

DEVON DISABILITY AND INCLUSIVE TENNIS 2019 SUMMARY

COMPETITIONS

- Fiona Lane from North Devon, who trains at Tarka, competed at Abu Dhabi Special Olympics, she was 4th in both the doubles and singles events.
- Szabolcs Peto competed at the Touch Tennis competition at Ivybridge and now has a world ranking of 99. He is a Deaf player
- Maria Knicholson and Sarah Gaisford from the wheelchair tennis group at the SDTC competed at the The Roma Sport UK National Wheelchair Tournament in Taunton and Sarah has been competing in Europe this year at several ITF tennis tournaments.
- The LD Regional Tournament took place at Tarka in July
- Tennis is part of the Devon Ability Games in both the south and north, currently in the south it is a taster session

EDUCATION

- Open Your Doors - a well-attended workshop was held at the SDTC.
- Deaf Get Active and Active Devon funded a Disability Awareness tennis course which was run at Exmouth Tennis Centre in November. It was attended by Exmouth tennis coaches in preparation for the deaf school moving to Rolle College, Exmouth.

PARTICIPATION

- Devon is at the top of the table for the south west when it comes to participation figures for disability tennis.
- The south and south west weekly participation has increased by 21.2% over the previous year

DISABILITY WORKING GROUP

- Nexus are keen on the idea of incorporating wheelchair tennis into their girl's tournament. There will be a wheelchair category at the EGCC and Nuffield competitions.

COACHING

- Tom Sewell gained his level one tennis coaching qualification (he has Downs Syndrome)
- James Jennings became a level two coach (he is a player who competes for Special Olympics)

Looking forward to expanding disability and inclusive tennis in Devon in 2020 Fiona Murphy