

# Welcome to Liversedge Tennis Club



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Dear Member,

Whether you have been a member of the tennis club for years, are new to the club or have returned after a period of absence we thank you for becoming a member and we hope that you enjoy all the facilities which the club has to offer.

The club was founded in 1895 and continues its tradition of being a friendly, inclusive club where all ages and abilities are welcome.

Additional to the information in this Welcome Pack the Club has a dedicated website which is updated regularly for news and events. This can be found at:

<https://clubspark.lta.org.uk/LiversedgeTennisClub>

We hope that you enjoy your membership.

The Committee



# A welcome from the Chairman

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It has been my pleasure since 2017 to serve as Chairman of the Liversedge Tennis Club.

During this time we have seen a rapid expansion of our junior program under the stewardship of our excellent Head Coach, Elena Zagrebina, played host to many LTA affiliated tournaments, have recently renovated the clubhouse and have installed two new state-of-the-art court surfaces.

We have started new initiatives including socially visiting other nearby tennis clubs, opening our courts to pay and play visitors and are now recycling the majority of waste the tennis club produces.

I look forward to the next five years as much as the previous five and I cannot wait to start implementing the ambitious vision of the committee to make Liversedge Tennis Club the best small tennis club in the local area.

If you have any questions I can always be contacted on 07722 188535 or alternatively [liversedgetennis@gmail.com](mailto:liversedgetennis@gmail.com).

**Andy Lucas**  
Chairman



# Social tennis at Liversedge Tennis Club

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Adult mixed social tennis is held every Wednesday from 6:30pm and every Saturday from 1:30pm. This is a perfect opportunity for beginners or new members.

People arrive individually to these sessions and play doubles when sufficient people have arrived. Social tennis generates a fun atmosphere where beginners can play in a warm environment with more advanced players. Many people have used social tennis as a first step on their tennis careers, moving on to play for the tennis teams the club has to offer.

After the completion of one set the individuals playing are changed so that everyone has the opportunity to play with many people who have different styles.

If you are coming for the first time please contact the Chairman and he will ensure that you are made to feel at home.

There is also social tennis between 10:00 and 12:00 on both a Monday and Thursday morning.



# Men's team tennis at Liversedge Tennis Club

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Men's team practice is held on Tuesday and Thursday at 7:00pm. This is intended as a session for experienced players or those who wish to begin playing in the teams' the club has to offer.

The men's section currently has three teams, two of which are in the Calderdale League and one of which is in the Huddersfield League.

In the Calderdale League the first team recently finished fifth of eight in the competitive first division and the second team just missed out on promotion from the third division, finishing third of eight.

In the Huddersfield League the team finished fifth of eight in division three and are hoping for promotion next year.

League matches are played from the last week in April to the first week in August on a Tuesday night (Huddersfield League) and Thursday night (Calderdale League) starting at 6:30pm.

Please contact the Chairman if you have any questions on men's team tennis.



# Ladies team tennis at Liversedge Tennis Club

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Ladies team tennis has seen really strong development in the last couple of years with some new members, including captain Laura Murray, bolstering the strength and depth of the team.

Ladies team practice currently starts at 6:30pm on Thursday evening and is targeted at more experienced individuals who have previously played or want to start competitive tennis.

The ladies team currently have one team in the Calderdale League and recently finished sixth in the first division. This represented their best result in a few years and is testament to the improvement in the section.

The ladies section is warm and embracing and there are players aged between fourteen and seventy regularly playing for the team.

If you have any queries about ladies team tennis please contact Laura Murray on 07530 032400.



# Coaching at Liversedge Tennis Club

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The Junior programme at Liversedge Tennis Club is organised and spearheaded by our excellent coach Elena Zagrebina.

Elena has grown her programme to over seventy students and she offers a flexible diary seven days a week for coaching of students aged from five upwards. Elena offers both group and individual coaching to suit individual preferences and budgets. The first session is free!

Elena has over thirty years of experience in the tennis coaching profession and has coached in many places across the world including the United Arab Emirates. We are very fortunate that she coaches at the Club bringing a high quality programme to juniors in the local area.

The Club has two junior teams that play in the Huddersfield League, both were champions of their divisions in 2021.

Elena also has a thriving adult coaching programme.

All enquiries concerning the coaching programme can be sent directly to Elena on 07555 570160.



# Junior Opportunities at Liversedge Tennis Club

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In addition to the junior coaching programme during the Summer School Holiday and October half term the Head Coach runs a tennis camp. This can be booked onto and such an intensive programme serves as an excellent opportunity for rapid development of junior players.

When juniors feel confident enough to take their first steps into competitive tennis the Head Coach runs internal tournaments on a Sunday evening throughout the summer and arranges friendly matches against other clubs. This allows match play to be conducted in a less pressurised, friendlier environment.

Juniors also have an opportunity to enter the local league singles' competitions. This year I am very proud to say that three Liversedge Tennis Club members have been victorious in the Calderdale League junior tournaments and will shortly be picking up their silverware at the annual league presentation evening.

This is discussed in greater detail on the next page however juniors who wish to take their competitive tennis to the next level, participating in local LTA registered events against strong opposition from the local area can do so. Please see the useful links page of the Welcome Pack for how to find tournaments in the local area, including some at Liversedge Tennis Club.





# Competitive tennis at Liversedge Tennis Club

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Since 2018 the tennis club has been a member of the Lawn Tennis Association (LTA). This has allowed us to use our excellent courts to house some of the best juniors across the land in their pursuit of winning ranking points and progressing to the next stage of their tennis careers.

Tournaments are traditionally Sundays and we currently offer, in partnership with Joe Jeynes, tournaments that range from grade four to six. Grades five and six are appropriate for club members of a good standard who wish to start competitive tennis.

