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CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Peter Bradshaw

Last year, 'highlights' were few and far between. However, tennis returned in earnest in 2021, giving us many things to be excited about once again. First, I would like to thank the entire Council for all their hard work and effort this year as we emerged from lockdown. We have a diverse group of people, all with very different skills, whose aim is to promote Surrey Tennis and ensure it operates smoothly. Discussions have been thoughtful and positive as your Council seeks to make tennis more relevant, accessible, and welcoming to players of all backgrounds and standards. Ideas are discussed and views formulated at sub-committees supported by a number of additional volunteers from clubs around the county and I thank them too for their enthusiasm, time and expertise. To view a succinct plan of what the County wishes to achieve in the next two years, please see the Strategic Overview, miraculously encapsulated in a single page - [Surrey Tennis Strategic Plan 2021-23](#).

None of this would be possible without the professionalism of Surrey Tennis Office team who have been focussed, as ever, on delivery to all the various Surrey Tennis stakeholders. The good news is that there are more teams playing tennis in Surrey than ever; links to coaches, venues, and officials are strong and improving. Recent reviews of our governance and safeguarding have been excellent which is testament to the very hard work done by the team with a smile. A heartfelt thanks to Debbie Slater, Tim Sagar and Lewis Woodham, together with Justin Sherring, ably assisted by Julie Duckworth and Chris Risebro. Led by David Lovejoy, the entire team was also able to play a bit of catch-up after last year's disturbance and finally hold the 2019/2020 Surrey Tennis Awards at Foxhills Club, after several pandemic postponements. The ceremony was a great success, and a great opportunity to say "thank you" to the amazing 25,000 volunteers and other individuals who generously give their time to our sport.



We have some very exciting news in that we have managed to recruit a new Treasurer to take over from Derek Howorth, subject to ratification at the AGM. It would be impossible to underestimate Derek's contribution to this and all his other roles. He welcomes Lynne Hunt to her new role as much as we all do. 2021 also marks the end of an era for the sterling service given to the Council by Joy Jackson and Louise McKerchar who are both standing down after ten and six years' service respectively. We cannot thank them enough for their contributions, particularly for their roles on the Venues Support and Communications Committee.

On the tennis front, 260 participants managed to gather to challenge for 30 events at the Surrey County Championship, held this year at Aldershot Tennis Centre. Ably refereed by fellow Councillor Tim Pearce, the week was a tremendous success at a venue that everyone appeared to enjoy. Congratulations to all players and winners. As I write, Surrey also tops the County Cup leaderboard by a hairsbreadth so fingers crossed for a positive outcome in a tight race. The Performance committee continue to work miracles and the highlights are impossible to squeeze into a report of this length. For more details please see the Performance Committee report. We could not finish without mentioning the end to the year in top-flight competition. The US Open literally became the gift-that-kept giving for British tennis. Alfie Hewett and Gordon Reid became the first wheelchair men's doubles pair to hold all four Grand Slam titles at once. Emma Radacanu completed a frankly astonishing tour-de-force to win the ladies singles without dropping a set. Surrey Tennis's own Joe Salisbury became the first man since Bob Bryan in 2010 to win the US Open men's doubles and mixed titles in the same year. It really can't get much better than that!

Everyone involved deserves the highest praise for their hard work and dedication. 2021 has been a memorable comeback year for both the sport and Surrey Tennis.

P. T. Bradshaw

A word from the President: **Derek Howorth**

The last year has, of course, been badly affected by the pandemic and tennis activity in Surrey has necessarily been curtailed. However, during the summer playing activity gradually resumed and we were able to run many of our inter club and individual competitions as well as an almost normal range of the inter-County events. Our superb staff continued to support clubs and all our activities. We will not know the result of the inter-County race until the winter event is completed in a few weeks' time, but we are extremely well placed. The junior teams won a substantial number of their events. Particular congratulations to Joe Salisbury for winning three Grand Slam doubles titles in one year. An amazing achievement.

I am very confident in the future of Surrey tennis. We are financially strong and have, in my opinion, the best team of Councillors and staff we have ever had in the more than 35 years I have been involved. They are energetic, pro-active, contributory, and knowledgeable across the full range of tennis activities going on in Surrey. I would like to thank them all for their contributions. I would also highly recommend our new modern website which gives a wealth of information together with the County's social media platforms. If you want to follow what is going on in Surrey.tennis those are the places to find out.

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An aerial photograph of a tennis complex. In the center, two blue tennis courts are visible, with a few players on them. To the right, there are two large red tennis courts. To the left, a portion of a green court is visible. A large building with a brown roof is situated at the bottom of the frame. The word "VENUES" is overlaid in large white capital letters across the center of the image. There are decorative vertical bars: a brown one on the left and a dark blue one on the right.

VENUES

Venues & Communications



There appeared to be few problems encountered on the resumption of tennis after lockdown, with most clubs reporting increased memberships and longer waiting lists. One result of lockdown was the ability of clubs, rather than ringing the Surrey Office, to make more use of the re-vamped website to obtain information and to make on-line queries which can then be directed to the appropriate person.

The website was completely re-vamped by Lewis Woodham and now provides comprehensive information on all aspects of Surrey Tennis including all information on competitions, how Surrey players are performing, coaching, and it has new innovations such as the Tennis Community and Surrey Tennis Talk podcasts. The Committee is keen for all clubs to keep Surrey Tennis informed about their latest developments by completing the 'spotlight' form. Since the website re-launch there has been a substantial increase in engagement.

The intention is for the website to be the first port of call for any enquiry by a Surrey club, venue or player. The use of electronic forms is going to be increasingly important to help cut down on unnecessary paperwork, speed up processes and make us 'greener'. This will include confirmation forms, contact forms, consent forms, safeguarding forms and more.

The Committee completed a review of Surrey Clubs derived from registration information, which will enable it to identify some of the smaller clubs, which account for 54% of Surrey outside courts and obtain a better understanding of their needs and requirements by having a closer dialogue with them. We are also keen to try and obtain a record of the people within clubs whose functions are not always clearly defined by predetermined categories in the registration process. This would enable them to be informed of news relevant to their area, as well as going via the Club Main Contact route. Ways to accomplish this without violating the terms of GDPR are being worked out.

Where a need is clearly demonstrated we intend to organise seminars or zoom meetings on topics which have been raised by Surrey Clubs. We are extremely grateful for the work accomplished by the office team, Lewis Woodham, Tim Sagar and Deborah Slater.

Joy Jackson, Chair

THE EMERGENCE OF PADEL

by Mark Ayres

Padel tennis, one of the World's fastest growing sports is now played by 8 million active players worldwide according to a recent article by Olivia Scott. Six thousand of these participants are based here in the UK, playing on a total of 107 courts. Fourteen of these courts are located in Surrey with the number of active players in the county estimated to be somewhere in the region of 1000.

At the end of May, Esher Lawn Tennis Club hosted a Regional Tier play-off for the National Padel League on their two new excellent courts. Four clubs, Esher, Epsom, The Hurlingham Club and Montrose enjoyed an excellent day of competitive padel.

In August, Nick Harding, a reporter from the Daily Telegraph visited Ashted Tennis and Squash Club to try out the game with members and followed up with a glowing review of the sport in the national paper on the 21st August 2021.

