

Newsletter 2022

We hope you are all looking forward to a more ‘normal’ tennis season and enjoying the lighter evenings. We thought it would be a good time to get in touch and remind you of key developments and opportunities within tennis in Cumbria. To easily navigate around the newsletter and take you to the items of interest we have included a contents page.

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LTA Venue Registration

Thank you to those clubs that registered with the LTA. The LTA offered a range of Covid-19 support packages for clubs. If you are not a registered venue please consider registering as there are many benefits. For a full list click on this link [LTA Registration Benefits](#). However, some of the key ones are:-

- Comprehensive Insurance Package
- ClubSpark – website and online management system e.g. managing bookings etc
- Dedicated local LTA team to support your club including telephone and face-to-face support
- Support toolkit – to help you manage and build your club
- Discounted Financial Management system
- An individual LTA membership package with access to the LTA Wimbledon ballot
- *Programmes* - A range of programmes to attract more players such as LTA Youth and Open Court Programme – an initiative to help clubs integrate disabled people into their activities.

- *Competitions* –such as Play your way to Wimbledon, LTA National Leagues, County Leagues and Competitions, and Access to online competition tools.
- *Local/ County Benefits* – discussed further in the newsletter.

Safeguarding - All venues, whether registered or not have a safeguarding responsibility to their members. By being registered with the LTA you have access to current safeguarding advice and our Cumbria LTA Safeguarding Officer: Paul Slight slight99@btinternet.com

Cumbria LTA Website/Social media

For local news please visit our county website Cumbrialta.co.uk. We would love to hear about any interesting stories from your club (if you would like to submit a news story/ photos, please contact Roger Alston, rogeralston@gmail.com).

Cumbria LTA Contact Details

If you would like to get in touch with Cumbria LTA please contact:-
cumbrialta@gmail.com
 07938 647189 (new number from 6th February 2022)

We have 2 new Cumbria LTA contacts:-

Administrator: Debra Payton contactable on the email and telephone number above
Treasurer: Sophie Graham contactable on sectyson@yahoo.com

Cumbria County Closed Championships: 21-28 August 2022 - Chatsworth Tennis Club and Hawcoat Park

We would love to have entries from all clubs – please encourage your members to enter the Cumbria County Closed. The finals will be held on Saturday 27th and Sunday 28th August.

World Tennis Number

The ITF World Tennis Number is a new rating system for all tennis players across the world which will make it easier for everyone who plays tennis in Britain to organise and play against opponents of a similar standard. Please do take time to read the World Tennis Number (WTN) [venue support guide](#). If ALL venue results are submitted to the LTA, this will ensure that a player’s WTN is accurate.

In Spring, the LTA is launching a new self-submission of results tool for the WTN which will allow players to submit results which are not part of a formal competition, encouraging local play and competition.

Cumbria LTA County Award Winners 2021





VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR
SHEILA HIRST



OFFICIAL OF THE YEAR
JACK ASKEW

Please encourage your members to make nominations this year as we would love to have winners in all categories.

[Play Your Way To Wimbledon](#)

This is a new and exciting competition providing juniors with the opportunity to progress through to compete on the world famous grass courts at Wimbledon, via a singles or doubles pathway. Players start by competing locally at an event taking place at a local club, park or school with the winners progressing through to the County and/or Regional Finals, and then onto the National Finals at Wimbledon. There are 2 eligible age groups:-

- Singles for boys and girls aged 11-14
- Doubles for boys and girls aged 11-18

The closing date is: 17 April 2022

For further information click on [Play Your Way To Wimbledon](#)

[Safeguarding](#)

From 1 October 2018, all LTA Registered Venues were required to meet five standards as part of their LTA Venue Registration. For further information please see: [Further Information on Safeguarding](#)

The county is also required to have a Safeguarding Officer and a Safeguarding Policy in place. If you have any questions or concerns about safeguarding please feel free to contact *Paul Slight (Safeguarding Officer)*, email: slight99@btinternet.com

[Loan Scheme](#)

Cumbria Tennis has set aside a funding pot in order to assist clubs with key projects. This funding will be using a substantial amount of our reserves and the intention is to add to it should we have an annual surplus. The overall idea is to make loans available to help clubs develop their facilities or other key areas that will help improve participation and programmes.

In Brief

- Up to £10,000
- Interest Free
- Repayable over 10 years maximum
- Subject to application

Conditions

Cumbria Tennis funding is simple. There are conditions and criteria which are listed below. All loans will be interest free, with no security required and loan repayment periods will be flexible. The following

information details the main criteria and application process that is involved in order to gain funding from Cumbria Tennis.

