over how to boost volunteers at venues.

With these concerns in mind, we reflected on and examined the impact of our committee's work and the ways in which we could best make a difference to tennis venues in Surrey. We decided that the format of a series of Autumn venue forums was not having the impact we wished for and so we came up with the idea of the "Surrey Showcase".

We then spent much of the year planning this event, which took place at the end of the Summer during the County Championships at the AELTC Community Tennis Centre in Raynes Park. The event, stunningly branded by Lewis Woodham and hosted at this fabulous venue, was an enormous success. We enjoyed Q&A sessions with several fascinating and knowledgeable speakers who donated their time for free to support the event. The sessions focussed on competitions, inclusion, facilities and funding and padel. There was free tennis coaching on the spectacular purpose build mini-red courts while the Q&A sessions were taking place upstairs in the new state of the art clubhouse at the Community Ground.

Attendees, who came from across the county, also had the opportunity to try demo rackets on-court from Surrey sponsor, Wilson Rackets and speak to many of the industry experts in our Surrey exhibitors hall. For a lucky few, there

were also 15 minute taster sports massage slots with local therapist Robbie Milne, who donated his services for free, enabling us to raise £140 for local tennis charity, Bright Ideas for Tennis. I am hugely grateful to all members of the committee, who put many hours into making this event such a success. Feedback was so positive from this event, that it is now firmly within the Surrey calendar and we are already planning for next year!

As well as the Surrey Showcase, certain members of the committee advised throughout the year on:

- File organisation following the county's transition to Microsoft Sharepoint.
- Communications associated with the launch of the Surrey Tennis charity.
- Celebrating major successes of local coaches such as the Sporting Equals Award won recently by Surrey Coach Arun Akom.
- The development of the new Surrey Inclusivity Fund, providing a means by which small grants can be applied for the support of local inclusion projects.

Future plans for the committee include a focus on data collection and examination with respect to inclusion and diversity within the coaching workforce in Surrey. We will also concentrate on advising on the communications of the charity to ensure that we are demonstrating the full benefit of all the opportunities Surrey Tennis provides in both tennis and padel for as many people as possible across the county.

venues & communications **HIGHLIGHTS**

100+

People from local Surrey Tennis Venues attended our Surrey Showcase event.

4

Q&A panels at the Showcase, sharing information on Competitions, Inclusion, Padel and Facilities and Funding

20K+

Times our Surrey Tennis Quarterly was read throughout 2024.

ADVISED

On major internal Surrey Tennis document re-organisation on the external comms plan for Surrey Tennis' new charitable status.

13K+

Unique visitors to the Surrey Tennis website.

2

Zoom coffee mornings and 1 venues survey carried out to ascertain what topics Clubs and Venues are really interested in, so we can deliver relevant and useful assistance.





CHARITY GOLF DAY IN AID OF MNDA AND BRIGHT IDEAS FOR TENNIS

report: AWARDS



On April the 20th 2024 Surrey Tennis held our Celebration of Tennis awards afternoon at the AELTC Wimbledon. The event is held to acknowledge the accomplishments of Surrey players, clubs, volunteers, officials and all other aspects that make tennis run effectively and efficiently in Surrey allowing for all players at all levels to play the game. We also recognised all the Surrey LTA Tennis Awards winners, 2 of which represented Surrey in the National awards event as Regional winners. The British Tennis awards are organised by the LTA and have been in place since 2015. The purpose is for everyone in British Tennis to be recognised and voted for by anyone who wants to make a vote nomination. The nomination process is currently under way and closes at the end of November. Details how to vote can be found on the LTA website.

I would like to thank all the hard work of the awards committee during 2024.

