

**NORTHUMBERLAND**  
**LAWN**  
**TENNIS ASSOCIATION**

**ANNUAL REPORT**

**2022**

## **NORTHUMBERLAND LAWN TENNIS ASSOCIATION**

### **CHAIRMAN'S REPORT 2022**

I am pleased to report that 2022 saw a full return to “business as usual” after the interruptions caused by the Covid pandemic in 2020 and 2021.

The year saw a full programme of County Cup competition, our annual County tournaments, an N&D League summer programme and a Winter League programme together with a return to Veteran's competition. Reports on these events are as usual contained within the Annual Report.

The Academy continues to provide a full coaching programme for the County's most promising juniors and my thanks to Chris Sanderson and the team of Academy coaches who strive to ensure that the highest quality is maintained throughout the programme for all age groups. Chris Sanderson's report details the number of players who have competed regularly in LTA Grade 1-3 events and also those who are competing in Tennis Europe and ITF events.

Reports are provided on our County teams and particular mention must be made of our Under 18 girls team which gained promotion and to our outstanding Ladies County Team who came second in Group 1 at County Week in July and followed this up by gaining promotion also to Group 1 for 2023 Winter County Cup.

Much of the year was spent in considering Corporate Governance issues and at the end of the year a new County Funding contract was signed with the LTA under which the County will receive some additional funding over a three-year period. A section of the Annual Report provides more detail on these matters.

Our Tennis Participation Committee continued to meet on a regular basis to discuss a range of topics around facility plans being developed within a number of our clubs, the new LTA Parks investment project, competition issues, safeguarding and workforce development. Leeds Beckett University continued to provide coach education courses to support the LTA's new coach qualification structure.

Regular meetings of our Joint Liaison Committee were held with the Northumberland Club as further developments on the County Ground were planned and delivered during the year. In particular, the former Portland Pavilion (previously used for many years as the Groundsman's Pavilion) was completely refurbished and as we moved into 2023 a licence agreement was entered into by the Club with an operator to provide a bespoke spinning facility on the ground. Further developments on the County Ground are in the pipeline.

We made use of the LTA's awards scheme to support our County awards in 2022 and the Annual Report gives details of our County winners who will be presented with their trophies at the AGM. We would like to see more nominations in 2023 to enable us to return to the “live” Awards evening we had successfully held up until the pandemic shutdowns.

I would, as ever, like to thank all the volunteers and coaches who work hard to provide a positive tennis experience for members within our clubs.

My thanks to members of the NLTA Council for their continued support during the year, and in particular to my Executive Committee colleagues Tom Kinloch, Martin Clark and George Murphy who continue to deal with day-to-day matters in between our regular Council meetings.

My thanks also to Jane Grey who continues to represent Northumberland as our LTA Councillor and who serves on one of the LTA'S national committees. Also, to Sue Oswald who as County Safeguarding Officer provides much commitment and experience towards promoting good safeguarding practice across the County. Finally, my thanks to Kim Sanderson for her support to the NLTA both as County Administrator and Academy Administrator.

Chris Lott

NLTA Chairman

25 February 2023

## **Northumberland Tennis Academy - Manager, Chris Sanderson**

2022 was a very positive year for the Northumberland Tennis Academy. The Covid-19 pandemic was in the past and NTA saw a return to normality in training and competition, with an increased number of players involved.

The Northumberland Tennis Academy continued in its multiple roles as a County Training venue and an established performance academy. The role of LPDC is no longer supported by the LTA, instead we were listed as one of the 67 U10 Performance Network centres. Whilst no LTA funding is provided for this, they do support coach development in this key age group.

County Training was delivered in all age groups from U8 to U18 and the various County Cup events saw a mixture of successes and excellent efforts from our teams. However, there were difficulties raising enough players in some of the younger age groups, which highlighted the issue of players being nominated by clubs/coaches. Due to the lack of players competing at a young age, NTA made the decision to run monthly mini red/orange/green tournaments, to encourage players from local clubs to get involved. These events have continued throughout the year with very promising numbers and have been very well run and administered by Lauren Jones and her team of assistants.

In the younger age groups within NTA there has been a significant commitment to the number of training hours, which has subsequently seen significant improvements in the standard of this age of player. This is an area the Academy will continue to develop to ensure players are on a performance pathway as early as possible, with a view to competing at a regional and national level.

In addition to County Training the existing Academy programme (NTA) has continued to deliver a comprehensive schedule of on court training, strength & conditioning and tournament support to approximately 120 players over the year.

At a grassroots level, NTA used the LTA's Youth Start initiative to give more children the chance to get involved in tennis. This scheme provides a great opportunity for children to have weekly sessions at an affordable rate and in very well-structured sessions. Simon Telfer and Chris Whittle have been the lead coaches in these sessions and should be recognised for their hard work and professionalism in organising the on court lessons.

