

BERKSHIRE LAWN TENNIS
ASSOCIATION

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2020

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT



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Increased Participation

	2020 Pre covid	2019	2018	2017	2016
Venues	54	53	52	51	49
Players	16349	16178	15657	10482	9622
Adult Members	10894	10727	11382	6547	5723
Junior Members	5455	5351	4275	3935	3899
GBTW	/	37	35	32	28
			1557	1549	1363

Covid 19

LTA Support

- ❖ Covid guidelines and updates
- ❖ Venue Hardship Fund
- ❖ Full time Coach Grant – 96 in Berkshire
- ❖ Reimbursement of Venue Registration fees
- ❖ Dedicated Helpline providing legal expertise (Brabners) to assist with identifying and claiming Government club support
- ❖ Free online Coach CPD courses – Coach Accreditation

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Berkshire LTA support

- ❖ Communicated with Venues around LTA support packages and Registration reimbursement , Sport England Funding and Government support for Clubs.
- ❖ Regular Updates on the County website and Social Media
- ❖ Retained the County Administrator
- ❖ Communicated to Players in regard to County training, competitions and leagues
- ❖ Repayment holiday for any outstanding Berkshire loans
- ❖ Deferred the 3 Sponsorship agreements for 1yr (3yr Agreement 2021-2023)
- ❖ Grants to County training Coaches due to cancellation of County Cup events.
- ❖ Grants for 9 Part-time Coaches offered



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Berkshire County Strategy



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- ❖ **Berkshire LTA** Vision ‘Tennis opened up’
- ❖ **Mission** To grow tennis in Berkshire by working together with our members, to; increase participation, improve facilities and raise playing standards across the County
- ❖ **2 Key Actions** to note improvement in:
 - ❖ Increase participation targeting; Adult beginners, Mini tennis, Disability & Girls (includes piloting a scheme with the Brownies in Windsor)
 - ❖ Improve Performance of the County: County Team management, performance results, RPDC & LPDC’s support

Venue Support

- **Venue Webinars (in place of forums)**

- Safeguarding webinars – for Venues + County committee
- A number of Venue Audits completed by the Regional Safeguarding team
- Minimum requirements for Registration, Utilisation of courts and Increasing or Retaining Club members.

- **Coach Support**

- LTA Tennis Youth
- Berkshire Coach Networking Webinars
- Introduced a Coach Mentoring Scheme
- ‘Growing the Game’ new Coach Development Centre for Berkshire
2019 – L1 (29) L2 (11) L3 (12) L4 (1) Total 53 Berkshire coaches trained

- **Grants awarded**

- 2 x 1/3rd part funding for coach qualification grants Level 1 + 2

- **Interest Free Loans**

- 1 x Wokingham TC – improve floodlights



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VENUE DEVELOPMENTS 2020

Crowthorne Tennis Club new clubhouse



2018 terrific fund raising
event



Berkshire County Sports new gate access system



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VENUE DEVELOPMENTS 2020

Jocks Lane Tennis Courts
new gate access system
Logged 8,600hrs of court
bookings May - October



Westmorland Park + Farley Wood, Bracknell
Approved new gate access system – installation Jan 2021



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VENUE DEVELOPMENTS FOR 2021

Home Park, Windsor
new clubhouse approved



Latika Junior TC
Refurbished courts 2021



Newbury TC + Thatcham TC
new gate access systems applied
for – link in with Victoria Park to
offer court access to all 3 venues



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County Training

- ❖ **Increased County training for Juniors:** in line with the LTA County performance recommendations.
 - 11U + 12U weekly County training. Other age groups monthly
 - 74 Boys 62 Girls Total 136
 - + 21 players were invited to the Girls Development Squad
- ❖ **Regional + National Players** - increased to 5 - Finlay Bennet, Esha Batth Daniel Joita, Isabella Makuch and Lily Doherty.
 - 12 Counties competition (Corby) – for all age groups as per county cup
 - Accumulation of results - **won Division 2**
 - 2020 Warwick Award winners (team spirit) – no county cup events
 - 2020 Manning Davenport winners (outstanding performance)
Daniel Joita + Isabella Makuch



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Schools, FE + HE + Disability support

- Continued to provide **Teacher training support** - 4 different courses offered.
- Primary & Secondary School teachers courses, Cardio tennis & Inclusive tennis courses – All completed prior to Lockdown
- **Higher Education**
 - Reading University continues as Partnership Funded University in 2019-20
- **Sport in Mind** - weekly indoor tennis sessions -supporting the recovery of people experiencing mental health problems through sport and physical activity. Jan – March only this year.
- **Berkshire Blind Society** – weekly indoor sessions at Bradfield TC
Part funding from LTA Jan – March and then again Oct - Dec



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County Activities Despite Covid 19

Tennis for Kids from May
Rebranded to **LTA Youth Start**



Local Tennis Leagues
(mixed singles leagues for adults over 18yrs)

Newbury, Reading + Slough



LTA Rally
(LTA Rally is a nationwide tennis booking website)

11 venues - 3 clubs + 8 park sites



Annual Activities impacted by Covid 19

No Schools Competition 2020



No Nature Valley Big W/Es



Team Challenge: November Festivals
'Monster Smash'



New Tennis Activities for 2021

Community Tennis – ‘Serves’ acts as a tool for social change



Wheelchair Tennis



LTA Tennis Awards



2019 – 2020 Regional Award winners

Regional Performance Coach of the year – Nigel Mann

Regional Official of the Year – Selena Coburn

Regional Education Award – Queen Anne's School, Caversham



National R/U in the Educational Award – Queen Anne's Sch
Regional Awards were presented in November



❖ Junior County Closed Tournament

Age group	Gender	Nos		Gender	Nos	
10 & Under	Boys	12	Finlay Bennet	Girls	8	Esha Bathth
11 & Under	Boys	12	Daniel Joita	Girls	5	Isabella Makuch
11 & Under	Boys consolation		Finlay Bennet	Girls		
12 & Under	Boys	12	Daniel Joita	Girls	6	Isabella Makuch
12 & Under	Boys consolation		Zachary Munday	Girls consolation		Maggie White
14 & Under	Boys	11	Louis Hunting	Girls	6	Lizzy Burrows
14 & Under	Boys consolation		James Parnwell	Girls consolation		Pippa Longfield
16 & Under	Boys	11	Ed Draper	Girls	6	Lily Doherty
16 & Under	Boys consolation		Samuel Vassello	Girls consolation		Shreya Walia
18 & Under	Boys	11	Ed Draper	Girls	7	Leontina Slovak
18 & Under	Boys consolation		Jake Murray	Girls consolation		Xanthe Ashe
Total participants		69			38	

No 8U or 9U events for JCC
due to Indoor restrictions

2020	2019	2018	2017	2016
107	144	128	126	93