

BIDDESTONE TENNIS CLUB

Access to courts for residents of Biddestone

Under the terms of the covenant of the Biddestone Village Hall & Recreational Trust, residents who live within the boundaries of the area of benefit of the trust, are entitled to use the facilities of the sports clubs which operate on the land owned by the trust, without being members of the clubs.

This fact has always been acknowledged by the clubs, although the terms under which access is granted have not been well publicised. It is stated on the Biddestone Tennis Club website that guests and prospective members can use the courts on payment of a fee of £2 per head to a committee member, but it is not explicitly stated that this applies to village residents.

Since the formation of the club, over 20 years ago, with the provision of 2 courts, there has been significant capital investment in the club, with the rebuilding of the courts, increasing the number to 4, and the installation of floodlights on 2 courts. This investment has been possible due to the income raised from membership fees, and it is therefore important to recognise this fact in updating the policy under which residents, who are not members, have right of access.

It is therefore the club's policy that residents who are not members have right of access to the single court, nearest the entrance to the car park, upon payment of a fee of £2 per head per session. This fee should be paid to John Marrinan (of 3 Hartham Lane Biddestone) who will provide the 4 digit security code for the padlock on the gate at the rear of the court. This security code will be updated randomly to prevent unpaid access. Access to the other courts, including the use of floodlighting will only be permitted to fee paying members.

Residents who use the court do so on the understanding that it is expressly for the purpose of playing tennis, and that appropriate footwear must be worn. Residents must also recognise that the club operates on an on-line booking system, and, that, if members have booked to play at a specific time, and no other court is available, they have priority over the use of the court.

It is hoped that residents will take the opportunity to utilise the facilities of the club, and, hopefully, if they get a taste for tennis, will sign up as members. Membership offers extremely good value and there has been no increase in fees in recent years.

I look forward to welcoming you to the club.

Kind regards,

Becky Park

Chairperson
Biddestone Tennis Club