At a competitive level NTA has once again had significant representation at County, Regional and National events with tournament wins and ranking increases all providing further evidence of the effectiveness of the training NTA offers. NTA had 18 players competing at LTA grade 1-3 level events along with 5 players competing internationally in both Tennis Europe and ITF events.

In summary, 2022 was a year of increased activity and numbers involved and The Northumberland Tennis Academy will move into the next 12 months with a continued motivation to develop performance tennis players.

Chris Sanderson

Manager, NTA.

## 1. PARTICIPATION

### a. Clubs

**Venue Registration** – LTA Minimum Standard now requires coaches at Level 2 or above to be LTA Coach Accredited as well as existing criteria.  
There are 27 LTA registered clubs (incl. David Lloyd Newcastle)

### b. Parks – Laurie Haines (LTA Parks Investment Development Partner)

In March 2021, Laurie Haines, LTA Participation Development Partner for the North East, and Paul Bennett, Head of Region (North), were seconded to the newly formed LTA Parks Investment Team. Paul Bennett took on the role of Head of Parks Investment Delivery, with Laurie leading on Parks Investment for the North Region.

The Park Investment programme includes a nationwide investment of £21.9m by the UK Government also supported by the LTA Tennis Foundation, delivered by the LTA, to refurbish public tennis courts across Great Britain, and open up the sport to many more people in parks. This investment will see thousands of existing park tennis courts in poor or unplayable condition brought back to life for the benefit of communities across the country through renovation works, and improved court accessibility with new gate-access technology and booking systems.

Since March 2021, Laurie has been working closely with Local Authorities across the North, to raise awareness of the grant funding opportunity, to ensure Local Authorities' understanding of the funding terms and ongoing commitments, and also to identify a pipeline of projects for potential investment.

Conversations are ongoing with identified Local Authorities including Newcastle and North Tyneside with the aim of developing parks that will be sustainable and protect courts for the benefit of communities long term. The aim overall is to drive participation by upwards of 500k players, enabling a smooth customer journey to book a tennis court or activity and providing opportunities that break down barriers to playing such as weekly organised free tennis activity and recreational competition through Local Tennis Leagues.

### c. Community – Rashida Salloo (LTA Community Development Partner)

#### **LTA SERVES**

SERVES Venues in the region are managed by the LTA and two other delivery partners which include StreetGames and National Association of Boys and Girls Clubs (NABGC) who have recently partnered with the LTA.

There are currently five active SERVES venues in the region, mainly in Newcastle which include Hat-Tricks who restarted their delivery, Wallsend Boys Club and African

Community Advice North East Centre who are relatively new to the programme. The age range for the SERVES programme has been expanded and now includes young people between 4 – 18years old.

We are looking to engage more SERVES venues in the region in 2023, a number of venues have already been identified in South Tyneside and Newcastle.

The LTA launched the Breaking Down Barriers plan in Autumn 2022 to extend our reach and support more young people from lower socioeconomic groups to have greater access and involvement in tennis. The plan can be accessed here - [Breaking Down Barriers plan](#)

#### d. Education

**LTA Youth Schools Offer** – Working through the School Games Organiser network across Northumberland there has been communication to promote the LTA Youth Schools Offer and provide support for the delivering inter-school competition and festivals across the County.

Primary Schools – Training is available for teachers through an online or face to face option. Schools who complete training will be provided with a £250 voucher to redeem against equipment or engaging an LTA Youth trained tennis coach for 10 hours.

Secondary School – Available in 2022 as an online training option and extending to face to face and/or online for 2023. Schools who complete training will be provided with a £250 voucher to redeem against equipment or engaging an LTA Youth trained tennis coach for 10 hours.

Note – the LTA Youth Schools Offer is available to Special Education Needs (SEN) schools.

*Number of teachers trained against the opportunity @ 31 Dec 2022 detailed in the table below:*

Schools Area	Total No. of Schools/College (Opportunity)	Schools who have registered with LTA	Schools who completed training & provided with voucher
Newcastle Upon Tyne	128 schools	48 (37% of opportunity)	15 (11% of opportunity)
North Tyneside	87 schools	36 (41% of opportunity)	24 (27% of opportunity)
Northumberland	191 schools	101 (53% of opportunity)	61 (32% of opportunity)
TOTAL	406 schools	185 schools	100 schools

Map showing which Primary and Secondary Schools completed LTA Youth Schools Teacher Training.