At the end of October 2021, Epsom Lawn Tennis Club held an open day to mark the opening of their two new padel courts (in addition to the original court that opened in 2019). The day attracted over 100 visitors to the club, with 50 people taking part in coaching sessions provided by The Padel School and a further 12 players taking part in a pro-am tournament. The highlight of the day was an exhibition match played by four GB Padel players, who showed the crowd how to play the game (and it isn't tennis on a padel court!) With the rapid growth of the game in Surrey (and other counties for sure) come a number of challenges. The LTA adopted padel under its umbrella back in May 2019 to much excitement and with plans to grow and support the game in the UK. This was impacted by the Covid outbreak. The planned intention of the LTA to produce coaching programmes for padel coaches has yet to commence, and it is hard to find a qualified LTA padel coach looking for a position in Surrey.

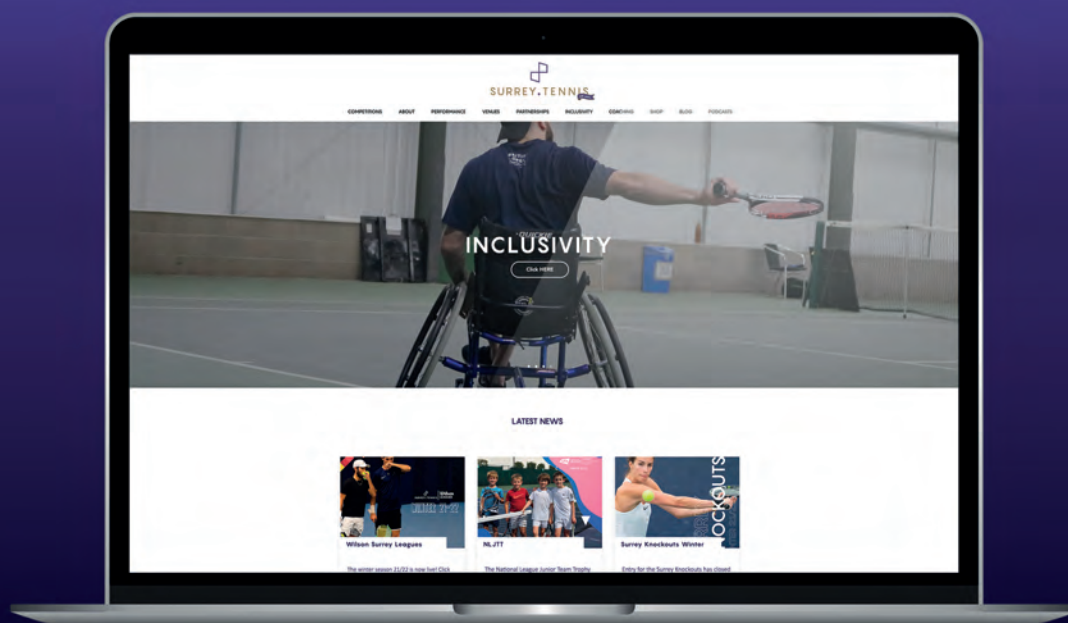
Padel courts in Surrey can be found at the following venues, (in alphabetical order and number of courts shown in brackets) Ashted Squash and Tennis Club (1), The Bourne Club (1), Epsom Lawn Tennis Club (3), Esher Lawn Tennis Club (2), Limpsfield Lawn Tennis Club (2), Surbiton Racquet and Fitness Club (2), Oxshott Village Sports Club (2) Weybridge Padel Club (1)



SURREY TENNIS WEBSITE

by Lewis Woodham

In 2020 we embarked on a journey to re-vamp the Surrey Tennis website. Our aim was to make our new website the hub of all information relating to Surrey Tennis. For many years there was frustration amongst players, parents, coaches and others that obtaining key information was tricky, cumbersome and outright confusing. To attempt to solve this frustration, we did a root and branch review of our digital platforms, identified areas that needed improving and got to work.



The introduction of the new website has been a huge hit however this is just the beginning. Our aim is to continually grow, adapt and develop our website so that we are continually offering more value to our Surrey Tennis audience. It will take some years but we hope that in the near future, anyone who has a question, wants to download a scorecard, wants the latest safeguarding information, would like to join the Surrey Coaches Group or anything else, will know to immediately visit www.surrey.tennis as their first port of call.

The new Surrey website contains key information on the following: competitions, performance tennis, disability tennis, safeguarding, sponsorship, social media, policies, kit portals, equipment offers, podcasts, coaching and much much more.

A COUNCILLOR'S FIRST YEAR

by Kate Maurici

To write about my first year as a Surrey Councillor is a difficult task in November 2021, as I joined the Council officially in December 2020 just when everyone was coming to terms that Christmas was pretty much cancelled all round. As I try to recall the past year, much of it is a blur. I was voted in on a zoom AGM and to be honest, apart from a few familiar faces from the Surrey Office Team, I had no idea who anyone really was or what the Council did.

I always struggle with Zoom. I find it impersonal. I can never find the "unmute" button in time to say anything and either my cat or my children even now seem to enter at the exactly the wrong moment.

However, the Council is a pleasurable informal forum where people welcome each other's viewpoints. Even when people disagree, it is done in a professional and explorative way so that I soon felt comfortable to speak up.

Tennis is one of those worlds (similar to the world of law in my previous career) where I often feel others know more about everything than I do. I am always cognisant of the fact that people new to the sport must feel that even more acutely. For this reason I listen to everything on the Council and try and put myself in the position of the less experienced player, parent, committee member or official. Whatever we are discussing I ask the question of myself-is this relevant to them? How can we make this more relevant and accessible? What are we actually trying to achieve?



I recognise that I am coming new to many of the issues the Council faces and I can say I am hugely impressed by the knowledge and commitment of the other Council members. There is a common desire to improve everyone's tennis experience and a detailed knowledge on tricky governance issues for example which are very intelligently considered and explained. Issues are discussed with a "can do", challenging attitude and a positivity which is very refreshing. The culture of the Council is one that embraces change but with the experience of the longer term Councillors, issues are also always carefully thought through.

While attending various zoom Council meetings (most of the time while juggling eating my dinner, helping my kids with their homework-and even once tuning a Ukulele to avoid impending teenager meltdown) assisted naturally by key "camera off" moments,

I have come to realise the people who really keep the show on the road are the members of the Surrey Office. They work so hard and consistently in their preparation of the information provided to Council members and in their delivery of the service to tennis venues. Not only do they listen carefully to queries on competitions, facilities, committee issues, awards, grants, etc. They also spend an enormous amount of time exploring ways in which those venues who might never ask for help, or not be aware of the help Surrey can offer them can be sought out so they can be appraised of all that is available to them. It's easy to be glib and say well I would just make a personal connection with all these venues but there are now around 200 venues in Surrey and the information relating to each and every venue is constantly changing so it's a feat in itself even to connect with the relevant people. When the office does receive a query, they always go out of their way to find a solution or if they can't, to refer you onto someone who can help.

As a coach, through the difficult months of lockdown 2, I was delighted to attend many interesting Zoom seminars arranged by the Surrey Office. These helped me to stay feeling connected and part of the tennis world. They also enabled me to get to know Surrey tennis members better. From Friday night Zoom kickboxing classes with the Head of Performance to Zoom calls with the Chair, Peter and Secretary, Roy to discuss various issues I have slowly got to know my fellow Councillor Members and committee members better over the year.

