

## NEWTOWN LINFORD TENNIS CLUB - WELCOME TO THE CLUB!

We do hope you enjoy playing Tennis at Newtown Linford TC. It is a beautiful setting, and there are lots of activities arranged at the Club, both social and sporting, so get involved!

This information should give you all the details you need to know, to get the most from your membership.

### Use of the Courts

The courts can be used at any time unless they are in use for Team Tennis (practices or matches), Coaching or Club Night - These will be block booked on the Club Sparks booking system, so please check.

You will need a code for the padlocks in order to enter the courts. This will be provided when your membership fee is accepted. Please note that the code for the courts is changed at the beginning of the season and can be changed mid season. Code changes are notified to members by email.

Courts must be pre-booked online by searching Clubspark Newtown Linford Tennis Club, and then creating an Account on the Home page to Log In. **Courts are booked for a maximum period of 90mins only.** This ensures you have a booking on arrival, enables you to pre-check there is Court availability, and allows the Committee to analyse Court use.

Once Membership has been paid, your details will be added to the Club's Database - Please read the GDPR for how this information may be used, and [of course] protected. Any updates on events at the Club [both sport & socially related] will be relayed via Email. Access codes may change, and you will be informed of this. However, currently:

Emailed Annually - Court Access [Put the code in then push down on the lock and it will open]

Emailed Annually - Clubhouse Access - Code for Key safe - [On wall, left end of Clubhouse, under cover - PLEASE return after use]

Emailed Annually - Toilet Code

### Visitors

If you want to play with visitors (non-members), you must remember that they can only play with a member (you). You are responsible for their conduct. A courtesy fee

is payable, and must be paid **before you play**. The Visitor Fee is paid via the Club's Website.

Visitors fees are currently £5/hour for adults and £3/hour for children (U18).

**A visitor may only play 3 times in one season.** Please encourage regular visitors to join the club !

### Safety around the Club

If you have significant health problems, it is wise to discuss playing Sport with your GP or Practice Nurse. Within the caveat of medical confidentiality, it may help to make the Club, or Coach, aware of any debilitating physical or emotional impediment you may have?

In accordance with the Club's LTA Clubmark accreditation, we are obliged to comply with "best practice" for player Welfare. As such, a number of important documents [including the Code of Conduct, GDPR, and other Policies] are displayed in the Club-house, and on our Website:

<https://clubspark.lta.org.uk/NewtownLinfordTennisClub/Legalities>

As you will be aware, the Courts are adjacent to a Cricket Pitch. If a match is in progress it is possible that a cricket ball might come over the fence onto the Courts. This is rare, however we are monitoring the frequency of such events. Please inform the Welfare & Safeguarding Officer as soon as possible should this happen. Please note that we have asked that the Cricketers give a warning if a ball looks to be heading over the fence. However this cannot be guaranteed and members are reminded that they play at their own risk, including when cricket matches are being played.

### Team Tennis

The Club currently run the following teams :

- 2 Mens Summer teams.
- 1 Ladies Summer team
- 1 Mixed Summer team
- 2 Mens Winter team
- 1 Ladies Winter team

All dates/times of matches are posted in the club house. The Team Captains will arrange Practice nights which will be publicised via a Club Spark Email or WhatsApp group.

The decision on teams is made at the beginning of the Season depending on interest and numbers of available players. For more information on Team Tennis, please contact Alex Chappell 07957 561971/Charlotte Turner 07896 349977

### Club Night

One evening is set aside for Club Night when all members can come and play. This is currently **Tuesday evening from 6pm** for Adult members. A committee member will normally be present to organise the evening. This is a friendly evening and a way of getting to know other members of the club.

A warm meal is provided for the last Club night of each month, a small charge is made for those who elect to pre-order this meal.

Ex-team tennis balls should be available in the club house during the season. These are for use at Club Night and for senior membership use. Please replace them after use.

Please put old balls in the box in the Clubhouse. These are sold on for club funds to be re-cycled as menage surface.

NB Juniors can use the bucket of balls when available in the club house.

Junior members may be invited to Club Night by a committee member if they play at a certain level.

### Coaching

Coaching is available to everyone. Paul Nicholls is the Club Coach.

Coaching currently takes place for groups on Saturday mornings and at other times during the week

If you are interested in Coaching, please contact Paul Nicholls on 07824 664935

### Tournaments

If there is sufficient interest, a tournament is run over the summer season which culminates in a Finals Day in September. If you indicate interest on your application form, you will be contacted in due course.