David Lovejoy (Chair): Penny Batchelor, Ben Disley, Julie Duckworth, Tim Pearce, Chris Major, Chris Risebro, Debbie

Slater and Roy Staniland LTA Surrey County 2023/24 Award Nominations

Club of the Year 7 nominations for 7 clubs
Development Coach of the Year 12 nominations for 8 coaches
Performance Coach of the Year 5 nominations for 2 coaches
Connecting Communities Award 5 nominations for 5 programs
Park Venue of the Year Award 1 nomination for 1 Park operator
Tennis for All Award 3 nominations for 3 programs
Competition of the Year Award 0 nominations received
School of the Year Award 4 nominations for 4 schools
University of the Year Award 2 nominations for 2 universities
Official of the Year Award 8 nominations for 6 officials
Volunteer of the Year Award 6 nominations for 6 volunteers
Rising Star Award 3 nominations for 3 young volunteers.

awards HIGHLIGHTS

H. KLUGMAN

Hannah Klugman – won the LTA National Girls player of the year for 2023

J.SALISBURY

Joe Salisbury – won the LTA National Doubles player of the year for 2023

EPSOM PADEL

Epsom Padel Competition – LTA Tennis Regional Award Winner for 2023

D.THORPE

Derek Thorpe – Official LTA Tennis Regional Award Winner for 2023

W.EDGE

William Edge – Volunteer LTA Tennis Regional Award Winner for 2023

Y.GRIFFIN

Girls Endeavour Award – Yasmin Griffin for 2023

AWARDS RESULTS

2024

Club of the Year: Dorking Lawn Tennis & Squash Club

Development Coach of the Year: Paul Kozak

Performance Coach of the Year: Shaun Malcolm

Connecting Communities Award: Sebastiao Q Talo

Park Venue of the Year Award: Emma Wells Tennis

Tennis for All Award: South London Smashers

Competition of the Year Award: Surrey Padel League Spring 2023

Disability Award: Padel Festival

School of the Year Award: Amesbury School

University of the Year Award: University of Surrey

Official of the Year Award: Derek Thorpe

Lifetime Achievement Award: Mary Harvey

Volunteer of the Year Award: Will Edge

Rising Star Award: Jack Redwood

National League Premier Team: Esher Girls 12&U

National League County Team: Cheam Fields Boys 14&U

County Cup Team of the Year: Surrey Girls 14&U

Girls Progress Award: Sophia Cuninghame

Jean Thirwall Girls Endeavour Award: Yasmin Griffin

Boys Progress Award: Mark Ceban

Roger Webb Boys Endeavour Award: Jamie Diack

Jean Sexton Memorial Award: Hannah Klugman & Joe Salisbury

President's Award: Chris Pashley





report: INCLUSION



We continue to support disability tennis activity via the LTA Open Court Surrey Programme. The recent LTA monitoring survey for the months of May to August showed there were around 350 participants accessing disability tennis sessions in Surrey. However, this survey only considers those venues and coaches that submitted data of activity taking place. Therefore, we anticipate the number is higher. We want to ensure that we are capturing as much information as possible about the sessions taking place across Surrey and the numbers participating. This is so that Surrey and the LTA can best support those sessions and look at ways to signpost prospective players to local activity.

One activity the Open Court Programme has continued to support this year is Sutton Tennis & Squash's weekly session with the Sutton Mental Health Foundation. This session is delivered by coach Liam Rabbitte in an indoor hall and has 6-8 people in attendance. The foundation is incredibly happy to have tennis as part of their offering of activities to their users.

In partnership with Middlesex Tennis, we once again ran Wheelchair, Visually Impaired and Learning Disability events as part of the County Championships in August. This was open to players across the South East region. In 2024, we also ran a para-standing event for the first time, which had over ten participants. Congratulations to all the players taking part and well done to those who won their respective events. If there are any new sessions that venues, coaches, volunteers are thinking of starting up, please do get in contact to see how we might be able to support. This could include financial

support and/or an equipment bag.

Surrey Tennis Inclusivity Fund

As we head into 2025, we will have the Surrey Tennis Inclusivity Fund in place. This is designed to provide financial assistance for projects that are being delivered by Surrey registered venues and/or Surrey LTA accredited coaches which promote diversity and inclusion in tennis and padel, and increase participation to under-represented communities. We strive for tennis and padel to be accessible, welcoming and enjoyable for everyone. Further details including the application form will be available on the website soon.