And then it happened, the first meeting back at the NTC - in person!! Never was I so pleased to see a conference sandwich. We still enjoyed the barking dogs from those who remained at home beamed in via Zoom but it was very pleasant to get to know many of the Councillors in person.



The Council works very hard on issues which are important to me. They consider carefully and give huge amounts of money to support up and coming junior players or those who have suffered hardship. They recognise members of the wider tennis community who have given up large amounts of their time volunteering. They also keep us very up to date with LTA strategy so we can see and consider how decisions made by the LTA will affect those at the grassroots level. We also have an opportunity to pass our comments on such decisions back up to the LTA via the Surrey Councillors who sit on various LTA committees. I'm looking forward to learning more about the detail of the work of the Council in the next year so I can make more of a contribution.



PERFORMANCE

Performance



The aim of the Performance Committee is to continue to improve the opportunities for our great young players. The Committee oversees the running of County Training and our County Cup teams (junior, Open and Over 35s) as well as providing additional opportunities for competitive play.

We have an excellent County Training program up and running for our U8s through to U18s. I would like to thank Justin Sherring, our County Performance Manager, for his excellent work arranging this and our great County Training coaches for running all the sessions.

Our County Cup teams have had a great year and this is down to Justin, the Captains and Assistants who have put a lot of time and inspiration into coaching and travelling with the teams. I'm sure the players will join me in thanking you all for your great work.

I would like to thank all the Committee members — Alison Taylor, Ben Disley, David Lovejoy, Derek Howorth, Justin Sherring and Matt Healy – for their efforts throughout the year. You can find our [Strategy Plan for Junior Performance Tennis in Surrey on the website.](#)

Doug Claire, Chair

PERFORMANCE MANAGER'S REPORT

by Justin Sherring



COUNTY TRAINING

Surrey County Training re-started after Lockdown in April with players from 9-18yrs old getting back to the sessions that they had missed so much. Sutton Tennis Academy, Reeds School and The Surrey County Indoor Centre all opened their doors again and welcomed Surrey's top young players back to training. Training continued until the end of the summer term before kicking off again at the end of September and will continue to the middle of December. Surrey Tennis would like to thank wholeheartedly, all the County Training venues and coaches for getting everything 'back on track' so smoothly after such a tricky period of uncertainty. Surrey County Training plays an important role in the development of aspiring young tennis players — the Surrey Tennis community came together to get things up and running again and it was amazing — thank you!

SALISBURY CUP

A combination of the LTA U18 County Cup being cancelled for 2021 and Surrey's own Joe Salisbury becoming a Grand Slam Doubles Champion, led to the staging of the inaugural Salisbury Cup. This event which was held at the St Georges College, has a doubles and mixed doubles focus along with a match tie break singles bonus round to add to the excitement and jeopardy. Surrey welcomed Kent, Middlesex and Sussex to take part in this year's event on the 4th July — Jack Draper fresh from his Wimbledon exploits was on hand to present the prizes. The Surrey team of four boys and four girls ran out convincing winners — we look forward to holding this event annually for players in their final junior year.

COUNTY CUP

It has been a very successful year for our junior teams with Surrey winning eight of the ten County Cup's contested. Wins for our U9 Girls, U10 Girls, U11 Girls, U11 Boys, U12 Girls, U12 Boys, U14 Girls and U14 Boys have put Surrey Tennis at the top of the County Race — valuable points earned by our U9 Boys and U10 Boys have also contributed.

Huge thanks to our incredible County Cup Coaches who performed so well in looking after the players both on and off the tennis court!

WELCOME TO SURREY

A crucial part of ensuring that Surrey Tennis has an oversupply of talented and enthusiastic junior coming through to represent the County is creating opportunities for these keen young players to be 'spotted' — our Welcome Days do just that

On September 18th at St Georges College almost one hundred U8 & U9 year olds took part in a fun session where they were able to show off their ability and love for tennis. Parent education took place along with a demonstration of international junior tennis standards by two of Surrey's leading youngsters, all whilst Surrey's team of County Training coaches and assistants identified over twenty players that were ready to join County Training — the other dozens will join when they are ready!

PERFORMANCE HIGHLIGHTS

by The Performance Committee

We are lucky in Surrey to have such an incredible wealth of talent, from 8&U to Grand Slam, Surrey has it all. Here is a small selection of impressive results by Surrey players during 2021. This is not a comprehensive list so if you have a highlight you want to tell us about then get in touch, we would love to celebrate it.



Joe Salisbury

US Open Men's Doubles - Champion
US Open Mixed Doubles - Champion
Roland Garros Mixed Doubles - Champion
Australian Open Men's Doubles - Finalist
Wimbledon Mixed Doubles - Finalist

Lily Miyazaki

W60 Singles in Las Vegas, USA - Finalist
W25 Singles in Leiria, Portugal - Finalist
W25 Singles in Vigo, Spain - Finalist
W25 Doubles in Florence, USA - Champion
W25 Doubles in Porto, Portugal - Champion



Arthur Fery

M25 Singles in Eupen, Belgium - Semi-Finalist
M15 Doubles in Gdynia, Poland - Champion
Wimbledon Mixed Doubles - R16
ITA NW Reg. Championships Singles - Champion
ITA NW Reg. Championships Doubles - Champion

Alastair Gray

M25 Singles in Joburg Ellispark, SA - Champion
M25 Singles in Joburg Markspark, SA - Champion
M25 Doubles in Joburg Markspark, SA - Champion
M25 Doubles in Bagneres, France - Champion





Emily Appleton

W25 Doubles in Florence, USA - Champion

Josh Goodger

NCAA Champion with Florida Gators - Unbeaten 15-0



Jamie Diack

ITF J5 in Edinburgh, Scotland -Finalist

Isabelle Lacy

ITF J5 Singles in Nastola, Finland - Champion

ITF J4 Singles Loughborough, UK - Champion

ITF J5 Doubles in Nastola, Finland - Champion



Hannah Klugman

Tennis Europe U14 Singles Les Petits As Mondial - Semi-Final

Tennis Europe U14 Singles in Annecy, France - Champion

Tennis Europe U14 Singles in Edinburgh, Scotland - Champion

Tennis Europe U14 Doubles in Wrexham, UK - Champion

LTA Women's British Tour in Exeter, UK - Champion

LTA Women's British Tour in Woking, UK - Champion

LTA 14U Singles Junior National Tennis Championships - Champion

LTA 14U Doubles Junior National Tennis Championships - Champion



Max Carrier

Tennis Europe U14 Singles Les Petits As Mondial - Quarter-Final

Giulia Lesa

ITF J5 Doubles in Nastola, Finland - Champion



Oliver Bonding

ITF J4 Singles in Loughborough, UK - Quarter-Finalist

Mark Ceban

Tennis Europe 12U Singles in Azores, Portugal - Champion

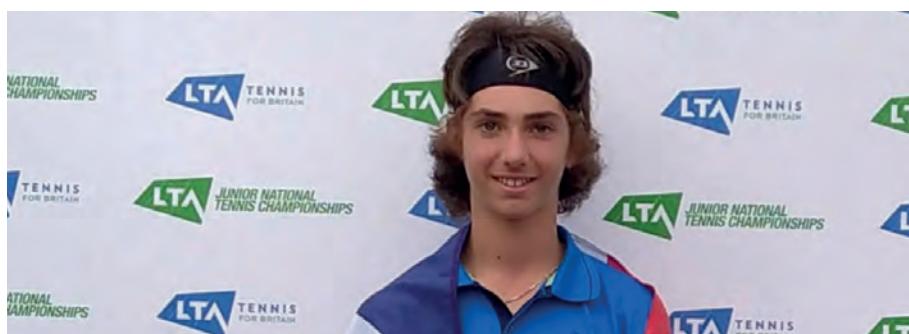
Tennis Europe 12U Singles International Halton - Champion

Tennis Europe 12U Singles International Wrexham - Champion

LTA 12U Winter National Tour Bolton - Champion

LTA 12U Junior National Tennis Champs - Champion

12U Scottish Junior Open Championships - Champion



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COUNTY WEEK - A PLAYER'S VIEW

by Isabelle Lacy



I wasn't sure what to expect when I arrived for my first county week, so it came as a surprise when my coach dropped me off at the stunning View Hotel, overlooking Eastbourne pier. I had heard a lot of fun stories about county week and how these memories stay with you forever. It was the start of one of the best tennis events I've ever played.



