



ASHBY CASTLE LAWN TENNIS CLUB

OUR AIM IS TO PROVIDE 1ST CLASS PLAYING, COACHING AND DEVELOPMENT OPPORTUNITIES FOR ALL IN A FRIENDLY, SAFE AND WELCOMING ENVIRONMENT

Affiliated to the Lawn Tennis Association

Courts & Clubhouse: South Street, Ashby-de-la-Zouch, Leicestershire LE65 1BR

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Dear Member,

We would like to take the opportunity to welcome new members to Ashby Castle Lawn Tennis Club and also to welcome back our returning members.

INTRODUCTION

Thank you for joining ACLTC and we hope you enjoy taking full advantage of all the playing and social facilities available at the club.

The aim of this document is to help you to settle in as quickly as possible by providing information on the main points that you need to know. If you need any further information, please don't hesitate to ask any club or committee member who will be pleased to help you.

CAR PARKING

Car Parking at the Castle is available to all members and those using the club facilities, however, as the club has only 12 allocated spaces, please consider others when parking and note that there is NO parking available for club players on Saturdays. The public car park further down South St can be used at a reasonable cost with payment by card only.

THE FACILITIES

There are 7 floodlit courts – 4 artificial grass tennis courts and 3 artificial clay courts - all available for pre-booking. The floodlight meters are situated on the right hand side of the entrance lobby and take £1 coins only. The cost for 1 hour of floodlighting is £4.

There are ladies and gents changing rooms with showers situated either side of the entrance foyer, and a disabled toilet at the end of the corridor on the left. The kitchen and lounge area upstairs is open to all members to help themselves to tea and coffee (but please bring your own milk). The bar is open on Friday evenings after club night.

SAFEGUARDING

The Club takes safeguarding seriously. All our coaches are LTA Accredited, and the Club's Safeguarding Policies are available to view on our website. We would like to draw your attention to the ACLTC Code of Conduct within the Safeguarding Policy which all members should adhere to and the Safeguarding notice board just inside the club entrance. If you wish to report/discuss any concerns at any time, please contact:

Welfare Officer Sally Harris at acltcsafeguarding@gmail.com or on 07810 547110

Deputy Welfare Officer Emma Shales at acltcsafeguarding@gmail.com or on 07717 791975.

The following documents are available to view on our website within the Safeguarding section:

- Safeguarding Statement
- **Code of Conduct**
- **Venue Safeguarding Policy**
- **Use of Changing Facilities Policy**
- Safeguarding at Events, Activities & Competitions
- Online Safety & Communications Policy
- Online Safeguarding Guidance
- Anti-Bullying Policy
- Photography & Filming Policy
- Diversity & Inclusion Policy
- Safe Recruitment Policy

Please follow the link below to view the 3 key documents.

<https://clubspark.lta.org.uk/AshbyCastleLawnTennisClub/Safeguarding>

NOTICE BOARDS

There are several notice boards located throughout the main building and club house. You are encouraged to read these regularly to keep in touch with club events.

A copy of the club constitution, rules and policies are available in the entrance foyer and on the club website.

SPORTS GOODS

The Club shop stocks a range of items including balls, replacement and over grips, vibration dampeners, and a wide range of rackets (option to demo the racket first). There is also a re-stringing service available. Please speak to Alex Guzder for more details. Additionally, please feel free to ask one of the coaches for advice in regard to equipment.

WEBSITE, EMAIL and PUBLICITY

The website address clubspark.lta.org.uk/AshbyCastleLawnTennisClub and we do recommend that you take a look. We also have a Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/ashbytennis/>

In addition, we have found that email is a good means of informing members of upcoming events and news items, so please ensure you give your current email address to the membership secretary and keep your details updated on Clubspark.

BTM NUMBER and WIMBLEDON BALLOT

Please take the time to obtain a British Tennis Membership number; it is free and easy to do on the www.lta.org.uk website, please nominate ACLTC as your place of play. This makes you eligible to play in the Ashby teams and to receive benefits such as notifications of national tennis events. If you wish to take part in the Wimbledon ballot, you also need to opt-in to the ballot on the LTA website when prompted by an LTA email in the Autumn explaining this process.

CLUB NIGHTS

Take place from 6pm on Tuesday evenings (3 courts) and Friday evenings (2 courts)

TEAMS

The club has 7 men's teams, 4 ladies' teams, 4 mixed teams and 2 men's and 2 ladies' veterans' teams in the Leicestershire and Burton summer leagues, plus a men's and ladies team in the Leics winter leagues. There are also a number of internal box leagues plus friendly tournaments. If you are interested in playing team tennis then please give one of the team captains a ring and also look out for the notifications regarding pre-season practice sessions. The club also runs a range of junior teams which compete in the Leicestershire leagues plus regional and national events.

COACHING

The Club has an excellent team of coaches led by Head Coach, Alex Guzder. All coaches are qualified and hold LTA Licences and are DBS checked. A full coaching and fitness program is run for children from age 3 upwards and adult coaching is also available.

If you are interested in coaching, please contact Alex on 07931-412238 or check the club noticeboards for details of the full coaching programme.

COURT USAGE PRINCIPALS

Court usage, priority and etiquette are specified in the Club Rules and have been established by the committee. Court usage guidelines and priorities can be found via a link in the court booking section of Clubspark.

There is generally most pressure on courts in the spring and early summer evenings due to the home league matches but, by contrast, weekends are generally much less busy especially in the afternoons.

Juniors have equal playing status to adults during the week days and also on Saturday afternoons and all day Sunday. Adults take priority over juniors from 6.30pm weekdays and Saturday mornings.

We use the Clubspark website currently for court bookings and once membership has been paid and your details added to the site, then access will be open for you to book courts. 4 x bookings of up to 90 mins each can be held at any one time and up to 1 week in advance. We kindly request that if you can't attend for any booking that you've made, please ensure you cancel it so that court usage is maximised.

Floodlights are available on all 7 courts - these lights can be used until 9.30pm when they go off automatically. Key fobs for the Clubhouse can be purchased through the Club House Co-ordinator.

SECURITY

It is all members' responsibility to ensure the clubhouse is securely locked if they are the last to leave. Please check all doors & windows are closed/locked and the alarm is set.

TOURNAMENTS

In the summer the club holds the 'Ashby Town Tournament' which is a grade 4 open tournament for adults and juniors. In early September the Club championships take place with a wide range of events available to enter – signup sheets will go up in the club house and online close to the time of the event. In the spring and summer, social tournaments are held regularly.

SOCIAL EVENTS

Watch the notice board and read the club emails for news on social events. We hold an annual Community Day, a quiz and various social events through the year.

VISITORS

A member can sign in a guest for up to 4 times a year. Please sign the visitors book in the foyer, put the fee in the envelope provided then post this into the black box under the clubhouse noticeboard.

The fees are: Senior visitor £5, junior visitor £2.50

TENNIS COMMITTEE

The tennis club is run by a committee, which is elected annually with the AGM taking place in November. The current committee is shown on the next page.

We are a members' club and are always receptive to listening to your ideas for improving the provision to members; any suggestions can be left in the black post box under the noticeboard in the clubhouse foyer.

We are always looking to develop the club in all areas so If you have a particular skill, are willing to volunteer, sponsor, or help our club in any capacity then please contact me for a chat about how you can help us to make the club a better more fun club for us all.

We hope that this information enables you to settle in quickly, enjoy your membership of the club and to use the club facilities to the full. However please don't hesitate to contact me if you need any additional information

Kind Regards

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Ashby Castle Lawn Tennis Club Committee 2024-2025

Position	Member	Telephone Number	Email Address
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