### Juniors

The Club welcomes Junior players. Coaching is organised regularly (see Coaching Information). Fun weeks are organised for Juniors in the summer, numbers permitting, as well as "After School Clubs".

**Junior Conduct :** Parents are requested to ensure that Juniors are well behaved. The courts are not a playground. Small children must be supervised at all times. The Club cannot take responsibility for accidents on the courts. Parents must ensure that their children wear the appropriate clothing and foot ware.

**No other ball games, bikes, roller skates on the courts.**

Juniors must give priority to senior members after 6pm.

Please ensure that Junior visitor fees are paid in advance of playing, and that the nets are lowered and the courts locked after play. Please do not play on the Cricket Pitch.

### Wimbledon Tickets

Clubs no longer receive an allocation of Wimbledon tickets based on their BTM Membership.

However, each member can be placed in the Wimbledon Ballot by joining the LTA:

- 1]go to [lta.org.uk](http://lta.org.uk) and then....
- 2] click the “join us” box [purple, top right]
- 3]Click the “Advantage Play +” option which is free
- 4]Then just fill in the form, with your Club as Newtown Linford

You have three chances to secure Wimbledon tickets - As a BTM registered LTA Member, there is a separate Volunteers Ballot if you help our Coach with sessions? Finally, you can also put your name in the Public Ballot “hat”?

You will also need to do this to play for one of the Club’s Teams, particularly if joining from another Club [so your BTM Number is changed to your new Club]. If you are unsure, then please contact one of the Committee.

### Social Events

A varied social Calendar is arranged throughout the year. Members will be notified by email of the date of any events and they will be posted in the club house.

You are welcome to use the Cricket Club Bar when ever it is open – during and after matches and on many summer evenings.

### Care of the Courts

In the interests of both safety and preserving the Court’s lifespan, every member shares some responsibility for looking after the courts, club house and fences. If you discover any damage, please report it to a member of the committee as soon as possible. Please sweep the Courts before use.

Please put any litter in the bin provided on Court 1.

Members are requested to wipe their feet on the mats provided before stepping on to court, and to lower the nets after use.

**Please lock the courts after use. We do have both damage and thefts if they are left open.**

No other ball games must be played on the courts. No Bikes or Roller Skates and no footballs to be kicked against the netting.

### Parking

No parking is permitted at the courts. Please do not park in front of the cricket club gate when it is closed.

It is sometimes possible to park around the edge of the cricket pitch when the gates are open and the cricket club is in use. Please be aware that this is not our land and parking is at the discretion of the Cricket Club.

You park your car on the cricket pitch entirely at your own risk. There is a possibility that your car will be hit by a cricket ball.

### Fees

All fees should be paid to the treasurer promptly. All fees can be paid directly via the Website. Any queries:

Treasurer : Victoria Gaskell 07812 605034

### Communication

The Club tries to keep all members informed by email, word of mouth and occasional advertising. There is a notice board in the Club House, and all events are posted here, together with information on local tournaments from Leicestershire LTA.

If you are on line, please provide your email address.

### Welfare of Members

The Club takes the welfare of members very seriously. If you have any issues regarding your welfare in relation to the club, its members, its functions or its facilities, please speak to any member of the committee. Alternatively, please speak directly to the Club's Welfare Officer, Ian Schofield : [ianschofield101@hotmail.com](mailto:ianschofield101@hotmail.com) or Tel : 07961 338668

## Committee

Committee members meet every 6-8weeks. They are always available to discuss club matters with members. If you feel you could contribute to the committee in any way, please contact a member. New committee members are always welcome. The more help, the more tennis and social events can be organised.

Please contact Paul Scrine if interested in joining the committee : 07774 321135  
Email : nltc1930@hotmail.com

The current committee :

Paul Scrine	- Chairperson - 07774 321135
Tor Gaskell	- Treasurer - 07812 605034
Ian Schofield	- Match Secretary
	Welfare & Safeguarding Officer - 07961 338668
Caz Turner	- Social Events - 07896 960676
Charlotte Turner	- Secretary
	- Ladies Team - 07896 349977
Jason Crockett	- Social Media - 07541 943716
Carol Ann Sugden	- Membership - 07970 970580
Alex Chappell	- Men's Team Tennis - 07957 561971
Steve Dovey	- Junior Representative - 07792 339828

## Annual General Meeting

The formal constitution of the Club guarantees an AGM. This normally takes place in January/February. The AGM is your chance to address the committee and other members directly on any issues affecting the Club. Please come along and have a voice.

**If you would like to join Newtown Linford Tennis Club, please complete the attached application form. We look forward to welcoming you to the Club**

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