I felt the exhilarating atmosphere right from the start, created by the various counties, which only increased throughout the week. The tennis centre was beautiful; perfectly cut grass courts underneath bright blue skies and most importantly loyal groups of die-hard fans who travel to Eastbourne every year. The Surrey team and captain, Mandy, were incredibly welcoming and helped make the week very special.

I loved every second. From our dips in the sea after three exciting matches, to our warm evening walks around Eastbourne after dinner. It was perfect. I hope to represent Surrey and play this historic event for many more years!





DISABILITY TENNIS

DISABILITY TENNIS UPDATE

by Tim Sagar

Whilst the previous year provided many challenges, 2021 thankfully saw continual development in disability tennis activity.

We have seen an increased number of recreational competitions on offer for players. Sheen Parks hosted a Wheelchair Tennis event and Sutton Tennis and Squash and Purley Bury Tennis clubs have combined to host a couple of inclusive tennis competitions using the LTA's team challenge format.



We supported the LTA Disability Tennis team to create updated impairment specific resources. These can be used by venues and coaches and can be found on the LTA website.

In August, we were delighted to be in a position to run the Surrey County Championships, which included wheelchair, visually impaired and learning disability events. As with 2020, this was organised in partnership with Middlesex Tennis and was open to players across the South East region. Across the 3 events we had 20 players taking part, and we hope to continue see numbers increase in 2022.

Surrey Tennis continues to work with the LTA in supporting disability tennis activity in the County. Looking to 2022, we hope to see more recreational competition provided. Furthermore, we are in the early stages of setting up links to provide walking tennis to various community groups.

If there are any new sessions that venues, coaches, volunteers are thinking of starting up, please do get in contact to see how we might be able to support.



SAFEGUARDING

SAFEGUARDING REVIEW

by Tim Sagar

Safeguarding continues to be at the forefront of the strategy for the sport and the Safe to Play campaign continues to be in operation. Further information about the campaign can be seen on the dedicated website at safetoplaytennis.co.uk.

Safeguarding visits have continued to take place where possible throughout 2021. Primarily these have been done online, but some have also been done face to face with the LTA safeguarding officer. Venues are required to meet the 6 LTA safeguarding standards. It is recommended that venues download the self-assessment form prior to a visit to monitor their current practices against the criteria. This form can be found on the [LTA venue safeguarding standards webpage](#).

As well as venues, Counties have been working with the LTA to ensure our safeguarding policies and procedures are in place. In March, Surrey Tennis had their review undertaken by the LTA which went well, and we continue to work with the LTA Regional Safeguarding Officer to ensure we have high safeguarding standards in what we do. In September, the LTA hosted a National Safeguarding Conference, which was open to Counties, coaches, officials and welfare officers. Online speakers and ran sessions on topics including:

- Importance of sharing low level concerns
- Adults at risk in sport
- Promoting and supporting positive parenting in tennis

A copy of the presentation can be found on the Surrey Tennis website in our safeguarding section.

Both Surrey Tennis and the LTA are committed to ensuring that all activities planned by both organisations that involve children and vulnerable adults are safe. Further details around safeguarding can be found on the [Surrey Tennis website](#).

A reminder, if your concern is about a tennis venue activity, please report through your venue welfare officer. You can also contact the LTA through the Report a Concern Form (A link to this online form can be found on the safeguarding page of the [Surrey Tennis website](#)).





COMPETITIONS

Competitions



It goes without saying that the pandemic had an enormous impact on competitions in Surrey. I would like to say a special thanks to our incredible competitions committee consisting of Alison Taylor, Julie Duckworth, Caroline Joy, Susie Reid, Tim Pearce, Andrew Medhurst and Matt Trevail. Together with the committee, we were able to negotiate through curtailed league seasons, cancelled events, postponed finals and most importantly, we were able to successfully begin and complete the first league season in a year and a half. It took a huge amount of collaboration, discussion and plenty of hours to ensure our Surrey Tennis players were able to get on court and compete.

In terms of a lookback on 2021, the beginning of the year saw our winter 20/21 season cancelled due to government covid restrictions. The Wilson Surrey Leagues, Surrey Knockouts and the National League Junior Team Trophy were all ended prematurely. We are grateful to all the clubs, captains and players for being understanding of the impossible situation we were in. As COVID restrictions eased, we were thankfully able to begin planning our summer season which naturally would look a little different than normal. Extended round dates, delayed start times and changes to hospitality meant we were able to run a FULL summer season which we were delighted with. The only exception being our Surrey Schools events which ran in a reduced format.

I am delighted to say that all of our summer events are now completed and the winter season is well underway. Information on all our competitions can be found at www.surrey.tennis

Lewis Woodham, Chair

COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIPS REVIEW

by Deborah Slater

After our last County Champs in 2019 a decision was taken to look for another venue. Aldershot Tennis Club was identified as it has 12 outdoor and 4 indoor courts and plenty of spectator viewing opportunities. Despite the additional travel time for some of our players, overall the venue was considered a great success, with relaxed viewing and fencing between every court reducing the number of balls rolling across and interrupting play. The main court has a raised patio overlooking it — so very good for viewing and throughout the week a mixture of mens', boys', ladies' and girls matches, both singles and doubles, were featured on it.



Our red and orange ball events were held at the AELTC Community Ground in Raynes Park. Another great venue which will be even better when the club house and additional parking is completed in the next year or two.

Across the 2 venues, we had 260 players, contesting 30 events, in over 550 matches. The Championships were split over 8 days. Starting on Sunday, 22nd August, half of the events were run over the first 4 days, with the other half run from Thursday, 26th to Sunday, 29th. By running the Championships like this, our junior players can either play in singles and doubles for just half the week, or they can enter 2 age groups and play singles and doubles over the whole week. It was wonderful seeing so many players back on court playing a great standard of tennis and really enjoying their tennis.