<https://www.google.com/maps/d/edit?mid=10vzEeCtwktoTCRSoQVEy23RQ2L40igN-&usp=sharing>

#### e. Open Court (Disability) – Matthew Elkington (LTA Disability Development Partner)

Open Court [Open Court Tennis Programme \(lta.org.uk\)](https://www.lta.org.uk/open-court) – There are 6 active venues (4 tennis clubs). In post pandemic 2022 there were 88 monthly players recorded. The opportunity for the participation figures to rise in 2023 are high, with additional ‘open court’ venues to come on board and work with national partners (SENSE, AOC Sport and Parkinsons UK)

Open Your Doors venues receive:

*Light Package* (12+wks) - £300 grant; Inclusive Adaptive Equipment Pack; OYD ELearning.

*Standard Package* (36wks) as above plus mentoring, access to national partners

Venues who want to be more inclusive can continue to benefit from attending an ‘Open Your Doors Workshop’. The course covers:

- What ‘inclusion’ and ‘accessibility’ really means
- The barriers of participation in tennis by disabled people
- How to overcome some of these through positive change
- How LTA can support you both inclusively and through our Open Court Programme

## 2. COMPETITION – Christine Randall-Klee (Competition Development Partner)

### Team Challenge

- 9 venues in Northumberland applied for a TC pack
- 4 venues in Northumberland reported on events completed
- 5 extra venues in N&D hosted a TC event for the league (organised by Tony Pensom)

### LTA Youth Matchplays - 24 events completed

2 venues hosted Matchplay events – Northumberland Academy and Cullercoats (both run by Lauren Jones)

### Local Tennis Leagues

- Newcastle – 61 players took part in 2022, an average of 12 players per round (16 players per average round in 2021)
- North Tyneside – 114 players took part in 2022, an average of 23 players per round (20 player per average round in 2021)

**Licenced Referees in Northumberland** – The 3 current referees are Amy Hoburn, Tom Kinloch and Chris Whittle (newly qualified as of Nov 2021)



**LTA National League** – Run with D&C; Sarah Lowes took over as organiser in winter 2022 (from Rachel Knowles)

- 11 clubs entered summer league 2022
- 9 clubs entered winter league 2022/23

**N&D League** – league running through Alan at League Active. Alan has been able to produce a spreadsheet of all results in the format the LTA need to process the results for WTN. This probably won't be back dated, due to lack of player LTA Advantage numbers, but will be in place for 2023 season – summer and winter.

### **Grade 5 – 3 Tournaments**

- 2 venues run tournaments – Northumberland Club/Academy and Ponteland
- Tournaments are: Northumberland Club Grand Prix (Easter), Northumberland Open, South North, Ponteland Open & County Champs
- 54 players recording playing County Champs in 2022 (down from 83 in 2019)
- No one day Grade 4 or 5 events were held in 2022

### **Play Your Way to Wimbledon**

3 boys were invited to County Finals (only 2 took part) and 4 girls took part in County Finals.

## **3. WORKFORCE (Jo Cunliffe – Workforce Development Partner)**

### **LTA Accreditation -**

- 44 Accredited Coaches (any discrepancy due to coaches not adding full details)
  - 13 No. LTA Accredited+ coaches linked to tennis venues in Northumberland
  - 28 No. LTA Accredited coaches linked to venues in the County
  - LTA Accredited Coaches – qualification breakdown:

Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Level 4	Level 5
1	14	13	14	2

- The WDP continues to try finding solutions to the coach vacancy issue.

**Leeds Beckett University Project**– Steve Mcloughlin from LBU has been in touch with North East based Universities to link up students to local programmes.

- Head Coaches and Venues are continuing to engage with their people, with a number of positive examples of recruiting from within their programmes / venues.
  - We've got the below process in place currently,

**Current North East Vacancies Map**– it's had nearly 8000 views so it's getting the interest from people. The blue icons are LTA Registered Venues.

<https://www.google.com/maps/d/edit?mid=1Quk-u0R70ND7nlw9EfnL749psGAp1RbB&usp=sharing>

This map is being circulated periodically to,

- Coaches on the North Coaches Facebook group – 403 coaches are on this page (there is a total of 850 LTA Accredited Coaches across the North)
- Sent out by tutors on LTA Coach Qualification Courses being delivered in the North East and Yorkshire
- Sent out by Leeds Beckett University (they are the North East and Yorkshire's Coach Development Centre) with post course follow up communication to all attendees of LTA Coach Qualifications
- County Associations – websites, social media channels  
Shared with County Coaches Whats App Groups (Durham & Cleveland LTA at this stage)

**Coach Recruitment / Engagement / Retention.** National discussions starting to take place.

#### **LTA Youth Coach Training**

- 25 coaches completed LTA Youth practical training
- 16 venues have a linked coach that has completed LTA Youth Training