Ethnically Diverse Coach Grant

As part of our Surrey Coach Bursary Scheme, we are introducing support to coaches looking to achieve their level 1 that are working in Surrey and are from an ethnically diverse background. This is supporting the LTAs efforts to increase the percentage of coaches from ethnically diverse backgrounds who are beginning their journey on the coach qualification pathway. If you would like further detail about this, please contact coaches@surrey.tennis

Grants for Female Coaches

Surrey Tennis continue to work with Virtus (LTA Coach Education Provider in Surrey) to support getting more women and girls into coaching. We managed to get two female coaches onto a level 2 course in July 2024, where the core training elements of the course were fully funded.

inclusion HIGHLIGHTS

4

Impairment specific events as part of the Surrey County Championships.

£1000

Can be applied towards single projects as part of the Surrey Tennis Inclusivity fund.

2

New funding streams established to support inclusion.

20+

Venues/programmes that are part of Open Court Surrey.

350+

Participants accessing disability tennis sessions across Surrey.

250+

People spectated our Impairment specific events at the Surrey County Championships.



report: PADEL



Padel continues to surge in Surrey as more courts are being developed. There are now over 25 venues with at least one padel court, with over 50 total courts across Surrey. This number is likely to increase again in 2025 as we are aware of several venues looking to add more padel courts. As the sport continues to grow, Surrey Tennis will look to see how it can further support registered venues. Padel facility development is the type of project we will consider for our Interest Free Loan Scheme. Furthermore, we will look to develop the Surrey Padel Leagues so that there is local competition on offer for club teams to participate in.

The spring edition of the Surrey Padel Leagues saw an increase in entries with a total of 47 teams entering from 8 venues. The Finals Day was held on Saturday 15 June at Epsom LTC, and despite the challenging weather conditions, we managed to get all 9 finals completed. It was fantastic to see so many spectators supporting the players and added to the occasion. We also had Wilson bring along some padel equipment and padel bats for people to try. They also provided the balls for the finals, which was a brand-new ball that is being used on the Premier Padel Tour.

For the third year running we ran Padel County

Championships. This year we ran it at Weybridge Padel Club on the weekend of 14th and 15th September. Once again, we had Men's, Women's and Mixed events, which had good entry numbers. We also ran the junior events for the first time, with 14U and 18U Boys and Girls events. It was great to see the Padel County Championships evolve and have juniors participating.

Following feedback from the previous edition of the autumn padel leagues, we have decided to trial a change in format. Early next year we are looking to run the event over one weekend at a neutral venue. It is due to take place at a new indoor padel venue in Epsom. Each team will comprise of four players, and we aim to have two groups of four teams for each event, followed by an event final. Padel venues in Surrey along with our growing database of padel players have been contacted with details and we hope the new format of autumn leagues proves to be a success.

padel HIGHLIGHTS

25

Venues with padel courts across Surrey.

50+

Padel courts in Surrey.

47

Teams from 8 clubs entered the spring edition of the Surrey Padel Leagues.

9

Finals were completed during the spring edition Finals Day.

20+

New volunteers helped run Surrey padel events in 2024.

4

New junior padel events added to the Surrey County Championships.



report: SAFEGUARDING



Safeguarding is of paramount importance to the County. Surrey Tennis' safeguarding policies, and the latest documents can be found via our dedicated webpage on the Surrey Tennis website - www.surrey.tennis/safeguarding

The LTA safeguarding team continue to conduct visits to Surrey venues to support them in ensuring they are meeting the LTA safeguarding standards. Further details about them can be found [HERE](#).

The LTA safeguarding team have also been updating their advice and information around safeguarding at tennis events and competitions. This is to better support those involved in the running of these events, including coaches, officials, and parents. This can be found via the LTA website [HERE](#). There are a variety of resources and examples of good practice available to ensure a safe and inclusive experience is provided for all.