THE 2021 COUNTY CHAMPIONS

8U Singles: **Samuel Palmer**
9U Boys Singles: **Theodore Lee**
9U Girls Singles: **Ginny Chen**
10U Boys Singles: **Louie Cruz**
10U Boys Doubles: **Louie Cruz & Patrick Endemann**
10U Girls Singles: **Lyla Read**
10U Girls Doubles: **Lola Brown & Ginny Chen**
11U Boys Singles: **Toran George Tserkezis**
11U Girls Singles: **Lucy Bear**
12U Boys Singles: **Robbie Taylor**
12U Boys Doubles: **Mateo Romay & Toran George Tserkezis**
12U Girls Singles: **Martha Ground**
12U Girls Doubles: **Rosie Cho & Martha Ground**
14U Boys Singles: **Jesse Clarkson**
14U Boys Doubles: **Jesse Clarkson & Lucas Ebert**
14U Girls Singles: **Srinidhi Madhu**
14U Girls Doubles: **Isabel Rayment & Jessica Thompson**
16U Boys Singles: **Toby Clarke**
16U Boys Doubles: **Toby Clarke & James Hutchinson**
16U Girls Singles: **Srinidhi Madhu**
16U Girls Doubles: **Isabel Rayment & Jessica Thompson**
18U Boys Singles: **Daniel Cardy**
18U Boys Doubles: **Callum Dickson & Ryan Papazov**
18U Girls Singles: **Ciara Moore**
Open Men's Singles: **Jamie Crowfoot**
Open Men's Doubles: **Jamie Crowfoot & Otto Sterner**
Open Women's Singles: **Isabel Townsend**
Open Women's Doubles: **Sophie Quagraine & Isabella Townsend**
Open Mixed Doubles: **Matthew Ground & Martha Ground**



SENIOR'S REPORT

by Mark Staniszewski

The Seniors County Championships with its 7 men's and 7 women's age groups from 40s to 75s have not yet reverted to the model last held in 2019 when the winners of Division 1A and Division 1B play in a final usually at David Lloyd Club Dudley at the end of November.

In 2020 there was no competition and in 2021 the format was more localised with no finals. As at the beginning of November our teams had played a total of 40 matches between them with 30 wins and 4 draws, all against opposition from the Home Counties.

Our Women's 55s, 60s, 65s, 70s and 75s have either won or are favourites to win their leagues. Our Women's 40s and 50s will be mid-table. Our Men's 65s should win their league and all other teams have done well though at the time of writing more matches are scheduled for November. Regrettably both the Men's 70s and 75s teams withdrew from the competition owing to excessive injuries.



All our 14 teams will return to Divisions 1A and 1B drawn nationally in the 2022 season. Our thanks go to all the team captains who put in a lot of hard work arranging the fixtures and practices and enthusing all squad members.



Commercial



As we have mentioned in our other reports, we like every County has had a very difficult period raising income during the pandemic. Thank you to all our sponsors and donors who have helped us through this difficult time.

The Commercial Committee's main aim is to generate income to support the mission and objectives of Surrey Tennis.

We would also like to thank The LTA and The AELTC for their continued invaluable support that also helps to recognise the countless voluntary hours that go into running County and club tennis.

As you can see from the rest of the Council's report, the monies that we did receive and retained this year have been put to very good use to support our clubs, venues, coaches and players in Surrey.

Our thanks for their continued support in 2021 also goes to our supplier partners Wilson, Kit locker, Second Serve, and Recognition Awards. Our Surrey Tennis personalised Wilson balls, clothing, trophies and medals have been well received by players all around the county.

If you, a company you work for or someone you know would like to support Surrey Tennis, please contact the Surrey office by email commercial@surrey.tennis

Merry Christmas to you all and we hope that 2022 will be a much better year for us all.

Roy Staniland, Chair

SURREY TENNIS SHOP

by Lewis Woodham

For those that have visited our new website, you may have seen we now have a dedicated area for the [Surrey Tennis shop](#). We are delighted that our shop offerings have continued to grow, with excellent discounts on tennis equipment, kit and more. The Surrey Tennis shop is only open to Surrey clubs, coaches and relevant performance players so if you would like to access the shop then please get in touch and we can point you in the right direction.



Tennis Balls

Surrey Tennis has offered impressive discounts on tennis balls for many years now, making the progressive leap two years ago to make the ordering process totally digital. We are delighted to announce that as standard all balls purchased through Surrey Tennis come branded with our logo. The offer is open to Surrey registered clubs and coaches only and can be accessed via [our shop](#).

Equipment Portal

The equipment portal has been available to Surrey clubs and coaches for almost two years so far with Surrey discounts on tennis nets, umpires chairs, coaching equipment, training aids, fitness equipment and much much more. If you would like to access our equipment portal then get in touch and we can provide you with the correct login details. The portal is only available to Surrey registered venues and coaches.



Kit Portal

The Surrey Tennis kit portal is open to performance Surrey players involved in 'County Training' and County Cup as well as clubs. Our performance players have been given the necessary login details to purchase Surrey NIKE tops, jumpers, bottoms and much more. Clubs are able to open a kit portal for their members, allowing them to log on, order and get delivered the club branded kit. Clubs who are interested in opening their own portal need to contact Lewis Woodham on lewis.woodham@surrey.tennis



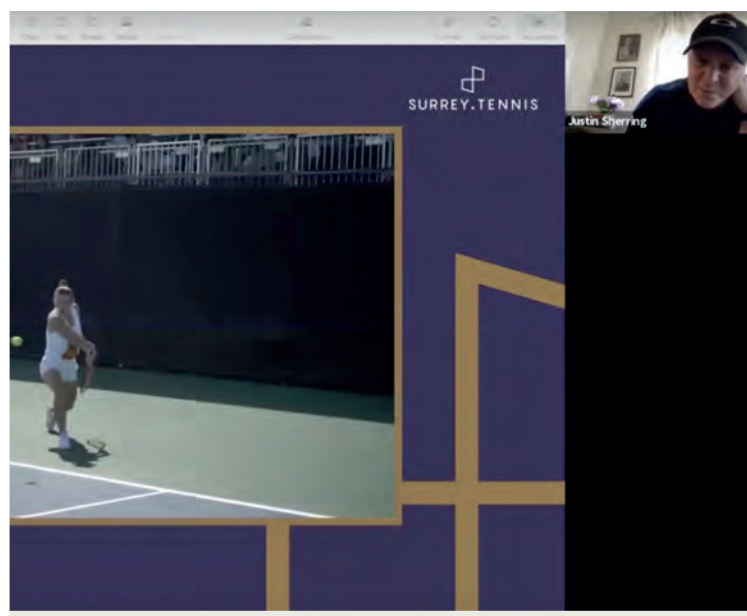
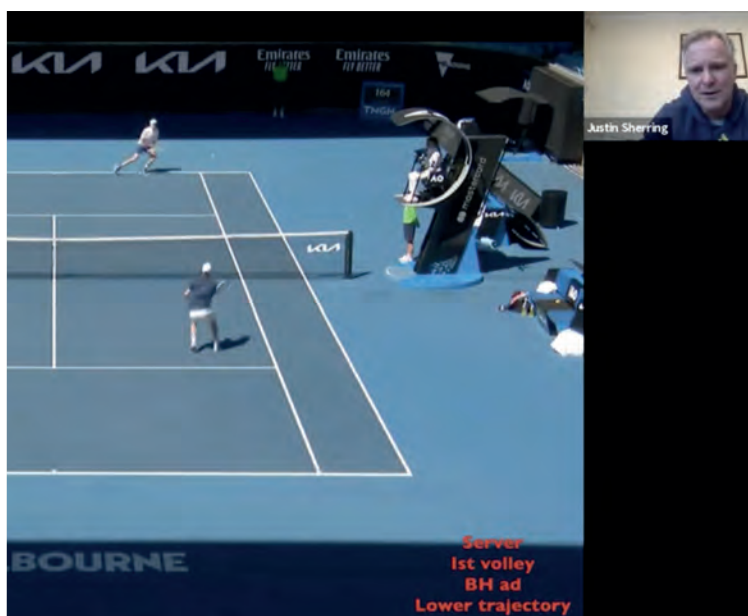
COACHING

SURREY COACHES GROUP UPDATE

by Tim Sagar

In its 5th year of running in its current format, the Coaches Group has continued to provide support to local coaches in the County. We are over 200 members, and continue to see high level of engagement between the County and coaches. We have regularly communicated with coaches and provided them opportunities to access coach education.