#### **North East Mentoring Programme**

- Launched 25<sup>th</sup> September 2022
- 9 coaches (6 female, 3 male) and 8 Mentors working with them between now and September 2023
- 4 Northumberland based coaches.
- 3 Mentees / 2 Mentors from NTB took up Billie Jean King Cup Tickets Nov 8<sup>th</sup>

#### **LTA She Rallies**

- Link for full info. [She Rallies \(lta.org.uk\)](https://lta.org.uk/she-rallies)
- Prime Video Girls Programme (part of She Rallies programme). [Prime Video and the LTA launch a new girls-only programme to inspire the next generation of female British tennis players | LTA](#)

#### **2022 LTA / CDC Coach Development**

- Discussions with Leeds Beckett University for a couple of courses (CPD's) in Newcastle – from Easter 2023 onwards
- North East Coaches Day – Thursday Feb 16<sup>th</sup> , Sunderland Tennis Centre confirmed. Content developed from coaches' feedback
- 2023 Workforce Calendar confirmed – LTA Qualification Courses, CPD's, First Aid and Safeguarding confirmed until July 2023

## County Governance & Funding Update

Northumberland Lawn Tennis Association have been on a journey alongside and with the LTA and other 38 County and Island Associations over the past 2 years to develop and deliver an engagement plan to enable an even more joined-up approach to growing tennis.

In this time, we have agreed:

1. A Governance Framework which we have all signed up to:
  - There are 4 Principles: Purpose, Finance & Risk, People & Inclusion.
  - There are 14 focus areas, in 2022 we needed to be compliant with 65% (9/12) and in 2023 we need to achieve 85% (12/14), 100% compliance will be required by end of 2024.
  - These are linked to the Code for Sports Governance and best practise in the industry.
  - Compliance is a condition of membership to the LTA.
2. Outlined the Core role of Counties; so, we are all clear on who does what between the LTA and County Associations.
3. Agreed a new Funding Model with the LTA to take effect from 1<sup>st</sup> Jan 2023:
  - Under this we will receive £65,000 annually for a commitment of 3 years with an annual renewal thereafter.
  - This includes funding for General Participation, including Open Court (Disability), Competition and Performance.
  - We no longer receive the subscriptions clubs pay when they complete the LTA annual venue Registration scheme.
  - We decide who is a member of the County therefore moving forwards.
  - There will be some reporting arrangements on the above.

There are many benefits to this way of working, which include:

- Clarity around roles & responsibilities to support the development and growth of tennis.
- Increased funding support to invest within the County.
- Following best practise in Sports Governance: good governance helps organisations to work more effectively, meet the needs of their people and be sustainable. Benefits include; having robust and reliable systems, processes and policies in place, managing and controlling risks, having open and transparent decision making and reporting processes.

There are some potential risks to this, which include:

- The increased pressure to find new volunteers, as there is a 9-year term limit for Committee Members.

Northumberland Lawn Tennis Association are positive about where we are on the above and will continue to work with the LTA to support tennis growth and development in the County.

## **Northumberland Ladies Tennis Team Report**

### **126<sup>th</sup> Summer County Cup 2022**

Northumberland Ladies Team travelled to Devonshire Park in Eastbourne to compete in Group 1 of the LTA's 126<sup>th</sup> County Week. Team consisted of Amy Hoburn, Stephanie Booth, Jess Hart, Lauren Jones, Abby Kelliher, Gillian Kelliher, Aimee Knowles, Tracy Smith, Alex Walker and Emma Wilson.

Results:

Monday – Beat Hampshire & IOW 7-2

Tuesday – Beat Yorkshire 7-2

Wednesday – Lost to Surrey 5-4

Thursday – Lost to Hertfordshire 6-3

Friday – Beat Kent 6-0

The team had a very successful week winning three days comfortably which was vital in gaining a lead on rubbers which became crucial on the last day to secure 2<sup>nd</sup> place above Hampshire & IOW. This is the first time since 1903 (119 years) since Northumberland have come 2<sup>nd</sup> place in Group 1. They will travel to Eastbourne again in July 2023 with the hope of going one better. All players thoroughly enjoyed the experience and privilege of playing at Eastbourne.

### **Winter County Cup 2022**

Northumberland Ladies Team travelled to Bromley to compete in Group 2 of the LTA's Winter County Cup weekend. Team consisted of; Amy Hoburn, Stephanie Booth, Jess Hart, Lauren Jones, Abby Kelliher, Aimee Knowles, Teddy Prisadnikova, Alex Walker.

Results:

Friday – Beat Hertfordshire 5-4

Saturday - Beat Buckinghamshire 8-1

Sunday - Beat Cheshire 6-0

The team had an extremely successful weekend, winning all three days, to secure promotion back to Group 1 for 2023. This is the first time Northumberland Ladies team will be in Group 1 for Summer and Winter County Cups in the same year. The team will travel to Sheffield in 2023.