In October, the LTA ran their National Safeguarding Conference. This was open to Counties, coaches, officials, and welfare officers. Various speakers ran sessions on topics to provide practical tips and examples to support people in their role. This included:

- Venue Support Visits
- Case management and best practice
- Competitions, events, trips and how to implement safeguarding policies and procedures.
- Engaging children and young people in your venue

These workshops were all recorded and can be accessed via the safeguarding webpage on the LTA website [HERE](#). 2024 also saw the launching of the Young Person's Welfare

Ambassador Programme. This is open to people aged 14-24 and aims to provide young people with a voice and perspective to promote safeguarding and welfare at their venues. The hope is that this also provides a link between venue committees and young people for the benefit of the venues. The scheme was piloted in 2023, and examples of work done included new noticeboards, social media and website messaging, a new junior committee supporting the venue. Those that get selected for the programme will have access to further training opportunities on safeguarding and wellbeing. Further information about the scheme and how young persons can apply can be found [HERE](#).

There is now safeguarding training that committee members at registered venues are required to complete. This training is in the form of a short video, and it is designed as a top-line overview of safeguarding in tennis, to highlight how concerns should be raised, what support is available, and practical tips to promote a safe place to play. The video for the safeguarding training for committees can be found using the link [HERE](#).

At the end of the video, there is a quick form to fill in where committee members identify the venue they are linked to. This allows the LTA to know which venues have got their committee members to complete the training.

A reminder, if your concern is about a tennis venue activity, please report through your venue welfare officer. You can also contact the LTA safeguarding team through the register a concern form.

safeguarding HIGHLIGHTS

500+

Attendees at the LTA Safeguarding Conference.

25+

Safeguarding support visits in 2024.

5+

LTA Safeguarding Conference workshops recorded to be accessed via the LTA safeguarding webpage

£300

Grants available to support new disability tennis sessions that would be part of Open Court Surrey.

50%

Of venues in Surrey have had a safeguarding support visit.

200+

New and existing welfare officers nationally attended the Welfare Officer induction session in April 2024





SUMMER COUNTY CUP

report: LTA COUNCILLOR



This is my fifth and final year as the LTA Councillor for Surrey Tennis. The role of the LTA councillor is to be a link between Surrey Tennis and the executive staff of the LTA. I attend four LTA meetings and four South East regional meetings annually. I'm currently on the 10U performance workstream on DTAG (Development Tennis Advisory Group)

Some highlights for 2024

The LTA Strategy for 2024-2026 will build on the success achieved over the past five years, the vision of 'tennis opened up' has evolved to transforming communities through tennis. To do this, the LTA are focussing on three areas – making tennis welcoming, enjoyable and inspiring to everyone. The new vision document [HERE](#).

LTA Tennis Foundation - Its mission, Improving Lives Through Tennis, is achieved through supporting organisations, developing facilities and supporting communities and schools through LTA programmes and initiatives. Developing facilities with quick access loans, park investment project and strategic indoor projects and supporting specific LTA programmes and initiatives aligned to the mission, including LTA serves, LTA Open Court and LTAY Schools and free parks tennis. The plan for this year is to increase awareness and understanding of the Tennis Foundation and to generate more income for programmes and initiatives.

Awards-Nominations are open early this autumn, some categories have changed, and the nomination form is simpler. A major change for 2025 is that the National Ceremony will be earlier - on 24 April. Get nominating!

Coach Engagement -Increasing the number of LTA

Accredited Coaches is a priority for 2024-26, aiming for 6,900 from a current 6,550. The new Coach Hub enhances support, personalising content based on a coach's role and preferences. Navigation and automation improvements aim to streamline key processes linked to Accreditation and CPD. Initiatives like the Coach Hub and personalised communications are expected to boost engagement. Qualifications, Education & CPD The Coach Development Centre network is active for the 2024-25 contract phase following a successful review in January. The network's health appears positive.

Competitions - Grass Court season 2024, the qualifying weekends were opened up, including Queen's Club. Eastbourne 50th Anniversary, new exhibition matches and new inclusion, accessibility and sustainability initiatives. There will be a change to the 2025 Grass Court calendar, specifically the changes to the Queens Club Championship – including the new WTA 500 tournament and new title partner and sadly the changes mean the combined men's and women's event at Surbiton will come to an end. The drive to encourage leagues to become an LTA Approved League continues with an expectation that 350 leagues will achieve that status by the year-end.