- The club should be a registered place to play and Tennis Mark accredited would be beneficial.
- Cumbria LTA should be considered the lender of last resort with, for example, the LTA, Sport England and Local Authorities already have been approached.
- An acceptable coaching programme should be in place and agreement to work with Cumbria Tennis on a Junior Development programme, Safeguarding Policy, open access policy, licensed and qualified coaches and additional key areas of tennis development
- Applications will be considered twice per annum – dates TBC.
- Provide accounts and cash flow forecasts.
- Minimum of 10 years security of tenure with a copy of the lease (if applicable) with the application.
- If the project requires planning permission, then this will need to be in place before funds are agreed.
- All loans will be unsecured.
- The Club will need to contribute annually to a sinking fund for the future resurfacing, maintenance or repairs to their courts – see LTA sinking fund guidance notes for further details.
- The Club will need to have a constitution, which expressly gives them the power to borrow money.

Type of Project

- No set criteria for the type of project that we will loan fund, however we would expect the majority of projects to be a facility project
- Priority will be given to new build, lights, refurbishment.
- The project will need to demonstrate how it meets certain Key Performance Indicators
- The project will need to be viable in the long term

For further information contact *Rob Cresswell* email: rcressw1@jaguarlandrover.com

Coaches Bursary

In Brief

- This scheme is funded through Active Cumbria
- Maximum 50% contribution towards course fees
- CLTA will request voluntary hours in return via coaching or helping at CLTA event.
- Subject to application

The scheme is to enable level 1, 2, 3 & 4 coaches to enhance their knowledge and attain further qualifications. All identified coaches will be required to do “payback” hours – approximately 10 hours for level 1 and 20 for level 2.

Training will be via approved LTA courses. Level 1 and level 2 courses take place annually in Cumbria, and if there is demand the current number of courses can be increased.

For further information contact *Rob Cresswell* email: rcressw1@jaguarlandrover.com

LTA Club Forum and Webinars

All affiliated clubs have the opportunity to attend a local forum to find out about LTA initiatives and also discuss local issues with other clubs. This provides an excellent opportunity for the sharing of good practice. You will be emailed details of these along with other interesting webinars. The next Cumbria LTA club Forum in on:

Monday 28 March 2022 6-9pm at Penrith Rugby Club. A light buffet will be served from 6.30pm
Please email our Administrator, Debra Payton (cumbrialta@gmail.com) to confirm how many of your members will be attending. We look forward to welcoming you.

LTA Tennis Volunteer Group

The Tennis Volunteer Community is a gated Facebook group that was set up in 2021 by the LTA and independent volunteer champions. Its aim is to provide an informal, transparent and helpful online space

where volunteers from all over the country can connect, start conversations, exchange ideas and find answers.

Accessible to bona fide tennis volunteers, the community was established to provide a dedicated 24/7, self-serve hub. Diverse clubs, venues and volunteer teams are represented, sparking discussions on a variety of topics from floodlights to fundraising, to membership to maintenance.

Anyone who volunteers within a tennis venue (including clubs, parks, universities and schools) is welcome to join this invaluable and inclusive community group to:

- share experiences, knowledge and best practice for yourself and your venue
- ask (and answer) questions without judgement
- get inspiration, air ideas and gather views
- gain a broader perspective, looking beyond 'local'
- find solutions and hacks including funding and budgeting
- build a nationwide network
- create a solid 'business case' to take back to a committee or stakeholders
- get up to speed on emerging trends and technology
- tackle tennis and facility challenges without feeling alone
- make more informed decisions
- access live online events, such as webinars, with other volunteers.

There is also a sub-group for parents of junior county squad players. To be part of the Tennis Volunteer Community, volunteers should connect to: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/517145319449375/>

If you encounter any problems joining the group, or are interested but do not have access to Facebook, please email tennis@eceltd.co.uk for support.

Make a Difference Fund

Cumbria is keen to support registered clubs in our County. This fund may offer a grant of up to 75% of the cost of a project, with a maximum of £500.00, not necessarily directly related to playing tennis.

For further information, please contact Joy Robinson, Mobile: 07743 551279, joyirobinson@yahoo.co.uk

Volunteers

Cumbria LTA are always looking for additional volunteers. If you would like to get involved please contact Joy Robinson Mobile: 07743 551279, email: joyirobinson@yahoo.co.uk

2022 Club Tennis Ball Offer

If you would like to source Head Tennis balls at £12.50 a dozen, via Cumbria LTA please contact : Joy Robinson, Mobile: 07743 551279, joyirobinson@yahoo.co.uk



£12.50 per dozen

New Sponsor



U8 Cumbria Tennis North Squad, wearing T-shirts sponsored by Donaldson's Furnishers.

Thank you for reading - we hope you have a fantastic season of tennis! Please do not hesitate to get in touch if you have any queries.