## **Northumberland Men's Team Tennis Report**

### **Summer County Cup**

Northumberland Men's County Team were in Hunstanton for their 2022 County Week competing in Group 7.

The Team started with a 9-0 win over the Channel Islands and followed this up with a 7-2 win over South of Scotland. A narrow 4-5 defeat against Wiltshire was followed by a 3-6 defeat to Shropshire but a 6-3 win on the last day against Cornwall meant that the Team finished in 3<sup>rd</sup> place, narrowly missing out on promotion.

The Team comprised Adam Boba (Team Captain), Will Gray, Sam Knowles, Dennis Lapping, Cormac Lunn, Ronan Lunn, Steven Milne and Matthew Nice.

### **Winter County Cup**

Northumberland Men's County Team were at the Nuffield Health and Fitness Centre, Hull for their Winter Indoor County Cup held over 24-27 November.

The Team were competing in Group 6A and were off to a good start on Friday with a 6-3 win over South of Scotland. This was followed by a 7-2 win over Bedfordshire on Saturday.

Unfortunately, the momentum could not be maintained and the Team lost against Gloucestershire 2-5, leaving us in Group 6 for 2023.

The Team comprised: Adam Boba (Team Manager and Captain), Cormac Lunn, Ronan Lunn, Sam Knowles, Kourus Anssarizadeth, Lewis Scott, Andrew Hunsley and Dennis Lapping.

## **Men's Teams**

### **Mens Over 70 – Neil Taylor**

No report submitted.

### **Mens Over 65 – Don Anderson**

The Northumberland Over 65 men's team consisted of Nick Keeley and Don Anderson plus John Wiseman, and Paul Ward for the first four matches with Colin Pyle replacing Paul Ward for the final match. The match results were Durham (Away) 4-1 Loss, Northamptonshire (Away) 5-0 Loss, Cumbria (Away) 4-1 Loss, Shropshire (Home) 1-4 Loss and Derbyshire (Home) 2-3 Loss.

While Northumberland didn't win any matches there were many close fought sets and games. The Derbyshire match was particularly close with the outcome being decided by a 11-13 Set tiebreak in favour of the visitors. Nick Keeley did well this season winning 3 singles and 1 doubles rubber.

### **Mens Over 60 – Trevor Herron**

This year the team was in a division of 7, however due to the distances involved, Cornwall immediately withdrew.

We played Cumbria (a) and were narrowly beaten 3-2. We then played two home matches against Derbyshire and Wiltshire and were beaten 4-1 in both matches.

The remaining away fixtures were scheduled for September 24/25th against Somerset and South Wales but due to last minute player issues, I could not raise a team, and with the M65s also playing the same weekend, I was unable to call in players to play down.

South Wales won the group.

### **Mens Over 50s – Mark McPeake**

Sadly, no Men's over 50 matches due to insufficient players willing to travel - matches were just too far away simply.

## **Ladies Teams**

### **Ladies Over 80s – Sara Chappell**

No matches were played this year. Matches did try to be organised but to no avail. We are still very keen to play matches so hopefully in 2023 we will have more success in playing.

### **Ladies Over 75s – Megs Rogers**

2022 has been a difficult but successful year. Four of the Ladies 70s team moved up to join the 75s. We won our first two matches against Lincolnshire 4-0 and Cheshire 3-1 but the Surrey home match was postponed on two occasions - because of a train strike and then inability to raise a team. As on the third occasion Surrey were still unable to send a team they conceded. A difficulty arose when I learnt that the indoor courts might be closed on the day of our Suffolk match. I am very grateful to Chris Marrison at David Lloyd for allowing us to provisionally book courts there and to have a practice as he was keen to support Northumberland tennis. We won 4-0 against Suffolk. The team came top of our Group but unfortunately because of family reasons and an accident two players were not able to take part in the final against Kent. Nevertheless, we lost by only one set and our first couple won both their rubbers. So once again the Seniors Ladies have put Northumberland tennis on the map! Team players were: - Angela Appleby, Mary Corbett, Helen French, Sandra Henderson, Monica Ogden, Megs Rogers, Pauline Storey and Reserve, Marjorie Storey.

I appreciate the interest and support from NLTA towards the end of the season and the monetary provision given to the teams but feel that, understandably, over the Covid years interaction with and support for the Senior County teams has dwindled. I hope that this year we will be made to feel more part of Northumberland County tennis and have help with such matters as access to booking indoor courts for matches, both during the week and at weekends.