Communication - reminder of the resources available to venues on the Venue Support toolkit will provide venues with the information, resources and support you need to manage, develop and grow your venue or clubs' tennis or padel, and get more people playing.

Environmental Sustainability -The LTA's updated Environmental Sustainability Plan for 2024-26 includes prioritised metrics and tactics. A new partnership with BRITA eliminated 100,000 single-use bottles at tour-level

grass court events while promoting sustainability to fans and athletes. Engagement with major event suppliers focuses on reducing waste and carbon emissions. Discussions are ongoing for a tennis ball recycling scheme, and the LTA continues to showcase best practices, including profiling top tennis venues for Earth Day. The LTA will be highlighted as a case study in Sport England's Environmental Sustainability Strategy and will represent NGBs in the Government's Sport Sustainability Working Group.

Padel - The LTA's mission is to grow padel by making it accessible, welcoming, enjoyable and inspiring. There are currently 550 padel courts across 200 venues in Britain, up from 350 courts in 2023. In 2024 the LTA has launched a new coaching course with resources to support new and existing coaches, a structured competition pathway to support players of all ages and levels of play, including both domestic and international competitions, and a performance infrastructure to support Britain's top players.

Parks Investment - An incredible achievement of nearly 3000 renovated park courts and the opportunities for local venues to make connections with them. All refurbished parks will run free park tennis sessions on Saturday or Sunday at 10am by trained volunteers.

Participation - Through the March to June period, we saw a slight downward trend in adult past year and past month participation, although July recovered to be broadly in line with 2023. The weather was exceptionally wet during this period with the UK overall recording circa 150% of the long-term average rainfall for this period, conditions which may well have impacted participation. At end July, on a 12-month

roll, child weekly and monthly participation were ahead of 2023, while annual and weekly play unchanged from last year.

Performance - There are currently 4 British women in the WTA top 100, for the first time since 2012- Katie Boulter, Emma Radacanu, Harriet Dart and Sony Kartal. Jacob Fearnley has entered the ATP top 100 for the first time after a successful summer. Huge congratulations to Surrey's Jack Draper who is at a career high of 15 after making the semi finals of the US Open and winning his first ATP 500 title in Vienna. Congratulations to Mika Stojisavljevic who won the girls singles at the US Open. Surrey's Hannah Klugman is looking to defend her 2023 Orange Bowl event in Florida. Our disability athletes have had a successful 2024 Alfie Hewitt winning the men's wheelchair at Wimbledon, Alfie Hewitt and Gordon Reid winning gold in the men's wheelchair doubles at the Olympics. Great Britain learning disability team were the most successful national team at the Virtus World Tennis Championships in France, winning four gold medals.

Safeguarding - The national safeguarding conference was held online on 5th October, which saw 460 people registered for the event. The Young Persons Welfare Ambassadors (YPWA) program, piloted in 2023, will be enhanced for rollout in 2025. Its goal is to give young people a voice in promoting safeguarding at LTA venues. YPWAs will collaborate with venue Welfare Officers to engage children and remove barriers to support. Eligible applicants are 14 to 24 years old and must apply with their venues. The role lasts up to 12 months, with encouragement for ongoing safeguarding awareness afterward.





report:
TREASURER



This year has seen Surrey Tennis generate a surplus of just under £30,000. Our income shows a small rise compared with last year, with the main source of income again coming from sponsorship; we continue to be extremely grateful to all of our partners as, without this income, our activities would become severely curtailed. Our costs have risen, predominantly due to an increase in our overheads. This increase is attributable to both normal inflationary costs and the one-off costs incurred relating to achieving our charitable status, together with the associated necessity of updating our governance documentation, thereby ensuring it is sufficiently robust to meet the standards required by the Charity Commission.

