

BERKSHIRE LAWN TENNIS
ASSOCIATION

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2019

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT



BERKSHIRE TENNIS

Increased Participation

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

New Berkshire County Strategy

- ❖ **LTA Vision** 'Tennis opened up'
- ❖ **Mission** To grow tennis by making it relevant, accessible, welcoming and enjoyable.
- ❖ **Objective** More people playing more often.
- ❖ **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
- ❖ **Objectives** In order to achieve our mission we will focus on 5 priority areas

New County Strategy

1. Improved engagement with Clubs, Operators, and workforce (volunteers, coaches and officials) through effective communication & facility development support
2. Work towards financial sustainability
3. Ensure our governance, policies & strategic planning is following guidance and best practise
4. Increase participation targeting; Adults, Mini tennis, Disability & Girls
5. Improve Performance of the County: County Team management, performance results, RPDC & LPDC's support

COMMUNITY VENUES 2018

Victoria Park, Newbury

Adult Members 589

Juniors: 102

Total Members: 691



Reading University Tennis Park

Adult Members 253

Juniors: 95

Total members: 348



TFK – 17 courses

VENUE DEVELOPMENTS FOR 2019

South Reading Leisure Centre Refurbished courts



Prospect Park Refurbished courts



Westmorland Park new gate access system planned



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Venue Support

- **2 Venue forums.**
- March - County Funding opportunities and October – focused on Safeguarding + Minimum requirements for Registration and Increasing or Retaining Club membership.
- **2 Coach forums**
- March (36 Coaches) + October (51 coaches)
- New Junior programme
- **Grants awarded**
- 3 x 1/3rd part funding for coach qualification grants Level 2 + 3
- 2 x Primary School £200 grants St Gabriel's + Sandhurst TC
- 1 x Secondary School £1000 Grant Charters School
- **Interest Free Loans**
- 1 x Cold Ash TC – new clubhouse
- 1 x Crowthorne TC – new clubhouse



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County Training

- Increased County training for Juniors: in line with the LTA County performance recommendations. New 11U County Cup comp
- 12U weekly County training. Other age groups monthly
- 84 Boys 54 Girls Total 131 (110)
- NEW 12 Counties competition – for all age groups as per county cup
- 2019 Warwick Award winners (team spirit)
 Leontina Slovak Eva Lancaster
 Callum Rendle Alexander Okonkwo
- 2019 Manning Davenport winners (outstanding performance)
 Leontina Slovak Elkan Dillon
- Selena Coburn – new Performance Administrator, co-ordinating all teams + training

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
- **Higher Education**
 - Reading University continues as Partnership Funded University in 2018-19
- **Sport in Mind** - weekly indoor tennis sessions -supporting the recovery of people experiencing mental health problems through sport and physical activity.
- **Berkshire Blind Society** – weekly indoor sessions at Reading TennisPark. Funding from Dan Maskall Trust + LTA

Dan Maskall funding for Berkshire

- 1 x Matchpoint Quickie Wheelchair awarded to Charles Haythornthwaite
- 2 x Equipment bags awarded to 'Sport in Mind' to enable them to deliver tennis lessons to players with mental health problems
- 1 x Equipment bag awarded to Addington School Association a school for children with special educational needs
- £50 Grant awarded to Charlie Tuysuz-Simpson towards private coaching
- £1000 Grant towards Coaching & Court Hire for Berkshire Vision supporting visually impaired children & Adults



LTA initiative to introduce tennis to young children (4-11yr olds) course of 6 sessions - costs £25. **All year round offer.**

Babolat racket, ball set, and personalised T-shirt

59 TFK courses offered in the County to date. (45 in 2018)

Organised by **25** coaches **320** new players



Dates for 2020 - Three national NVBTW weekends
16/17 May, 18/19 July + 26/27 Sept.

All venues will be required to confirm a follow-on offer when they sign-up for NVBTW



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❖ Junior County Closed Tournament

Age group	Gender	Nos		Gender	Nos	
8 & Under	Boys	19	Aditya Dhoke	Girls	8	Esha Batth
9 & Under	Boys	27	Matty Barber	Girls	6	Esha Batth
10 & Under	Boys	11	Conrad Plum	Girls	9	Isabella Makuch
12 & Under	Boys	25	Joshua Aston	Girls	8	Lily Doherty
14 & Under	Boys	25	Thomas Aston	Girls	12	Lily Doherty
14 & Under	Boys Doubles	22	Ben Deller & Marcus Longfield	Girls	8	Lily Doherty & Steffi Swanson
16 & Under	Boys	13	Alexander Okonkwo	Girls	10	Leontina Slovak
18 & Under	Boys	8	Alexander Okonkwo	Girls	6	Leontina Slovak
18 & Under	Boys Doubles	10	Ryan Elaoud & Leonardo Santoro-Fergusson	Girls	6	Amber Knight & Eva Lancaster
Total participants		128			59	

Total participants

2019	2018	2017	2016
144	128	126	93

NEW COUNTY WEBSITE

<https://clubspark.lta.org.uk/BerkshireLTA>