Megs Rogers

### **Ladies Over 65 – Julie Gainford**

We had a squad of nine players and we all enjoyed our Tuesday practices which were well attended. We had four matches - Hereford and Worcestershire were a very strong squad and won all four of their matches but we had a great visit them they were very welcoming. We had a really good win away at Cumbria 8-0 and drew with Derbyshire. Unfortunately North Wales had to withdraw despite us really trying to accommodate them they could not make the travel logistics work. We came 2nd in the group behind worthy winners Hereford & Worcester. Many thanks to all the players who gave their time and expense to play in these matches and represent Northumberland County Seniors.

Julie Gainford

Captain

### **Ladies Over 60 – Sue Trousdale**

The team played in division 3A this season.

The following matches were played;

#### **Derbyshire Away**

Derbyshire were a strong side and despite our best efforts (on one of the hottest days of the year!), we were beaten 4-0. We enjoyed the good tennis and some sets were close fought!

#### **Notts Away**

This was a very close match, the score was even 1-1 at half time, and both second round matches were close but unfortunately the end result was a 3-1 loss for Northumberland.

#### **Warwickshire Home**

Another very close match; again the score was even at half time, and the second round was again closely fought. The end result was 2 rubbers all, 4 sets all but 42 games to 39 to Warwickshire.

#### **Berkshire Home**

Berkshire cancelled our first fixture as they couldn't field a team, so we rearranged.

Unfortunately, they then cancelled again, so Northumberland received a walkover.

Disappointing for our players who were keen to play the fixture, especially as the league had not been held for 2 years with the pandemic, and we only had 4 fixtures in this league this season.

The following players were in this squad;

Susan Trousdale.

Kim Fewell.

Fiona Twaddle.

Rachel Michie

Roz Askew

Julia Carmichael

Thank you, and well done to all players who played the matches; we are looking forward to the new season.

### **Ladies Over 50 – Emily Ogden**

The team enjoyed some great games. We lost very closely to Cheshire in 3 championship tie breaks who were the victors in the group. We also beat Dorset who came to us. We travelled also to Reading and had a good win. Thank You to the team who played this year:

Susan Easton, Alison Bell, Tracey Gaskill, Jill Taylor, Alison Charlewood and Alison Duncan.



### **Ladies Over 40 – Rachel Knowles**

The team started with a very tough match loss (5-0) against a 'young' Notts team, followed by another tough but closer match loss (2-3) against the eventual league winners, East of Scotland.

The later matches of the season saw us play D&C with a 5-0 win and a drive to Staffs saw us come out victors 3-2 to finish the season 3/5 in the league.

**Junior County Cup Overview – Boys & Girls events**  
**Jordan Simpson**

**18&U Boys**

Beat Cornwall 8-1

Beat Durham & Cleveland 7-2

Lost to Avon 8-1

2<sup>nd</sup> in group.

Team; Matthew Nice, Sam Knowles, Kouros Anssarizadeh, Denis Lapping, Andrew Hunsley, Daniel Burn, Stephen Wilkinson, Mark Alexandrov, Marcus Jeffery

**18&U Girls**

Beat North of Scotland 5-4

Beat Durham & Cleveland 7-2

Beat Gloucester 6-3

1<sup>st</sup> in group & Promotion.

Team; Aimee Knowles, Teddy Prisadnikova, Jess Hart, Abby Kelliher, Sophie Jackson, Lara Savic, Louise Smith, Amelie Atchia

**14&U Boys**

Beat South of Scotland 4-2

Beat East of Scotland in shootout after 3-3

Lost to West of Scotland 4-2

Lost to North of Scotland 4-2

3<sup>rd</sup> in group

Team; Kouros Anssarizadeh, Ben Beard, Oliver Heron, Max Cala, Jacob Atchia

**14&U Girls**

Beat Durham & Cleveland 6-0

Beat North Wales 4-0

Lost to Cheshire 4-2

2<sup>nd</sup> in group

Team; Teddy Prisadnikova, Lara Savic, Nikoletta Rozsavolgyi, Amelie Atchia

### **12&U Boys**

Lost to Cheshire 6-0

Lost to Durham & Cleveland in shootout after 3-3

Lost to Cumbria 4-1

Lost to East of Scotland 5-1

5<sup>th</sup> in group.

Team; Joshua Dowdell, William Catterson, Matthew Secker, Sam Walker, Rick Voswinkel, Lucas Hart.

### **12&U Girls**

Team withdrawn.

### **11&U Boys**

Lost to Cumbria 4-0

Lost to Cheshire 6-0

Beat North Wales 5-1

5<sup>th</sup> in group.

Team; William Catterson, Matthew Secker, Hugo Milligan, Samuel Walker, Lucas McNeillie, Rick Voswinkel

### **11's Girls**

Lost to Lancashire 6-0

Lost to Durham & Cleveland 4-2

Lost to Yorkshire 6-0

Beat Cumbria 5-1

4<sup>th</sup> in group.