The main focus this year, from an administrative viewpoint and as stated at last year's AGM, has been to incorporate and achieve charitable status. This proved to be a long (and costly) process, but in September we were finally granted this status. Given the timing, we are scheduled to commence our activities in the new structure from 1 January 2025. Our new structure comprises a holding company, which is a company

limited by guarantee and is the charity, together with a wholly owned subsidiary, through which some of our activities will be undertaken. All profits from the subsidiary will be donated to the charity, by way of Gift Aid. As a result, there will be a short accounting period for the unincorporated entity and allow for an orderly closure of this entity. Under the new structure, our year end will be 31 December, which aligns to that of the LTA and their funding.

During the year we advanced one further loan to a club to upgrade their courts for £25,000 and a further three loans have been advanced in October, totalling just over £50,000.

Overall, we remain in a healthy position, with a strong balance sheet, which is enabling us to carry out a number of initiatives in 2025, as referred to in our year-in review and other documentation. This includes the appointment of our Under 10 Lead Coach and the creation of our Inclusivity Fund to provide assistance for projects within Surrey to promote diversity and inclusion in tennis and increase participation to under-represented communities.

report: JUNIOR TRUST



The Surrey LTA Junior Trust is a registered charity set up to be able to give financial support to promising juniors who represent the County in inter-county competitions. Tennis is an expensive sport to play competitively. Our best juniors have extensive coaching costs as well as travel both nationally and internationally. The trustees want to help as much as possible. This year we have particularly tried to help talented junior players coming from families with limited financial resources.

We received another donation of £30,000 from The Vernon

Ely Charitable Trust during the year and the trustees are grateful to them for their continuing support. This donation has been added to the capital fund that generates income to allow us to make these grants. The capital fund at 30 September amounted to £764k and generated income of £37k during the year. The trustees paid out awards to players of £39.5k.

Derek Howorth

Chair of trustees



a final word from the

PRESIDENT

Firstly, I would like to say what an honour it has been to serve as your President for the last four years. My involvement with Surrey goes back to the mid-fifties when I was first selected to play in the junior inter-county event. At that time there was only an U18 event! I then continued to represent the County in every inter-County event up to the O75 seniors' competition. Tennis, both playing for GB seniors and during my time on the LTA board and as LTA President has enabled me to travel all over the world. Tennis has been my life outside my business life as a practicing chartered accountant. I have many wonderful memories.

I first came on to the Surrey Council as treasurer in 1986 and I can say that this last year has been one of the busiest I have known. On the administrative side we have finally been registered as a charity and will start trading as such very soon. This took a lot longer and involved considerably greater legal costs than anticipated but was well worth it as we are now set up as a modern structure with limited liability and exempt from tax on our income.

On the playing side it is almost certain that we will once again win the County Cup race. With just the winter county cup to play we lead the race by 21 points (195 to 174). I think this means we will have won the race for 6 of the 10 years it has run. Furthermore, our U12, U14 and U18 boys' and girls' teams received the great honour of representing England in the junior home nations event held in Dublin.

Again, on the playing side the absolute highlights were our men retaining their County Week title and Jack Draper getting to the semi-final of the US Open where he lost to Sinner in a gruelling match. I look forward to Jack going on to greater things in the years ahead. I am convinced there is no limit to what he can achieve on the tennis courts of the world.

Our competition programme continues to go from strength to strength. Many thanks to the office team and many volunteers that run the enormous number of individual and team events so efficiently. I hate to think how many matches I played in these events over so many years. It must run into thousands and gave me enormous pleasure.

I must thank our office staff and Councillors for all the hard work over the year that makes us the leading county in so many ways. Several Councillors are standing down this year. Alison Taylor and David Lovejoy have completed their maximum period of 12 years. Alison has represented us on the LTA Council and has done a fantastic job. David has chaired our awards committee who have done sterling work. Ben Disley is also standing down as his business takes him abroad so much and Tim Pearce due to time constraints. Kate Maurici has said she will be stepping down to take up another non-executive appointment. Thank you all. I wish the County well for the years ahead. I can assure you it's in excellent hands.



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