In the early part of the year, with lockdowns still in place, we ran a series of webinars for coaches on a variety of topics. Our County Performance Manager, Justin Sherring, delivered 5 sessions that focused on technical, tactical and mental aspects of coaching and player development. We also had sessions that included updates from the LTA. With consistently over 50 coaches joining the sessions, we were pleased that these webinars proved popular and kept coaches engaged with the sport at a time when they were not able to be on court.



As restrictions eased over the summer, we were able to run a First Aid course for our coaches in September to ensure they are keeping all parts of their accreditation up to date. Furthermore we have supported a few other coaches over the summer months that needed to do first aid training by subsidising the cost of the course they were booked on to. We were also able to provide an opportunity for Coaches Group members to go on a LTA Referee's Course at a subsidised rate. 4 of our coaches attended this course that took place over 2 days in October and November.

We are in the process of organising and delivering more CPD opportunities for coaches over the winter months and in to 2022, hopefully with some being face to face, as well as online. In November we ran a webinar on the topic of nutrition.

Other topic areas we look to cover with upcoming CPD events include: doubles, movement, LTA competitions update, off-court admin and mental health. Next year we also hope to update our kit offering to Coaches Group members.



Awards



This year we did something very different to acknowledge the achievements of Surrey Tennis award winners. We held our first ever You Tube live presentation and we managed a face to face presentation in the same year.

The You Tube live event was a pre-recorded even that was aired in 27/03/2021 with a fun live chat room after for those who attended to have a chat with winners and to catch up with friends.

The awards committee was joined by two new members Ben Disley and Tim Pearce. We were still very keen to have an awards presentation afternoon as we had not yet recognised our 2019 winners. After a number of moved and postponed dates due to CV-19 changes in guidelines we opted for the 23/10/2021 as our awards presentation for our 2019 winners, 2020 winners were also invited to have their award presented in person.

This was a very successful afternoon with a lot of the 2019 award winners being able to attend along with a few of the 2020 award winners. Photos of the event can be found on the Surrey Tennis website along with all the 2019 and 2020 winners.

The nominations for the 2021 awards are well under way and the awards committee will be meeting early in 2022 to discuss the 2021 winners.

I would like to thank all the hard work and committee to all the members of the awards committee during 2021 and we look forward to 2022.

David Lovejoy, Chair

YOUTUBE AWARD CEREMONY RECAP

by Deborah Slater



On Saturday, 27th March, 2021 our plans to hold our Awards Ceremony at Foxhills Country Club were again postponed due to Covid restrictions. Instead we decided to hold a Live You Tube Awards Ceremony, where we announced all our 2020 Surrey County LTA and 2020 Surrey Junior Award Winners. In a summer with few tennis opportunities a number of the LTA awards did not receive any nominations, but in the run up to the evening, our Awards Committee Chair, David Lovejoy managed to go out and record a short video of most of our Award Winners receiving their trophies. Although the ceremony was pre-recorded, it was first shown on the 27th March with over 100 people logging on to view the event. Following the 45 minute presentation, a Post Awards Zoom Party was opened up and around 30 people joined in congratulating some of our winners and finding out what plans they and Surrey Tennis had for the future. In a difficult year, the Ceremony was well received and provided a bit of good news.

WINNERS

Lifetime Achievement Award	LTA	2020	Martin Adams
Volunteer of the Year Award	LTA	2020	Judi Smowton
Development Coach of the Year Award	LTA	2020	Ollie Kirk
Performance Coach of the Year Award	LTA	2020	Craig Veal
Club of the Year Award	LTA	2020	Wilton Lawn Tennis
Education Award	LTA	2020	-
Disability Award	LTA	2020	MDL Coaching
Official of the Year Award	LTA	2020	David Fuchs
Competition of the Year Award	LTA	2020	-
Community & Parks Award	LTA	2020	-
Young Person of the Year Award	LTA	2020	-
Team Tennis Premier/Div 1	Surrey Tennis	2020	-
Team Tennis Division 2 - Team of the Year Award	Surrey Tennis	2020	-
Junior Volunteer Award	Surrey Tennis	2020	-
County Cup Team of the Year Award	Surrey Tennis	2020	-
Girls Progress Award	Surrey Tennis	2020	Hannah Klugman
Jean Thirlwall Girls Endeavour Award	Surrey Tennis	2020	Rosie Speed
Boys Progress Award	Surrey Tennis	2020	Mark Ceban
Roger Webb Boys Endeavour Award	Surrey Tennis	2020	Kai-Luca Ampaw
International Colours	Surrey Tennis	2020	-
Jean Sexton Memorial Award of Outstanding Achievement	Surrey Tennis	2020	Joe Salisbury
President's Award	Surrey Tennis	2020	Paul Jameson

FOXHILLS CEREMONY RECAP

by Deborah Slater

First booked for 28th March, 2020, after several attempts to reschedule our 2019 Awards Ceremony finally took place on the 23rd October, 2021. Hosted by our Awards Committee Chair, David Lovejoy and compered by tennis Mum and Sky News Sports Presenter, Jacquie Beltrao, the afternoon celebrated the award winners from 2019! We also invited along our 2020 Award Winners so they too could receive a round of applause. Greeted with a drink on arrival and a chance to chat, our guests then found their seats round the tables for the first half of the presentations - the LTA Award Winners. A finger buffet provided a chance for food and some more chat before the second half of the presentations — the Surrey Tennis Junior Awards. With so many delayed celebrations, available dates were limited and it was a shame that our chosen date fell within half term as a number of families were away on holiday. Quite a few award winners could not be there, but we still celebrated their stories, and what special stories we had, especially our Endeavour and President Award winners.



LTA COUNCILLOR UPDATE

by Alison Taylor

The role of the LTA councillor is to be the link between Surrey Tennis and the executive staff of the LTA. In my role I attend four LTA meetings and four South East regional forum meetings per year, which include representatives from Sussex, Middlesex, and Kent. I have also joined the TDC (Tennis Development Committee) workstream and sit on the Coach engagement committee. A few highlights from the past year:

01

WORLD TENNIS NUMBER

This new and dynamic rating system that replaces the old LTA rating system for all tennis players aged 10+ in Britain from 1 January 2022. The introduction of the WTN will help to grow tennis by making it easier than ever to find an evenly matched opponent and enjoyable competitions. The simple scale caters for recreational and competitive players of all abilities and is updated weekly. Having an accurate WTN will make it easier for players, coaches, and venues to find evenly matched opponents in both singles and doubles, with players having a separate ITF World Tennis Number for each.

