



Stonesfield Tennis Club

Annual Report:2022/23

The Stonesfield Tennis Club (STC) is pleased to present the annual report to be adopted at the annual general meeting on Monday, February 19, 2024. Note that this report covers the years of 2022 and 2023 as no AGM was held during 2023

During 2022 and 2023, the committee of STC comprised the Chairman (Andrew Tacon), a Vice-Chairman (Borut Razman), a Treasurer (Rob Suriano) and a Membership Officer (Hugh Galliers), thus satisfying the requirements for affiliation to the Lawn Tennis Association of having three standing committee members.

The club benefits from a strong local membership, affiliations with the LTA and the Stonesfield Sports and Social club and has two astro-turf tennis courts which were re-laid in 2018 and are in excellent condition. Coaching services were provided by Faith Heron (2022) and then by Emily Plester (2022-23).

Chairman's Report: Andrew Tacon

We've had two good years on the tennis front with a number of players regularly turning out for weekly social tennis sessions. We also held an intra-club one day tournament in 2022 although sadly there wasn't sufficient interest to repeat it in 2023. We are keen to ensure that at least one intra-club tournament takes place this year but we need participants!

We also entered the Wychwood League in both 2022 and 2023 and hosted the end of season one-day tournament in 2022. Last year Moreton hosted the one day tournament and I'm delighted to report that Stonesfield won that trophy for the first time since the competition started in 1997. The winning squad was Borut, Wendy, Lindsey and myself.

Having done it for over 20 years I'm still looking for someone to take over captaincy of the Wychwood League squad. It's not too onerous and largely involves arranging 5 home and 5 away fixtures and getting squads of 4 out for each fixture. We will be entering the league again this year, come what may. I've also been the league administrator for several years now but am happy to continue in that role.

Off the field we've submitted a planning application for floodlighting of the courts. The consultation period has ended and we had no objections and support from the leisure department at WODC. We are now waiting for a final decision from the planning committee.

Court maintenance demands are not onerous but we are very thin on the ground in terms of willing (or unwilling!) volunteers. There are two main aspects:

Regular (at least monthly) sessions with the leaf blower to clear loose plant debris and leaves from the courts. This can be done in under 2 hours.

Quarterly sessions comprising anti-moss treatment and mechanical brushing (needs 2 people)

Ideally we could do with someone to organise a rota and co-ordinate volunteers. All the necessary equipment is stored at the field.

Membership Report: Hugh Galliers

As of writing the Club has 132 members.

The Club has and will continue to have for the foreseeable, very competitively priced membership packages which I hope will help make the Club inclusive to all. Keeping membership prices competitive will also help retain members and will continue to offer an excellent value for money proposition to potential new members.

Members are able to join for a 12 month rolling membership as a junior, adult or family

There are currently 43 adult memberships.

There are currently 87 family memberships.

There are currently 2 junior memberships.

Membership of the tennis club additionally entitles members to receive a discount card for use at the Sports and Social club.

Treasurer's Report: Rob Suriano

The financials of Stonesfield Tennis Club for 2022 and 2023 are presented below and in the accompanying table. The club continues to be in a solid financial position with over £19,000 held in reserves at the end of 2023.

This is a similar position to the end of 2021 and includes a major payment of £3,237 paid for the preparation and submission of planning application for the floodlights.

Income consisted mostly of membership subscriptions, while expenses consisted of general court maintenance (which now includes the contribution to the playing field, previously noted as rent), subscriptions (LTA and Stonesfield Sports and Social Club) and marketing (advertising in Stonesfield Slate and Combe Courier).

As noted in the 2021 report, the club is aware that it will need to provide for a future court refurbishment (possibly 2030-2032) and will need to begin to prepare for this.

Our planned upcoming investment in the facilities are:

- 2024: Floodlighting: £26k plus planning £3k (paid 2023). We will apply for grant and other funding with our goal being to raise at least 50% of the funds. There will be additional running costs and electricity costs which the club will seek to absorb during the initial 12 months.
- 2024 / 5: Access and security system: We are investigating a new access system which will coordinate our booking and floodlighting system. Possibly £6k installation and ongoing (£700 PA) maintenance costs. This system would allow casual users on a "pay and play" basis to access the courts.
- 2025+ Clubhouse: We have briefly talked about having a small clubhouse / storage facility at the courts, however discussions have not progressed much further (£3-4k+)
- Resurfacing 2032-33 (allowing for 15 years use). Estimated cost £33k per court.

As noted above, the club is in a strong financial position however there are a number of major upcoming expenses. The club will have a small increase in club fees as follows:

New Membership Prices (effective February 15, 2024)

- £42.50 adult (up from £40)
- £10 junior (stays the same)
- £85 family (up from £70)

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Accounts for year ended 31 December 2022

		Year ended 31/12/22		Year ended 31/12/21
	£	£	£	£
Income				
Subscriptions and ball sales	3,663		4,025	
Sports & Social club dividend	310			
Total income		£ 3,973		£4,025
Expenditure				
Equipment	403			
Court maintenance	650		152	
Coaching	0			
Affiliations	972		240	
Rent			500	
Membership Expenses	228			
Marketing / Sponsorship	160			
Miscellaneous			872	
Total expenditure		£ 2,413		£1,764
Net (deficit) / surplus for the period		£ 1,561		£2,261
Balance sheet at		Year ended		Year ended
		31/12/22		31-Dec-21
Santander current account		£ 20,808		£ 9,980
Cash in hand		£ 133		£ 133
National Savings account		£ -		£ 9,267
Total assets		£20,941		£19,380
Reserves b/fwd		£ 19,380		£ 17,119
Deficit / surplus for the year		£ 1,561		£ 2,261
Reserves c/fwd		£ 20,941		£19,380

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Accounts for year ended 31 December 2023

		Year ended 31/12/23	Year ended 31/12/2022
	£	£	£
Income			
Membership Subscriptions	3,422		3,663
Sports & Social club dividend	258		310
Total income		£ 3,680	£3,973
Expenditure			
Equipment	260		403
Court maintenance	748		650
Affiliations	700		972
Membership Expenses	0		228
Marketing / Sponsorship	250		160
Miscellaneous	58		
Flood Lighting			
Planning application preparation	3,237		
Total expenditure		£5,254	£2,413
Net (deficit) / surplus for the period		£ (1,573)	£1,561
Balance sheet at			
		Year ended 31/12/23	Year ended 31-Dec-22
Santander current account		£ 19,368	£20,808
Cash in hand		£ -	£ 133
Total assets		19,368	£20,941
Reserves b/fwd		£ 20,941	£19,380
Deficit / surplus for the year		£ (1,573)	£1,561
Reserves c/fwd		£ 19,368	£20,941