Team; Lauren Jenkins, Phoebe Allan, Olivia Welsh, Antonia Creswell-Fox.

### **10's Boys**

Beat West of Scotland 4-2

Beat North of Scotland 5-1

Lost to South of Scotland in shootout after 3-3

Lost to East of Scotland 5-1

3<sup>rd</sup> in group.

Team; George Menne, Henry Berry, Ronald Lee, Henry Hardy

### **10's Girls**

Lost to Cheshire 4-2

Lost to Lancashire 6-0

Beat Durham & Cleveland 5-1

Beat Cumbria 6-0

3<sup>rd</sup> in group.

Team; Lauren Jenkins, Phoebe Allan, Olivia Welsh, Camille Froom, Olivia MacIver, Emilia Baggett

### **9's Boys**

Lost to Durham & Cleveland 4-2

Lost to Lancashire 6-0

Beat Cumbria 6-0

Third in group

Team; Beni Rozsavolgyi, Edward Taylor, Aleks Cala, Felix Ashworth

### **9's Girls**

Lost to Durham & Cleveland 4-2

Lost to Cumbria 4-2

Lost to Lancashire 6-0

4<sup>th</sup> in group.

Team; Isabella Sharp, Olivia McNeillie, Lucy Simmons, Annie Lee

## **NORTHUMBERLAND TENNIS AWARDS 2022**

**The Northumberland Tennis Awards winners were:**

<b>Individual Performance Award</b>	-	<b>Aimee Knowles (Cullercoats TC)</b>
<b>Adult Volunteer of the Year</b>	-	<b>Michael Scrafton (Beverley Park TC)</b>
<b>Junior Volunteer of the Year</b>	-	<b>Scarlett Wilson – Baker (Cullercoats TC)</b>
<b>Most Improved Junior (male)</b>	-	<b>Henry Berry (Cullercoats TC)</b>
<b>Education Award</b>	-	<b>Kings Priory School</b>
<b>Team of the Year</b>	-	<b>Ladies County Cup Team</b>
<b>Coach of the Year</b>	-	<b>Phil Wood (Beverley Park TC)</b>
<b>Club of the Year</b>	-	<b>Cullercoats Tennis Club</b>
<b>Gordon Brewis Service to Tennis</b>	-	<b>George Murphy (Cullercoats TC)</b>

**Although there was no event this year, the winners were announced via email and presentations are to be made at the NLTA AGM.**

**If there is an event in 2023, the above winners will also be re-presented with their trophies at the Awards Evening.**

**South Northumberland Tennis Tournament 2022**

<b><u>Event</u></b>	<b><u>Winner</u></b>	<b><u>Runner Up</u></b>
9U Boys Singles	Benedek Rozsavolgyi	Ben Rooney
10U Girls Singles	Olivia MacIver	Isabella Sharp
10U Boys Singles	Henry Berry	George Menne
14U Girls Singles	Laura Cheal	Nikoletta Rozsavolgyi
14U Boys Singles	Stefan Rumble	Oliver Heron
14U Boys Doubles	O. Heron & S. Rumble	E. Conway & L. Hart
18U Boys Singles	Mark Alexandrov	Max Westall
18U Boys Doubles	M. Westall & S. Wilkinson	B. Beard & J. Paluzzi
Men's Singles	Mark Alexandrov	Will Sharp
Men's Doubles	C. Lunn & R. Lunn	G. Bowen & H. Scott

## The Northumberland Open 2022 Results

Event	Position	Name(s)
Open Mens Singles	Winner	Lance Nesbit
	Runner up	Kouros Anssarizadeh
Open Womens Singles	Winner	Teodora Prisadnikova
	Runner up	Aimee Knowles
Open Mens Doubles	Winner	J. Alexander & P. Young
	Runner up	R. Cowley & M. Earnshaw
Open Womens Doubles	Winner	S. Booth & E. Wilson
	Runner up	H. Pringle & H. Sheeran-Hall
Open Mixed Doubles	Winner	J. Alexander & H. Pringle
	Runner up	J. Simpson & E. Wilson
65+ Mens Singles	Winner	Michael Eggleston
	Runner up	Gary Bishop
65+ Mens Doubles	Winner	D. Anderson & N. Keeley
	Runner up	A. Mckeown & P. Toase
50+ Womens Singles	Winner	Tracey Gaskill
	Runner up	Jill Taylor
50+ Mens Singles	Winner	Andrew Steel
	Runner up	Mark McPeake
50+ Mens Doubles	Winner	K. Hinchliffe & M. McPeake
	Runner up	C. Bentham & T. Herron
50+ Mixed Doubles	Winner	M. McPeake & F. Twaddle
	Runner up	C. Myburgh & E. Ogden
35+ Womens Doubles	Winner	E. Ogden & J. Pledger
	Runner up	T. Gaskill & J. Taylor
35+ Mens Singles	Winner	Will Sharp
	Runner up	Warren Broadbent
35+ Mens Doubles	Winner	S. Cass & C. Deeney
	Runner up	C. Little & C. Little
35+ Mixed Doubles	Winner	P. Kearns & J. Pledger
	Runner up	C. Little & A. Little
18U Girls Singles	Winner	Isabella Moss
	Runner up	Teodora Prisadnikova
18U Boys Singles	Winner	Alexander English
	Runner up	Ben McEwan-King
18U Girls Doubles	Winner	J. Hart & A. Knowles
	Runner up	T. Prisadnikova & L. Savic
18U Boys Doubles	Winner	K. Anssarizadeh & S. Hillerby
	Runner up	G. Bowen & J. Macpherson
16U Girls Singles	Winner	Lara Savic
	Runner up	Maddie Turnbull

