

Welcome to Hanmer Tennis Club

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Hanmer Tennis Club is an idyllic rural club, set in a peaceful spot surrounded by fields, just to the west of the village of Hanmer.

The Club was founded in 1957.

The objective of the Club is to provide sporting facilities for tennis, promote and further the interests of tennis and to offer coaching and competitive opportunities for tennis.

It is entirely run by volunteer members of the Club.

Club Address is Hanmer Tennis Club, Sandy Lane, Hanmer, Whitchurch SY13 3DL

Club Officers

The Club is managed by 4 main roles and a supporting cast, making up the Committee.

CHAIRMAN – James Osmond 01948 830783 SECRETARY – Nick Young 07739 551854 TREASURER – Paul Fish 07817 873822 SAFEGUARDING – Alan Evans 07891 773415

Supported by: Xander Fish, Will Spurdens, Richard Bransby, Sue Allen, Phil Williams, Grahame Aylott

These roles are open to all adult members and agreed at the AGM.

Safeguarding

Hanmer Tennis Club is fully committed to safeguarding the welfare of children, young people and adults at risk who engage in all tennis activities.

Alan Evans is the Welfare Officer for Hanmer Tennis Club and can be contacted on 07891 773415. Alan and any member of the Committee are available to discuss any concerns or worries you may have - tennishanmer@gmail.com

The following policies and procedures are in place at Hanmer Tennis Club:

HTC Safeguarding Policy Statement

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HTC Anti Bullying Policy

HTC Diversity and Inclusion Policy

HTC Online Safety and Communications Policy

HTC Photography and Filming Guidance

HTC Safe Recruitment Policy

HTC Use of Changing Rooms Policy

Membership

The Club is open to all.

The membership year runs from 1st May to the 30th April. Fees are agreed at the AGM and are due 30 days later.

Anyone can apply for membership via the <u>LTA's Clubspark platform</u> and then pay directly to the Club's bank account (Hanmer Tennis Club, 40-46-25, 31081861)

Following payment, the padlock code for the clubhouse and courts will be provided - this code must not be shared with non-members. The Club does not operate a pay-and-play option for occasional use. Members are allowed to bring guests at a cost of £3 per guest per session.

Charges for use of the floodlights should also be paid to the above bank account.

Using the Courts and Clubhouse

Prior to playing, check the courts are fit for use, i.e. not too slippy.

Clear the courts of leaves, and re-charge the leaf blower batteries whilst you are playing.

Wind up the nets to the correct height; use the measuring stick provided in the clubhouse.

When you have finished playing, please unwind the nets a little so they are no longer taut.

Ensure the floodlights have been turned off.

Send an email to tennishanmer@gmail.com listing the players who used the floodlights.

Wash up any cutlery or crockery you have used. Lock away the leaf blower batteries and chargers

Prior to leaving the Club, remember to lock both courts and clubhouse.

In the Clubhouse

Safety first - a first aid kit is provided on the work surface and a fire extinguisher is hanging on the right hand wall in the kitchen area. Leaf blowers and brooms for clearing the courts are stored in the men's changing room; batteries and chargers are in the locked cabinet in the ladies' changing room.

Light switches for the floodlights are in the men's changing rooms.

A stick for checking the height of the nets is just to the right of the entrance to the men's changing rooms.

The kitchen has a kettle, a fridge, cutlery and crockery for use by the members - please ensure the fridge is turned off and door left ajar after use.

Tennis balls for use by the members are provided on the table.

The locked cabinet in the ladies' changing room contains the new tennis balls, spare rackets, pickle ball equipment, leaf blower batteries and chargers - committee members are provided with the code for this cabinet.

Keeping in Touch

The Notice Board in the Clubhouse presents much of the key information that members need.

The Club also has a <u>Facebook page</u>, on which events and match results are posted and an <u>LTA-hosted website</u>.

