



## **Junior & coaching report 2021**

The current (October) coaching programme consists of the followings groups/squads

3 x Tots, 4 x Red, 4 x Orange/Green, 4 x Yellow, 7 x Adults & 1 x Cardio.

In addition five camps were ran across various school holidays.

The main development in the programme has been the establishment of the Adult Coaching Groups. We started some of these in 2020 and just as they were getting off the ground co-vid came along. It has been great to see them flourish in 2021.

Early in the year we were successful with a grant application and this has enabled the running of the Tuesday daytime sessions.

The Junior Championship returned in September and Fiona's Cups is scheduled for next month. Junior leagues re-commenced in the summer and we had teams compete in a wide range of age group.

No coaching report can pass by without a large thank you to Jackie. For many years Jackie has been my go-to person for advice, help and IT support. 2021 has been no different.

I thought I would do something different this year and I asked the coaches for individual highlights.....

“Watching players who joined my group at a very early age compete in the junior championships and represent the club in the 7 and under league”

“Smuggling trophies into the homes of the most improved players for the presentation eve on zoom”

“The standard of play in the club championships”

“Three green players entering the County Championships, all of them progressing to the semi-finals with one of them winning”

“A red player qualifying for the county closed semi-finals”

“Maintaining girls under 16 and 18 teams in the local league”

“Welcoming adults onto court who were completely new to tennis, helping them to gain confidence and knowledge and become regular participants”

“Making a difference to the lives of players who have struggled with physical and mental health issues following co-vid”

Clearly all the above are important but the last one is what I am most proud of. The coaches have wonderful connections with so many players they teach, they care about the person and not just the standard of tennis they have achieved. It what makes the team unique 😊.

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