16U Boys Singles	Winner	Kouros Anssarizadeh
	Runner up	Mark Alexandrov
16U Boys Doubles	Winner	G. Bowen & J. Macpherson
	Runner up	O. Palmer & J. Spence
14U Girls Singles	Winner	Lara Savic
	Runner up	Rachael Szeto
14U Boys Singles	Winner	Max Hardiman
	Runner up	Oscar Palmer
14U Girls Doubles	Winner	L. Cheal & R. Szeto
	Runner up	I. Charnock & E. Lax
14U Boys Doubles	Winner	B. Beard & M. Hardiman
	Runner up	O. Palmer & J. Spence
12U Girls Singles	Winner	Amelie Atchia
	Runner up	Agnes Palmer
12U Boys Singles	Winner	Brodie Little
	Runner up	Dominik Czopek
12U Girls Doubles	Winner	A. Cresswell Fox & P. Spyridopoulos
	Runner up	A. Atchia & A. Newey
12U Boys Doubles	Winner	D. Czopek & B. Little
	Runner up	L. Littlejohn & A. Zanetta
11U Girls Singles	Winner	Annabel Benson
	Runner up	Amalie Limbrick
11U Boys Singles	Winner	Ryan Szeto
	Runner up	Alfie Herrington
10U Girls Singles	Winner	Gabrielle Morgan
	Runner up	Lauren Jenkins
10U Boys Singles	Winner	Jack Fair
	Runner up	George Menne
10U Doubles	Winner	P. Allan & L. Jenkins
	Runner up	T. Seldon & R. Szeto
9U Girls Singles	Winner	Sarah Keithley
	Runner up	Isabella Sharp
9U Boys Singles	Winner	Ethan Lax
	Runner up	Max Wilson
8U Girls Singles	Winner	Amelia-Rose Symm
	Runner up	Anna Seldon
8U Boys Singles	Winner	Angus Burdon
	Runner up	George Shelley



### **The Northumberland County Closed 2022**

<b><u>Event</u></b>	<b><u>Position</u></b>	<b><u>Name</u></b>
Mens Singles	Winner	Kouros Anssarizadeh
	Runner up	Cormac Lunn
Mens Doubles	Winner	C. Lunn & L. Scott
	Runner up	K. Anssarizadeh & S. Knowles
18U Boys Doubles	Winner	K. Anssarizadeh & S. Knowles
	Runner up	D. Burn & A. Hunsley
18U Boys Singles	Winner	Sam Knowles
	Runner up	Andrew Hunsley
16U Girls Singles	Winner	Amelie Atchia
	Runner Up	Amelie Tones
16U Boys Singles	Winner	Stephen Wilkinson
	Runner up	Mark Alexandrov
14U Boys Doubles	Winner	B. Beard & O. Heron
	Runner up	J. Atchia & R. Webster
14U Boys Singles	Winner	Ben Beard
	Runner up	Oliver Heron
12U Boys Doubles	Winner	J. Atchia & J. Dowdell
	Runner up	W. Catterson & L. McNeillie
12U Boys Singles	Winner	Joshua Dowdell
	Runner up	William Catterson
11U Girls Singles	Winner	Lauren Jenkins
	Runner up	Antonia Cresswell - Fox
11U Boys Singles	Winner	Rick Voswinkel
	Runner up	William Catterson
10U Girls Singles	Winner	Lauren Jenkins
	Runner up	Isabella Sharp
10U Boys Singles	Winner	Henry Hardy
	Runner up	Charlie Douglass
9U Boys Singles	Winner	Benedek Rozsavolgyi
	Runner up	Samuel Weatherhead