02

10U PLAYER PATHWAY

We recently put forward a proposal which outlined that each County identify and nominate both their highest potential players aged 7 – 10 and their most capable 10U performance programmes, working in conjunction with the LTA's performance pathway team, previously known as LPDCs. The Surrey clubs that have been nominated for 10U Performance programmes are Esher LTC, Sutton Tennis Academy, Surbiton Rackets and Fitness, Woking LTCC.

03

ELITE TENNIS

A very exciting year at the top end of the game, special mention goes to Surrey's Joe Salisbury for winning 3 grand slam doubles titles, men's doubles in the US Open and two mixed titles at the French and US Open, congratulations to Joe's coach, our very own Performance Manager, Justin Sherring. Emma Raducanu's sensational victory at the US Open has set records on and off the court. Amazon Prime Video has committed to reinvest the rights fees it received from Channel 4 straight back to British women's tennis.

04

LTA YOUTH

The programme launched in March this year and the LTAY primary schools programme has over 11,500 users registered from 7,500 schools with nearly 8,000 teachers trained. The LTAY secondary school programme launched last month. Surrey is beyond our targets on the number of team challenge events, number of LTA youth start courses and teachers trained on the LTA youth programme. A huge bonus is that Emma Raducanu is the ambassador for this programme.

05

ENHANCED COACHING QUALIFICATIONS

Significant changes are being rolled out in 2021 and beyond in Coach Education, including centralised video based coach assessments, enhanced qualifications developed to support the roles in the tennis industry, and more flexible CPD and relevant communications.

06

INVESTMENT IN PUBLIC PARK COURTS

The Government announced in October that it will invest £22 million in public tennis courts and together with the LTA's investment of £8.5m, this will see thousands of public courts brought back to life in local communities.

07

PARENTS IN SPORT WEEK

The 2021 aim of this national campaign is to empower parents with the confidence, knowledge and tools they need to identify and report concerns in their children's sports; we are supporting this through our established Competition Parenting Workshop, which includes information on keeping children safe in our sport. There were a number of additional sessions, including two evening Q&A panels with the parents/family of current tour players Andy and Jamie Murray, Joe Salisbury, Jodie Burrage and Jay Clarke.

08

LTA NATIONAL AWARDS

Sixteen outstanding winners were crowned at the 2021 LTA Tennis Awards national ceremony on Thursday evening. Streamed on the LTA Website, Facebook and YouTube channels, and presented by LTA Head of Men's Tennis Leon Smith OBE, the sixth edition of the annual event saw over 100 national finalists in contention across 16 highly competitive award categories. The LTA Tennis Awards celebrate the achievements of outstanding tennis volunteers, coaches, officials, venues and players in Britain.

09

2022 COMPETITION CALENDAR

The objective for this project is to review and develop the optimum adult and junior, national and international, calendar ensuring that it best supports players at each age and stage of the performance pathway. This new look calendar will launch in 2022 and see a doubling of ITF World Tennis Tour, as well as a doubling of junior ITF and Tennis Europe 14U and 12U events, all supported by an enhanced national level adult and junior provision.

10

INCLUSIVITY AND DIVERSITY

The LTA has a new inclusion strategy for tennis in Britain, with an ambition to lead the way on inclusion and diversity in sport. The LTA wants to embed a culture of everyday inclusion within all aspects of the sport, with the ultimate goal being to ensure that people playing, working and volunteering in, and watching tennis reflect the diversity of the nation's communities. To drive forward inclusion and diversity in tennis the LTA board has appointed seven new Councillors to the LTA Council who can widen, the diversity of skill, age and ethnicity.

If you have any questions or points that you would like to raise with the LTA, please feel free to contact me on Alison.taylor@lta.org.uk

Patrons

Despite the Pandemic, Patrons continued to provide support by renewing their subscriptions. Membership stands at 930 members. As the LTA review of Patron's organisations is still ongoing we have not taken on any new members for a second year.

The Patrons' finances remain in good order. As tennis activities were restricted this year, we utilised some of the income for the year to support the Surrey Junior Championships.



We have been unable to run any events in 2021 and there was no Patron's Ballot for Wimbledon tickets either this year. We are planning to have two visits and two dinners in 2022.

In 2019 we introduced a new group "Friends of Surrey Tennis". Membership currently stands at 78. This is open to anyone who is interested in supporting Junior tennis in Surrey. "Friends" are able to join in the activities organised by the Patrons' Committee but are not eligible to enter the Patrons' ballot for Wimbledon Tickets. Anyone who wishes to join is welcome to contact Sally Parker (saparker789@btinternet.com). All the income from this scheme goes directly to the support of the Junior Performance Programme.

Sally Parker, Chair

CHARITY GOLF DAY

by Deborah Slater



After Paul Jameson from West Surrey Tennis Club appeared on BBC Breakfast TV speaking about his journey since being diagnosed with Motor Neurone Disease, Justin Sherring (County Performance Manager) and Doug Clare (Surrey Tennis Performance Chair) came up with the idea of hosting a Charity Golf Day in aid of the Motor Neurone Disease Association. Lots of work by the team, including Paul Jameson himself resulted in 19 teams arriving at Guilford Golf Course at 9AM on Monday, 19th July. The teams were made up of host of good Surrey Tennis friends and coaches from a number of different Surrey tennis venues. We were also pleased to have Andrew Castle, Lachie Deuchar, Blake Hutchins, Dom Inglot, and John Inverdale. After registration (and bacon rolls), teams were dispatched around the course for a shotgun start at 10:15 to compete in a team 4 ball competition, as well as several spot prizes.

It was a very hot day. As the golfers worked their way around the course, several golf carts were travelling round. Paul Jameson had a fun time watching some great shots, while the Surrey Tennis office team rushed around dispensing cold bottles of water. All the teams were back at the clubhouse by 14:30 for a welcome cold drink and a BBQ followed by a charity auction. Items included a hit with Surrey's Joe Salisbury, a doubles lesson with Louie Cayer and a serving lesson from Dom "the bomb" Inglot, racquets from Joe Salisbury and Jamie Murray, a week's holiday in a 5 star apartment in Cornwall, rugby and Wimbledon tickets, and lots more. Bidding was thick and fast and a substantial total was added to the funds raised on the day.

Supported by the Jameson family, the West Surrey Branch of the MNDA and Surrey Tennis Council and staff, a great day was had by all and an outstanding £11,385 was raised for the MNDA. We have already penciled in 9th June in our diaries for 2022 and several teams have said they would love to participate.



A photograph of a person from behind, wearing a dark blue polo shirt with 'SURREY' printed in white on the back and a dark blue baseball cap. They are looking over a green chain-link fence at a bright green tennis ball in the air. The background is slightly blurred, showing some foliage and a brick wall. The word 'FINANCE' is overlaid in large white capital letters across the middle of the image.

FINANCE

TREASURER'S REPORT

by Derek Howorth

The last year has been a difficult one financially for obvious reasons. Due to the pandemic we were not able to raise any sponsorship revenue which obviously left a large hole in our income. We anticipated this was likely to be the case and budgeted accordingly. Our original budget was for a deficit in excess of £100k which we could finance comfortably. The eventual outcome, a deficit of £67k was therefore a good outcome. Our staff continued to work throughout the year to support our clubs and coaches. Comparison of either income or expenditure between the two years is virtually impossible. As far as the Balance Sheet is concerned we are still in a very strong position to fund all our activities and withstand any future surprises.