You may also send emails to the Club at tennishanmer@gmail.com which will be seen by the Club's officers and committee.

You may receive emails from tennishanmer@gmail.com or from Hanmer LTC (via Clubspark) about important information or events - please ensure these don't go into your spam.

There are also WhatsApp groups for Clubnights, the Men's, Ladies' and Mixed teams and the Committee. If you want to be included in these groups, please email the Club. As with all WhatsApp groups your mobile number will be visible to others in the group.

Club Nights

Club nights are held on Monday and Wednesday evenings, between 7pm and 9pm.

They are free to attend for members.

Those attending play doubles; each match is 4 games, each player serving once, and then players switch around.

Tennis balls are provided.

Prospective members may also come along and play and meet a few members prior to joining.

If the floodlights are used, there is a charge of £1 per person; please send an email to the Club, tennishanmer@gmail.com, noting the date and listing all players who took part that evening.

Floodlights

Floodlights are available for all members to use. They are controlled by 2 switches in the men's changing rooming.

If the floodlights are used, each player should pay £1 per session. One of those attending should send an email to the Club, tennishanmer@gmail.com, noting the date and listing all players who took part. This will result in a £1 being added to each players tally which can be found here - https://hanmertennis.kageds.com/

If attending coaching with We Do Tennis, there is no additional charge for the lights.

PLEASE ENSURE YOU TURN THE LIGHTS OFF AFTER USE

Provision of Equipment

The Club purchases tennis balls primarily for use in any home league matches.

Once used, these balls will be provided for use on Clubnights or to members whenever they play - please leave the balls on the table in the central area of the Clubhouse for all members to use. Tennis rackets are available to borrow but must always be left at the Club. They are stored in the locked cabinet in the ladies' changing room, and so a committee member will need to be present to open the cabinet.

Pickleball nets, paddles and balls are also available for use at the Club.

Competitive Tennis

The Club enters teams into the Shropshire leagues.

Normally, there are 1 or 2 men's teams, a mixed doubles team and sometimes a ladies' team, depending on interest from the members. Men's and Ladies' doubles run through the summer and mixed doubles through the autumn.

Nick Young is the match secretary and organises all of the teams. The Club pays for the league entrance fee. After home matches, we host the opposition at a local pub and provide a light snack. The cost is split between the 4 Hanmer players.

Practice sessions are arranged via the various WhatsApp groups.

Results can be found at these links Mens Doubles - Hanmer 1, Mens

Doubles - Hanmer 2

Club Competitions

The Club holds 2 competitions per year: Margaret Heath Memorial - May/June Gwenan Shield - Autumn

Margaret Heath Memorial is an individual competition with each player earning points by winning games whilst playing doubles; pairings are mixed up after each 4 games.

Gwenan Shield is a doubles competition with pairings drawn randomly entering into a knockout draw.

Trophies are awarded to the winners.

Both competitions are also social occasions with members providing food and drink to share amongst those taking part.

Coaching

The Club has partnered with We Do Tennis to offer coaching on a Tuesday evening to a variety of age groups. Payment is made directly to We Do Tennis.

Those taking part in the coaching must be members of the Club.

Coaching sessions can be booked here - https://wdtwales.co.uk/hanmer

Club Events

The Club holds its AGM in April each year - members are encouraged to attend and get involved in running their Club.

To promote tennis in the area, the Club holds an open day each summer - this is free to attend for members and non-members.

Everyone can join in and have a go at tennis or pickleball.

Club Maintenance

The Club does not employ anyone and so all work is carried out by volunteers.

Whilst the Officers of the Club and members of the committee take on the majority of this, other members need to help out with such tasks as:

Cutting the grass (the Club has a lawnmower)
Clearing the courts of leaves
Cleaning the Clubhouse
Weeding around the court
Emptying the bins

Working parties are arranged to tackle the bigger jobs or where a general tidy-up is needed - volunteers for this work is essential and allows the Club to keep membership fees down.