The age demographics range by event but include ages from ten and under up to an open age category which is ideal for adult members.

A schedule of the tournaments we are hosting can be found on the LTA website by searching Liversedge Tennis Club in the tournament search bar. Please see the useful links page.

Queries concerning the LTA tournaments can be sent initially to the Chairman who may escalate to the tournament organizers where required.



# Facilities at Liversedge Tennis Club

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We are proud to offer the following facilities to all members:

- Four all weather courts. The courts are available to be booked by all members through our Clubspark website between 8am and 10pm. Booking the courts through Clubspark will provide you with the four digit lock code to enter the courts;
- Two floodlit courts. Floodlights are available to use until 10pm, are coin-operated and cost £6 per hour;
- A recently renovated clubhouse with kitchen including tea-making facilities, fully licensed bar, lounge area and new TV; and
- Recently renovated changing areas as well as showers and toilets.

The clubhouse is available for private hire. Please contact Wendy Jackson, Club Secretary, on 07492 024220 for further details.

All members who wish to use the clubhouse facilities are permitted to have a key. Should you require a key please contact the Chairman who will require a £15 deposit which is returnable. Please take care of your key and report any lost key immediately.



# Opportunities at Liversedge Tennis Club

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Below is a list of initiatives and opportunities that are currently offered to adult members and invited junior members.

- Entry into the annual Club Championship. This year Oliver Barker and Clare Findlay beat Shahid Hanif and Hellmut Maack in a highly competitive final (pictured);
- Free entry into the social quiz hosted the first Saturday of the month by the Chairman at 5pm;
- Free trips to other local tennis clubs to mix and socialise with new friends. Recently, a group of fourteen members went to Barnsley Tennis Club for an afternoon of tennis, food and a quiz;
- The opportunity to have a direct input into the governance of the tennis club through the completion of surveys, attendance at the Annual General Meeting each January and as appropriate joining the committee of the tennis club; and
- Free British Tennis Membership by affiliating your LTA membership to the tennis club. When it resumes, this will allow individuals an improved chance of securing Wimbledon tickets compared to the general public ballot. Any questions on this can be communicated to the Chairman in the first instance.



# Membership categories

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The following are the membership categories of the tennis and what each of them permits the individuals to do and not do at the tennis club.

**Full Adult Membership (Under 65)** - This is the full membership of the tennis Club and permits play on the court at all times with any other members and full court booking privileges. Individuals in this membership category can attend club social sessions, match practice sessions and also have the opportunity to play in team matches and attend coaching sessions should they so desire.

**Full Adult Membership (Over 65)** - This is the full membership of the tennis Club as stated in the Full Adult Membership (Under 65) category discounted for those over the age of 65 as at 1 April 2022.

**Parent Membership** - This membership permits adults to play in family units alone and does not grant access to the other features in the 'Full Adult Membership' category including social tennis, match practice and team participation.



# Membership categories

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**Junior Membership** - This membership is for those aged under the age of eighteen and permits play with parent members, access to junior coaching and full court booking privileges. Advanced juniors are permitted to play at social tennis, match practice and participate in the teams at no extra cost.

**Adult Coaching Membership** - This membership permits adults to play with junior and other adult coaching members, have full court booking privileges and attend adult coaching sessions with Elena Zagrebina.

**Family memberships** - Family memberships offer a discounted rate for family units of either one parent and three junior or two parents and two junior members. This permits juniors to attend junior coaching sessions, parents to attend adult coaching sessions and play at any time as a family unit with full booking privileges. This option is £40 cheaper than purchasing four individual memberships.

All membership categories allow for use of the clubhouse facilities as described earlier in the Welcome Pack.



# Non-member and visitor policy

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All members are allowed to bring visitor to play at the club to experience the warm and friendly environment we have strived to achieve.

The committee approach to the welcoming of visitors is:

- Visitors, in attendance with an existing member, are allowed their first session at the tennis club for free;
- The same visitors are then permitted another five visits to the tennis club at a rate of £5 per hour;
- After this we ask that the visitors make a decision as to whether they wish to join the tennis club. Any monies collected from the visitor in the introductory process will be deducted from the membership amount payable.

There is no limit on how many different individuals a member wishes to introduce to the tennis club. Word of mouth is one of the best advertising tools for the club and thus we encourage the friends and families of all the members to visit.



# Useful Links

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Main Club website for news, booking information, membership purchasing and coaching opportunities

<https://clubspark.lta.org.uk/LiversedgeTennisClub>

Liversedge Tennis Club External Facebook Page

<https://www.facebook.com/liversedgetennis>

Liversedge Tennis Club Members' Facebook Group

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/560581377375485>

Liversedge Tennis Club Instagram Page

<https://www.instagram.com/liversedgetennis/?hl=en>

LTA tournament Finder

<https://competitions.lta.org.uk/tournaments>

Calderdale League Tennis Website

<https://www.calderdale.tennis-league.org/>

Huddersfield and District Tennis League Website (Login required)

<https://hadtl.co.uk/>



# Useful Contacts

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Andy Lucas, Chairman and Safeguarding Officer

[Liversedgetennis@gmail.com](mailto:Liversedgetennis@gmail.com)

07722 188535

*Contact for general enquiries including joining, facility hire, court bookings and safeguarding matters.*

Elena Zagrebina, Head Coach

07555 570160

*Contact for enquiries concerning the adult and junior tennis programmes and internal tournaments .*

Joe Jeynes, LTA Tournament organiser

07554 010820

*Contact for enquiries concerning the externally run LTA affiliated tennis tournaments run at the venue.*