I am also very pleased to report that we have found an excellent replacement for me as treasurer. Lynne Hunt is a chartered accountant who has worked at a senior level in professional practice for many years. She is a good and regular player, and many will have come across her in County competitions. I wish her luck and hope she enjoys the challenge as much as I have.

JUNIOR TRUST FUND

The Charitable Junior Trust was set up in 1983 with a donation from the late Vernon Ely's Charitable Settlement. Further annual donations have been received from this Settlement and during the last year a donation of £30,000 was received. The County has also made grant aid payments over the years. The trust is a registered charity and as at 30 September 2021 had total assets of £601,531. The policy of the trustees is to use the income generated from the investments to make small grants to talented Surrey junior players to assist in their tennis development. During the year total grants of £27,950 were made to 57 junior players. The trust is entirely independently run by its three trustees but new trustees are appointed by Council

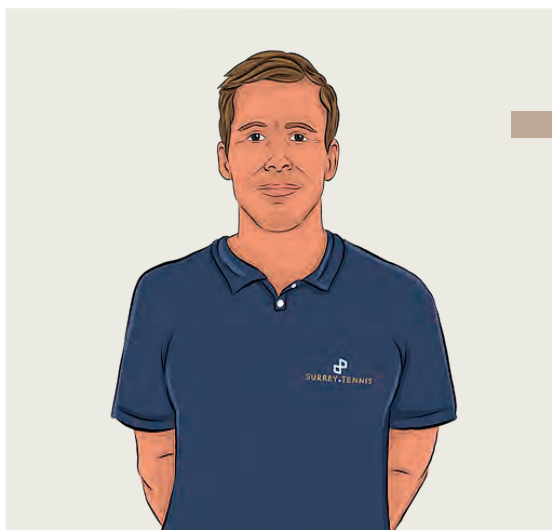
SURREY COUNTY INDOOR CENTRE

The Surrey County Indoor Centre, located at St Georges College Weybridge, is now in its twenty seventh year. The County has a joint venture agreement with the College who manage the Centre on a day to day basis, including the three clay courts. The facilities have recently been upgraded to a high standard including the installation of LED lighting on the four indoor courts.

Court time at the centre is divided equally between the County, the College and public time which generates income to fund the running costs. It is managed through St Georges College and Surrey County Tennis Centre Ltd which is a 50/50 company.

The bulk of the County's court time is currently leased to an independent performance club, the Weybridge Tennis Academy, run by its head coach, Justin Sherring. The Academy facilitates positive links, communication and support with surrounding affiliated clubs, coaches and performance players.

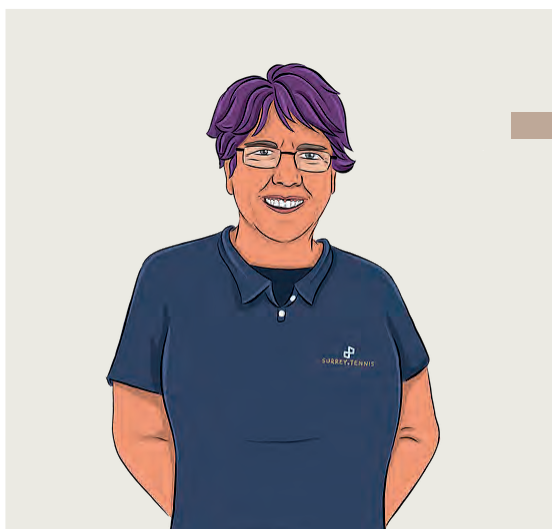
KNOW YOUR SURREY TEAM



Tim Sagar

Tennis Development Manager

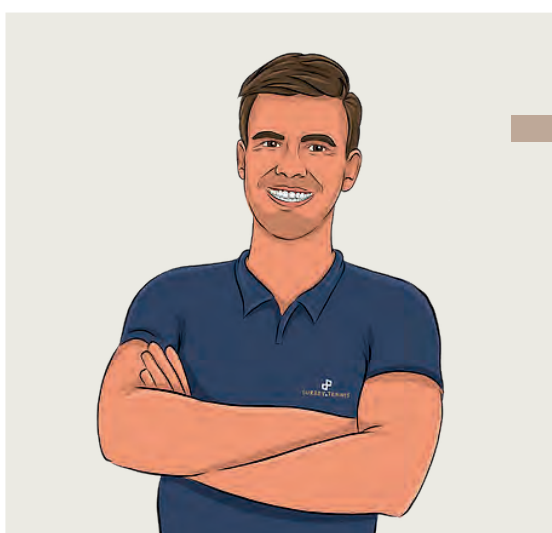
Tim is responsible for supporting our registered venues and coaches on a local level. Tim is our County Safeguarding Officer and leads on the Surrey Coaches Group.



Deborah Slater

Office Manager

Deborah covers a variety of responsibilities including promoting Surrey Tennis initiatives and promoting opportunities to players, officials and venues.

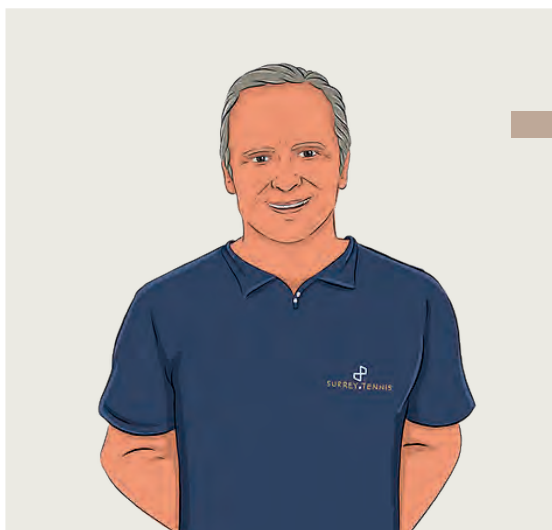


Lewis Woodham

Product Manager

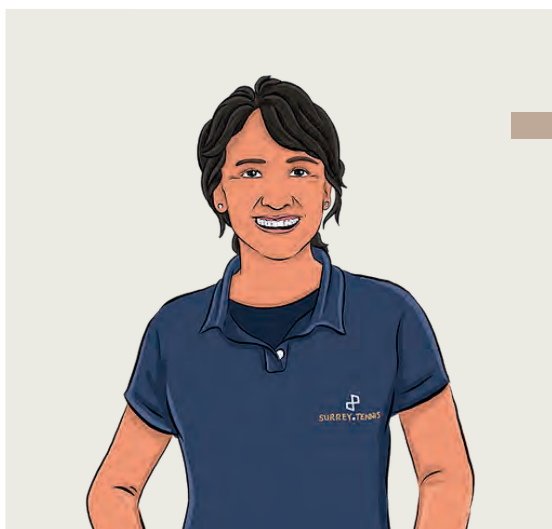
Lewis heads up our competition programme, manages our marketing and manages the Surrey Tennis brand.

KNOW YOUR SURREY TEAM



Justin Sherring Performance Manager

Justin manages the Surrey Tennis performance programme and leads on County Training, County Cup and the development of Surrey talent.



Julie Duckworth Competitions Assistant

Julie assists with the running of our competitions programme and helps with other administrative tasks across Surrey Tennis.



Tim Pearce Referee Consultant

Tim is our lead refereeing consultant and our referee for the Surrey Tennis County Championships.

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